



COSAF: Foster Care Awareness

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# Agenda

- Overview of GSP
- Facts about Foster Care
- Purpose of Foster Care Awareness
- Foster Care Awareness Month Activities
- Budget Request

# GSP Objectives & Support



## Transition & Orientation

Guardian Scholars Program supports students in their transition to the university by assisting them to navigate on-and off-campus resources, build essential skillsets, and successfully acclimate to a research university



## Graduation Pathway

Guardian Scholars Program aims to improve education outcomes by providing individualized mapping, guidance and holistic support as well as encouraging peer and campus engagement while students are pursuing their academic and personal goals.



## Post-Graduate Planning

Guardian Scholars Program encourages students to plan beyond the degree so, in preparation, we offer opportunities for students to explore and become well equipped to pursue their interests in graduate school, professional school, or career.

# Did you know....

- Approximately 427,000 children are in foster care
- 30% of foster youth were placed in relative homes, 45% of foster youth were placed in nonrelative homes
- 55% have a case plan of reunification, 25% had a goal of adoption
- 74% spent less than 2 years in foster care, 26% spent 2 or more years in foster care

# Did you know....

- 24% of foster youth struggle with disabilities while in school
- 52% attend schools that rank in the lowest 30%
- 50% will receive a high school diploma
- 10% attend college
- 3% will graduate

<http://promises2kids.org/facts-figures/>

Less than .007% of all new students enrolled at all UC schools experienced foster care.

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# Purpose of Foster Care Awareness

- Raise awareness about the magnitude of the issue and the urgent and sustaining needs of children and older youth in foster care and their families;
- Issue a national call-to-action that motivates, inspires and facilitates many more Americans to come forward and help change a lifetime for a young person in foster care; and,
- Develop a positive framework for maintaining visibility and interest in the foster care issue to support the year-round efforts of the National Foster Care Month Partner organizations and other child welfare agencies.

<http://www.nationalfostercare.org/national-foster-care-month.html>

# Purpose of Foster Care Awareness at UC Davis

- Provide our UC Davis students that identify as foster youth/former foster youth the opportunity to share their experiences, challenges, and successes
- Bring awareness of the opportunities to get involved on campus and locally to help foster youth and help improve the foster care system
- Most importantly, give GSP students a sense of empowerment, advocacy, and self-worth through a collaborative experience

# Foster Care Awareness Activities

- Yolo County California Youth Connection Collaboration event
- Campus Education Workshops (with speakers/panel)
- Student Retreat (i.e. Sacramento State Aquatic Center)
- Inspirational Speaker (open to campus)
- Student Achievement Celebration



# Foster Care Awareness

Speaker	\$750
Publicity	\$100
Food/Refreshments Retreat Lunch Student Achievement Dinner	\$2050
Transportation (vans, parking permits)	\$286
Facility (workshops, celebration)	\$1000
Retreat	\$1750
Decorations/props	\$400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6336</b>

# Questions?