

WHY FOSTER YOUTH?

Despite the many successes, the current foster care system has eroding outcomes.

Do The Math ...

Over 70,000 Foster Care Youth in California

IN THEIR WORDS

"It seems as though it is an unspoken tradition, a kind of mental poverty, which bluntly states that if you come from nothing, you will be nothing. Making the choice not to follow in such traditions, I am doing everything in my power to be the first person in my immediate family to attend college."

K. McClay, freshman, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

"I am part of a speaker panel for a non-profit organization that trains Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) who volunteer to help fosterchildren educationally and also with any needs they have in group homes or foster homes. We try to make changes in legislation, and to speak up about things that have helped foster children in the foster care system."

C. Kaimuloa, freshman University of California Davis

- More than 40% of emancipated youth end up homeless in their first 18 months after aging out of the system.
- Another 1/3 end up incarcerated.
- A product of the foster care system is more likely to end up homeless or in prison.
- Foster youth are the most vulnerable members of society through no fault of their own.



It is hard to imagine anyone treating a child so poorly that a judge deems it in the child's best interest to take them away from their families. But that's exactly what happens, and that is why our involvement so important.

Kappa Alpha Psi's commitment to young people is well established and our Guide Right programming is the perfect vehicle to partner with foster youth organizations to inspire academic performance, critical thinking skills, financial literacy and successful careers.



Through its Guide Right Program, the Carlsbad-Laguna-Temecula Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is well positioned to deliver on each of the Guide Right objectives to enhance the circumstances of emancipated youth in our service area.