

Improving Postsecondary Education Success for Former Foster Youth

May 20, 2019

Welcome!



Kathy McDonald, MBA

Assistant Director for Network Partnerships

kmcdonald@FloridaCollegeAccess.org

Twitter: @kathy_mcdonald

Today's Guest Presenter



Brett McNaught

CEO

Educate Tomorrow

mcnaught@EducateTomorrow.org

Today's Guest Presenter



Paul Perrault, Ph.D.

Vice President of Research and Evaluation
Helios Education Foundation

pperrault@helios.org

Questions & Conversation

- Submit your questions in the chat box
- Share on social media

Twitter: @FLCollegeAccess
@EducateTomorrow
@HeliosEdFnd

#FCAN

This webinar is being recorded; all materials will be available within a week of recording

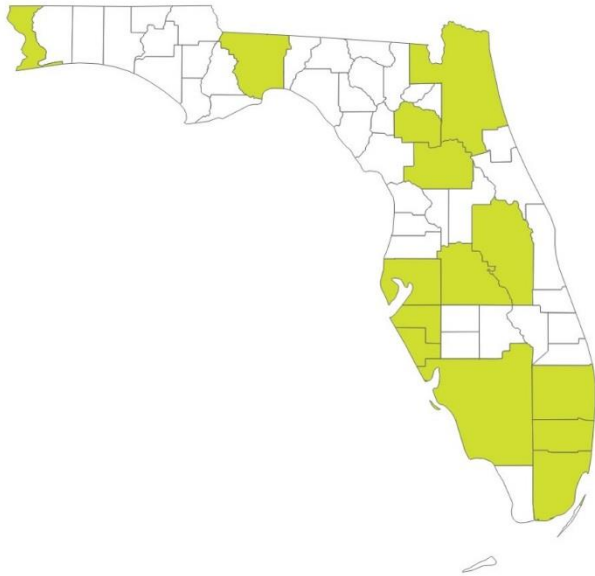


Florida College Access Network

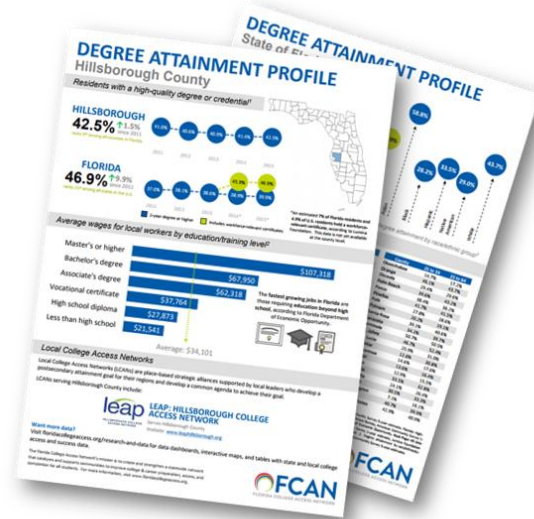
Our mission: To create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career readiness, access, and completion for all students

Our vision: At least 60% of working-age Floridians will hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025

Our Work



Local College Access Networks (LCANs)



Research & Policy



**COLLEGE
READY
FLORIDA**



**APPLY
YOURSELF
FLORIDA**



**FLORIDA
FAFSA
CHALLENGE**



**FLORIDA
COLLEGE
DECISION DAY**



**PLAN IT
FLORIDA**

Statewide Initiatives

Poll: What's your biggest challenge in providing more support for former foster youth?



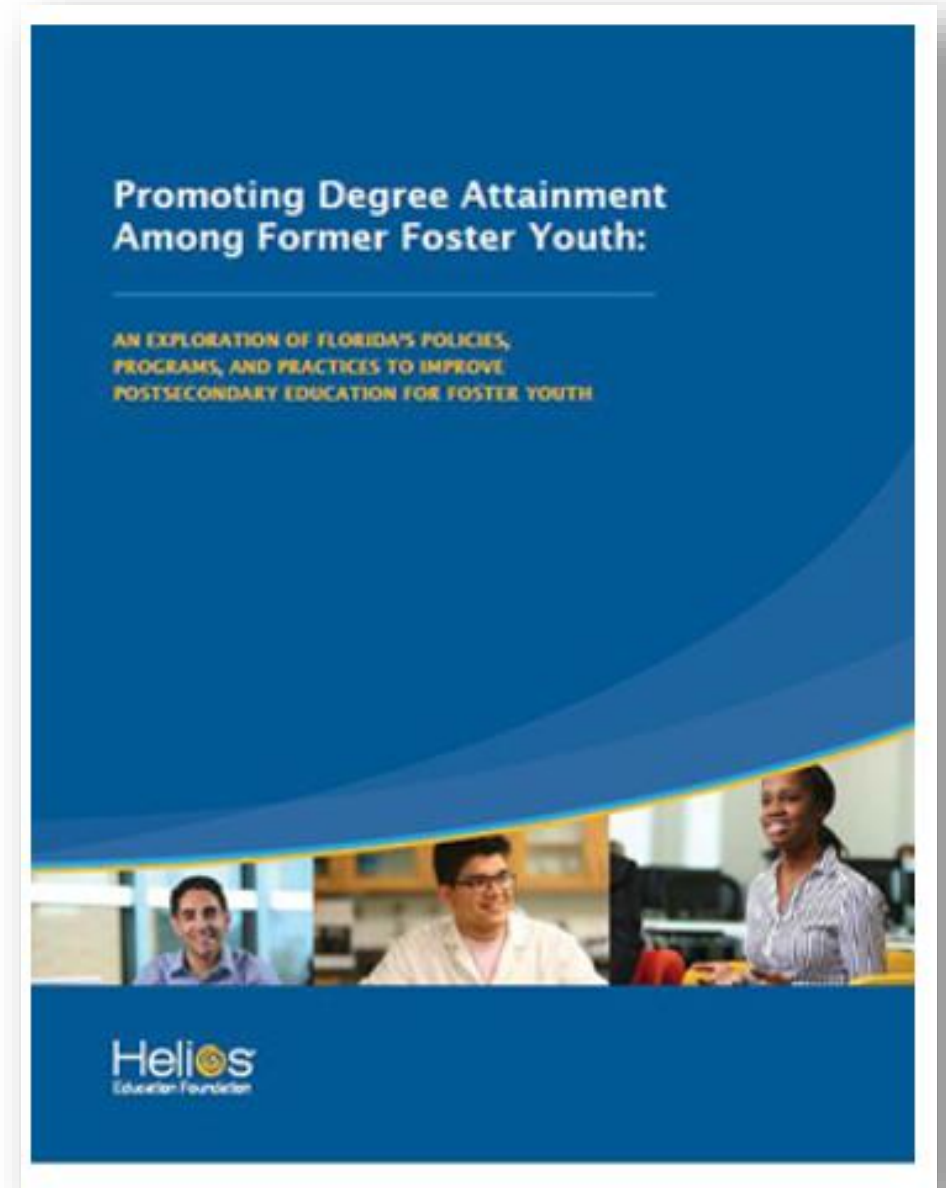
Creating Equitable Outcomes for Foster Youth: Exploring Florida's Policies, Program and Practice

Brett McNaught
Chief Executive Officer
Educate Tomorrow

Paul Perrault, Ph.D.
VP of Research and Evaluation
Helios Education Foundation

Find the report at:

www.Helios.org



What we'll cover

- Funder / Partner - Helios Education Foundation
- Who are we? / Who are you?
- What's It All About?
- Key Statistics on Former Foster Youth
- Legislation and Policies Supporting Post-Secondary Opportunities for Former Foster Youth
- Current Promising Practices – Dedicated Programs
- Data Focus - Trends
- Recommendations to Improve Postsecondary Outcomes for Florida's Foster Youth

What's it all about? Some Spring 2019 Graduates



EDUCATE TOMORROW @ Miami Dade College

FIU

Florida Legislation & Programs

Tuition and Fee Exemption

- Chapter 1009
- Students exempt from payment of tuition and fees, including lab fees
- Student in custody of the Department of Children and Families at age 18
- Placed in guardianship by court after age 16
- In custody of relative or non-relative
- Adopted from DCF after 1997
- Student who lacks a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence
- Good until age 28



STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of FLORIDA
Board of Governors



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
CAREER AND ADULT EDUCATION



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MYFLFAMILIES.COM

FLORIDA
COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

Florida Legislation & Programs



Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS)

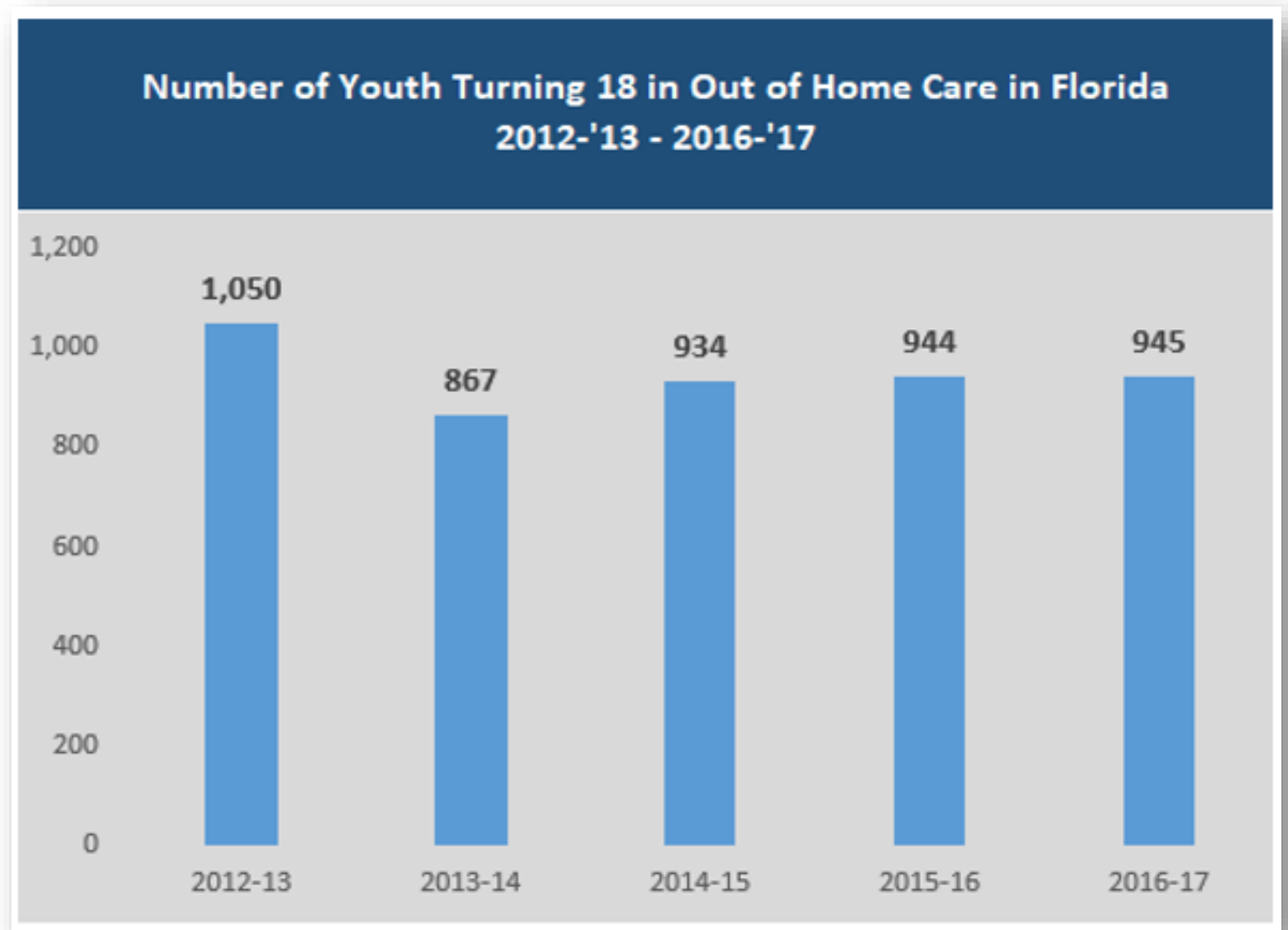
- High school / GED graduate
- Enrolled in postsecondary or vocational school
- Stipend of \$1,256 for living expenses
- Up to age 23
- Must enroll in at least nine credit hours or vocational equivalent

Florida Legislation & Programs

Florida Statute 409.1452

The State University System of Florida and the Florida College System shall provide postsecondary educational campus coaching positions that will be integrated into FCS and SUS institutions general support services structure to provide current and former foster care children and young adults with dedicated, on campus-support.

About 1,000 per year



Source: DCF Independent Living Annual Report, 2017 & 2018

Dedicated University Programs for Students from Foster Care



Florida International University Fostering Panther Pride



Educate Tomorrow at Florida Atlantic University



Florida State University Unconquered Scholars



**UNIVERSITY OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA**

University of Central Florida Knight Alliance Network (KAN)

College Programs Dedicated to Students Using the Tuition Exemption



**Tallahassee Community College Fostering Academic Achievement
Fellows Program**



Educate Tomorrow at Miami Dade College

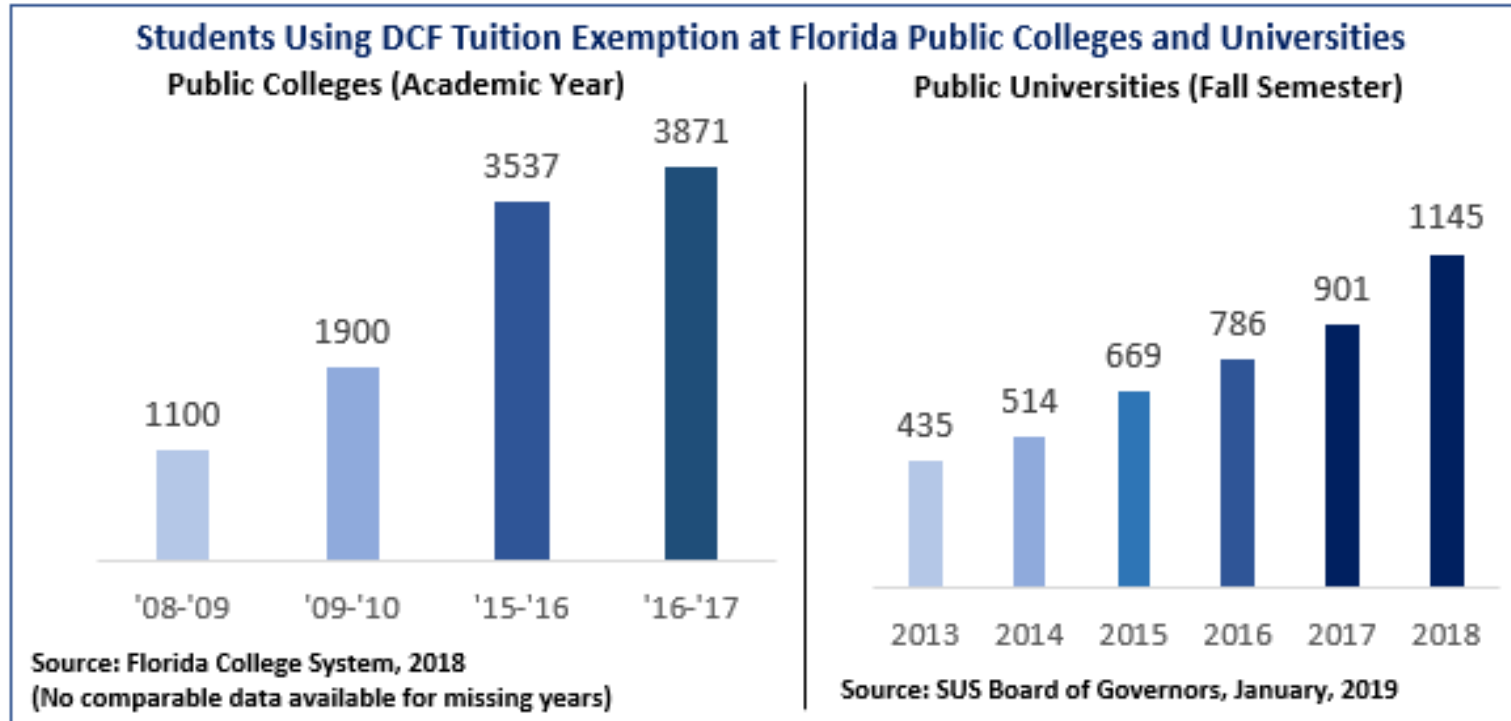
Data Focus

- 1) How many students are receiving tuition and fee exemptions in Florida's colleges and universities?
- 2) What are the racial/ethnic breakdowns of foster youth in Florida's colleges and universities? And
- 3) What trends do we see in graduation of foster youth in Florida's colleges and universities?

Consistent Increases in Enrollment



STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of FLORIDA
Board of Governors



Consistent Increases in Graduations

FIGURE 9

Number of Associate's Degrees Earned by Florida College System Students Using DCF Tuition and Fee Exemption

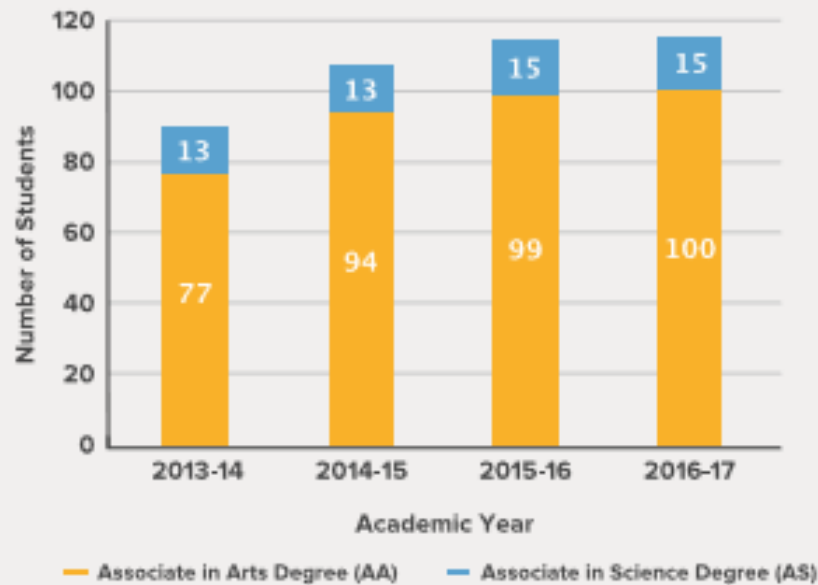
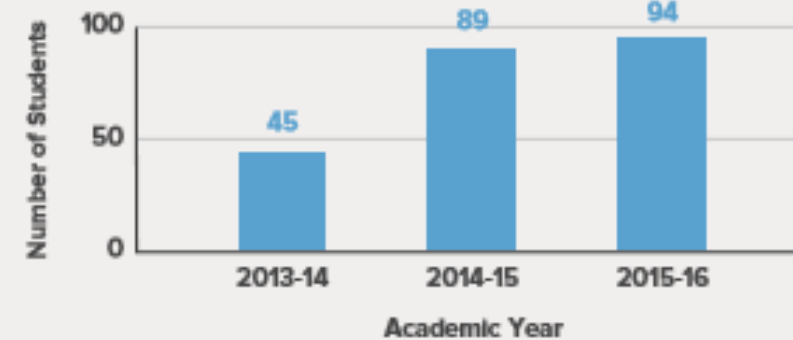


FIGURE 10

Number of Bachelor's Degrees Earned by State University System of Florida Students Using Tuition and Fee Exemptions



Source: State University System of Florida, 2013-2014 to 2015-2016

University Enrollment

University	2015-2016	2017-2018
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University	107	163
Florida Atlantic University	91	137
Florida Gulf Coast University	41	94
Florida International University	105	143
Florida Polytechnic University	*	*
Florida State University	68	96
New College of Florida	*	*
University of Central Florida	141	191
University of Florida	53	71
University of North Florida	33	54
University of South Florida	82	162
University of West Florida	64	71
Totals	785	1182

College System Enrollment

College	2016-2017
Broward College	377
Chipola College	10
College of Central Florida	71
Daytona State College	192
Eastern Florida State College	100
Florida Southwestern State College	102
Florida Gateway College	16
Florida Keys Community College	*
Florida State College at Jacksonville	264
Gulf Coast State College	44
Hillsborough Community College	282
Indian River State College	134
Lake-Sumter State College	35
Miami Dade College	400
North Florida Community College	*

College System Enrollment

College	2016-2017
Northwest Florida Community College	39
Palm Beach State College	250
Pasco-Hernando State College	101
Pensacola State College	117
Polk State College	131
Saint Johns River State College	51
Saint Petersburg College	206
Santa Fe College	202
Seminole State College of Florida	128
South Florida State College	10
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	93
Tallahassee Community College	196
Valencia College	278
Florida College System Overall	3,871

Recommendations

- State policy leaders and institutions of higher education should ensure there is a dedicated coach for foster youth on each appropriate college and university campus.
- State policy leaders and institutions of higher education should collaborate to improve consistency around the processes and uses of the tuition and fees exemption and other policies.

Recommendations

- Institutions of higher education should create data systems that improve communication and support structures for college coaches.
- State policymakers should increase opportunities for a backbone organization to support institutions of higher education in supporting foster youth.

Contact Brett McNaught at mcnaught@educatetomorrow.org for more information.

Questions?



Brett McNaught

CEO

Educate Tomorrow

mcnaught@EducateTomorrow.org



Paul Perrault, Ph.D.

Vice President, Research & Evaluation

Helios Education Foundation

pperrault@helios.org

Learn More:

Register now for the Positive Pathways Conference:

www.PositivePathwaysFlorida.org



POSITIVE PATHWAYS / FLORIDA REACH
2019 CONFERENCE

**PRACTICAL PATHS TO
ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS**

MAY 30-31, 2019 | ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
GIBBS CAMPUS, 6605 5th AVE N, St. PETERSBURG, FL 33710

EFFECTIVE DATA SYSTEMS DEDICATED PROGRAMS CONSISTENT PROCESSES IMPROVED COLLABORATION

For webinars, briefs, and promising practices, subscribe at:

FloridaCollegeAccess.org/subscribe

Conclusion

