

Access to Higher Education- Middle school

Community Issue

The community issue we chose to address was the low educational outcomes of foster youth. Research has shown that children in foster care are less likely to attain a higher education. Foster youth students in the k-12 setting are more likely to be placed in special education, repeat grades, and be less prepared academically for success in higher education. In our community there is a gap in the services provided to prepare foster youth students who are in middle school for college. Most of the resources and services are provided to high school, community college and students in universities.



Project Scope

The scope of the project is to offer an interactive educational conference to advise middle school students who are in foster care on their educational rights, A-G requirements, self advocacy, inform them of academic programs in high school, inform them about programs and services that can help them as they transition out of foster care and into college, and have them attend a resource fair. The one-day conference will also include lectures, performance from African American Greek organizations and Los Danzantes de Aztlan, giveaways, and a welcome from President Joseph I. Castro

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