

COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM



UNITED FRIENDS of the CHILDREN

Preparing Foster Youth for a Future That Works

UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN MISSION STATEMENT

United Friends of the Children is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bettering the lives of foster children and to supporting former foster youth in their journey to become successful, independent adults. Through its programs, advocacy efforts and direct involvement with youth, UFC seeks to be a catalyst for change.

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ENGAGING MINDS • ACHIEVING RESULTS

The College Readiness Program (CRP) helps foster youth become competitive applicants to four-year colleges/universities. This program is enrichment focused offering: individual college counseling, tutoring, workshops, college tours, special events, and summer programs. UFC's goal is to change the current statistics facing foster youth and offer them hope for a brighter future. We hope to accomplish this through the following services:

Individualized College Plan

Each CRP participant will receive a College Plan that will be used throughout their middle and high school years in the program. The plan will track their classes, grades, test scores, extracurricular activities, and more to keep them focused on attending and succeeding in college.

One-on-One Sessions

Each participant meets regularly with their College Counselor to discuss opportunities for personal and academic development. Participants work with their counselor to create S.M.A.R.T. goals and discuss strategies for better self advocacy.

College Tours

UFC takes participants to visit college campuses on a regular basis. The trips include a guided tour, lunch on campus, an admission information session, and presentations from college programs and student organizations on campus.

Career Planning

Participants have an opportunity to take part in career workshops covering resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search techniques. In addition, participants can explore different careers through job shadowing and internships.

Summer Enrichment Activities

Summers are a great way to learn a new instrument, get ahead in math, or have fun in the outdoors. UFC can help connect participants with summer fun and can even help cover the cost.

Saturday Workshops

UFC offers participants an opportunity to gain important skills necessary to be successful in school and in life. From building communication skills to understanding requirements for college, each workshop provides youth with a wealth of information.

Test Preparation

UFC offers PSAT, SAT, and CAHSEE test preparation workshops for participants. We highly encourage participants in grades 10-12 to take advantage of the test preparation services that UFC offers.

Financial Aid Planning

Many students do not consider college an option because of the cost. UFC offers workshops to prepare early for financing a college education, and on how to tap into free money such as fee waivers, scholarships, and grants.

Social Activities

UFC provides participants and their families with many opportunities to gather in a fun and relaxing environment. Whether it's watching a sporting event, enjoying a play, or doing community service, being together is always a good time.

Parent Workshops

Parents are welcome to join UFC for informative workshops on topics including communication skills, effective discipline techniques, and how to deal with teens. These workshops are a great opportunity to meet and talk with parents in similar situations.

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