

MARIN COUNTY
**FOSTER YOUTH
& HOMELESS
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Notes
October 27, 2016

In attendance: Laurie Good, Marin CASA, Marin Advocates for Children
Julius Holtzclaw, Sausalito Marin City School District
Lynn Erikson, Novato Unified School District
Barbara Snekkevik, Dixie School District
Kerline Astre, Marin Advocates for Children
Julia Neff, San Rafael City Schools
Pat O'Connor, Reed Union School District
Ashley Hart-McIntyre, County of Marin
Kristen Marcucci, Marin County Office of Education

Welcome & Introductions

Foster Youth Education

- Legislation Background
 - AB 490 (2003) outlined educational rights for foster youth and required districts to appoint an educational liaison to serve foster youth.
 - AB 97 (2013) established the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and added foster youth as a subgroup, shifting funding accountability to school districts. LCFF requires CDE to inform districts of which students are in foster care, which is done through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS).
 - AB 854 (2015) established the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program which, through the county office of education, emphasizes collaboration, capacity building, leveraging of resources, and support of coordinated services in order to improve educational outcomes for foster youth.
- Foster Youth Achievement Data
 - CDE recently released foster youth achievement data from the Spring 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) administration. Overall and among subgroups, foster youth in Marin scored significantly lower than non-foster youth in Marin in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, with the exception of Hispanic students. Notably, 0% of African American foster youth in Marin met or exceeded standards on the tests.
- Updates
 - Ed Liaison – MCOE is actively engaged in recruitment and hiring a full-time foster youth educational liaison.

- Foster Focus – the system is up and running. Child welfare and school district users may register for an account: <https://www.sacfys.org/index.cfm>. Trainings will be scheduled later this school year.
 - ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) – Requires collaboration for the purpose of developing a plan for transportation of foster youth to remain in their school of origin. The council discussed existing/past transportation protocols and will be developing a plan this year.
 - LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) – Revisions to the LCAP template were presented to the State Board of Education at their November meeting. For more information, see agenda item 04: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr16/agenda201611.asp>.
 - Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) – Also known as AB 403, CCR changes will take place over the next few years. CCR assumes best placement for foster children is a supportive family home and allows short term group home placement.
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Homeless Youth Education

- Homeless Definition
 - The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homeless children as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The definition includes children and youth who
 - Share housing with others due to economic hardship
 - Live in hotels, motels, shelters, cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
 - Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private space not designed for or ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for people
 - Updates
 - ESSA – Assumes best interest in school of origin and requires the development of a plan to address the provision of transportation.
 - Runaway & Homeless Youth Month – Nov 2016
 - Point in Time Count – The biennial Homeless Point in Time Count will take place on January 27, 2017. The children and family count was low in 2015. In an effort to accurately report the number of homeless families in our county, we hope that districts will participate in the count by contacting families who are known to be experiencing homelessness. More information will be forthcoming.
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NEXT MEETING
January 25, 2017
Marin County Office of Education

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