



# Youth Education Support Newsletter

## "Promoting Academic Success"



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Please Email your feedback, questions or stories to: [youth.education.support@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:youth.education.support@dcfs.lacounty.gov)  
 Also visit us on LA Kids' Youth Education Support website. We look forward to hearing from you!!  
**"Do You Know?"** **Academic Opportunity**

### Who holds the Education Rights for the youth on your caseload?

The Education Rights Holder is *the parent*, unless a request for a change has been submitted by the CSW to Court, via the DCFS 1727 and JV 535. Parent's rights can be limited due to their whereabouts being unknown, they are deceased, or they have a mental incapacity. Incarcerated parents are *still able* to hold education rights. A legal guardianship limits/suspends the parent's educational and medical rights. **Who can hold Education Rights?** A responsible adult, who has an established relationship with the youth (without a conflict of interest), can hold education rights. For example, an adult sibling or relative, extended family member, foster parent, church member, coach, etc. The youth does *not* have to live with the person who holds their Education Rights. Contact the Education Section or minor's attorney before using a school district community surrogate. **Who cannot hold Education Rights?** An adult with a conflict of interest: i.e. The DCFS CSW, Group Home/FFA staff, minor's attorney. Once the parent's Education Rights have been limited, update the youth's CWS/CMS Education Notebook, on the top of the Enrollment Page. This information will then populate into the Health & Education Passport (HEP). Type in the name of the new Education Rights Holder, phone number, and date of hearing. This information is now readily-available for any future CSW, Court, and the Education Section. However, when a child's school changes, and you update the education notebook, by adding the new school, you will have to re-enter the education right's holder's name for that new school. **Remember:** Only change or update a child's school when a child has left their old school. It is not necessary to put in the same school each year. If the child remains in their school, only update their grade level. This will keep you from having to take any unnecessary additional steps.

Is there a youth or two on your caseload, who might benefit from attending another LAUSD school, better equipped to meet their needs, than their current school of residence? Perhaps there is an emphasis on the visual or performing arts. Here's a great opportunity for these students to attend a school that may offer these benefits for the 2012-2013 school year.

Please encourage the parents/caregivers to submit an application for the Magnet, Permits With Transportation (PWT) or No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Public School Choice programs online. Applicants **MUST** be residents of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). For more information, or to obtain an online application, please advise the caregivers to go to <http://echoices.lausd.net>.

Please encourage the parents/caregivers to complete the applications as soon as possible, as the LAUSD Magnet schools enrollment deadline is Friday, 12/16/2011 by 5pm.



*All parents/caregivers are encouraged to submit an online application. However, if unable to do so, paper copies of the "Choices" brochures (English and Spanish) will be available the week of 11/1/2011 at all LAUSD schools, Local District Offices, Los Angeles City libraries, and the District's Headquarters.*

### Above and Beyond

In just 2 months, the following offices have hit the ground, running...FULL SPEED AHEAD! The following are the Top Offices to have updated their Education Notebooks:

Family First Unit:	100%
W San Fernando Val:	95%
Santa Fe Springs:	95%
South County:	86%
Compton:	85%

### Outstanding DCFS Line-Staff Workers

A *huge* round of applause for the following line-staff, whose diligence has not gone unnoticed! Whether it was your submission of requests for schools to be added to CWS/CMS, your lending of support to assist another worker with inputting their school information, your raising an excellent question that made us really have to think (hard), we want to say a BIG "Thank You" for bringing us closer to our goal of 100% entry of ALL school information into the Education Notebook:

- Elizabeth Carrillo, ITC; El Monte
- Gail Verraneault, UC; Lakewood
- Alexandra Lemus, CSW II; Metro North
- Lois Ortega, ITC; Belvedere
- Luis Pereira, SCSW; West San Fernando Valley
- Stacie Ottley, CSW II; Compton
- An Hoa Tran, CSWIII; Compton
- Minh Orr, CSA I; Santa Clarita



**Congratulations** to our Top Offices!