

# Supporting the Basic Needs of Cerritos College Students

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# Definitions

## **Basic Needs:**

Things necessary to sustain life, such as food, shelter, and essential services.

## **Housing Insecurity:**

The lack of security in an individual's shelter.

## **Homelessness:**

The lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

## **Food Insecurity:**

The state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of food.

# Understanding the Need

## **Cerritos College Financial Aid Data:**

- 70% receive the California College Promise Grant
- 50% receive Pell Grant (n=10,122)
  - Of these students 70% (n=7,121) have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0

## **Food & Housing Insecurity of Community College Students in Los Angeles County\*:**

- 62% are food insecure
- 55% are housing insecure
- 19% are homeless

*\*Jovenes, Inc. (2017), based on HOPE Lab data from survey of LACCD*

# Understanding the Need

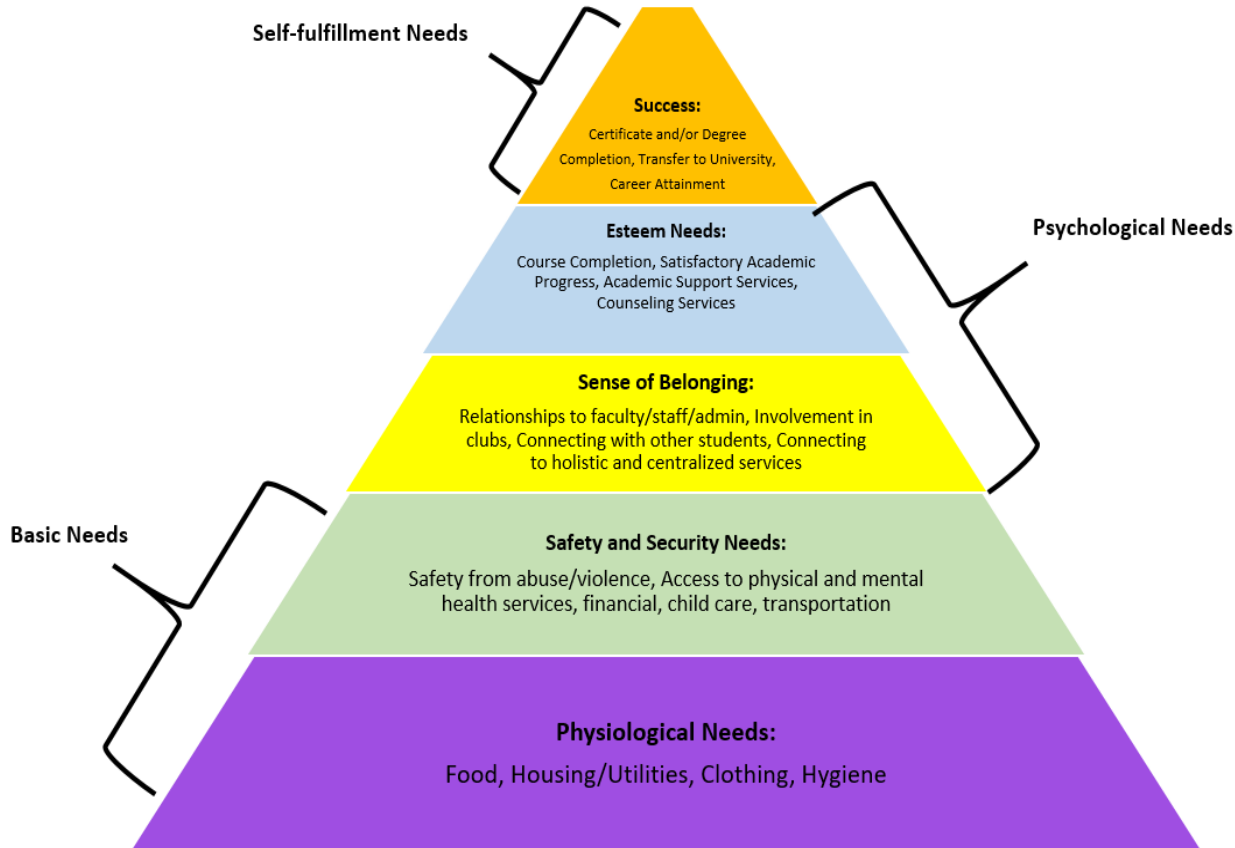


18/30  
Food  
Insecure

16/30  
Housing  
Insecure

6/30  
Homeless

# Understanding the Hierarchy of Needs



Model based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs (1943)

# Current Services & Resources

## Financial

Financial Aid

Financial Literacy Workshops

Emergency Aid

## Food

Food Pantries in Student Health, CalWORKs, Counseling, and EOPS/CARE/LINC

LA Foodbank Distribution Truck

CalFRESH Application Assistance

## Housing

Referrals: On-campus Peer Navigator for Jovenes, Inc.

Referrals: PATH  
The Whole Child

Homeless Liaison  
Financial Aid

## Hygiene/ Clothing

Shower facilities available in Kinesiology Bldg.

Hygiene kits available in HR, CalWORKs, Student Health, EOPS/CARE/ LINC

Clothing donations available in CalWORKs, CARE, and LINC

## Mental Health

College Psychologist

Mental Health Workshops

Referrals to community mental health services

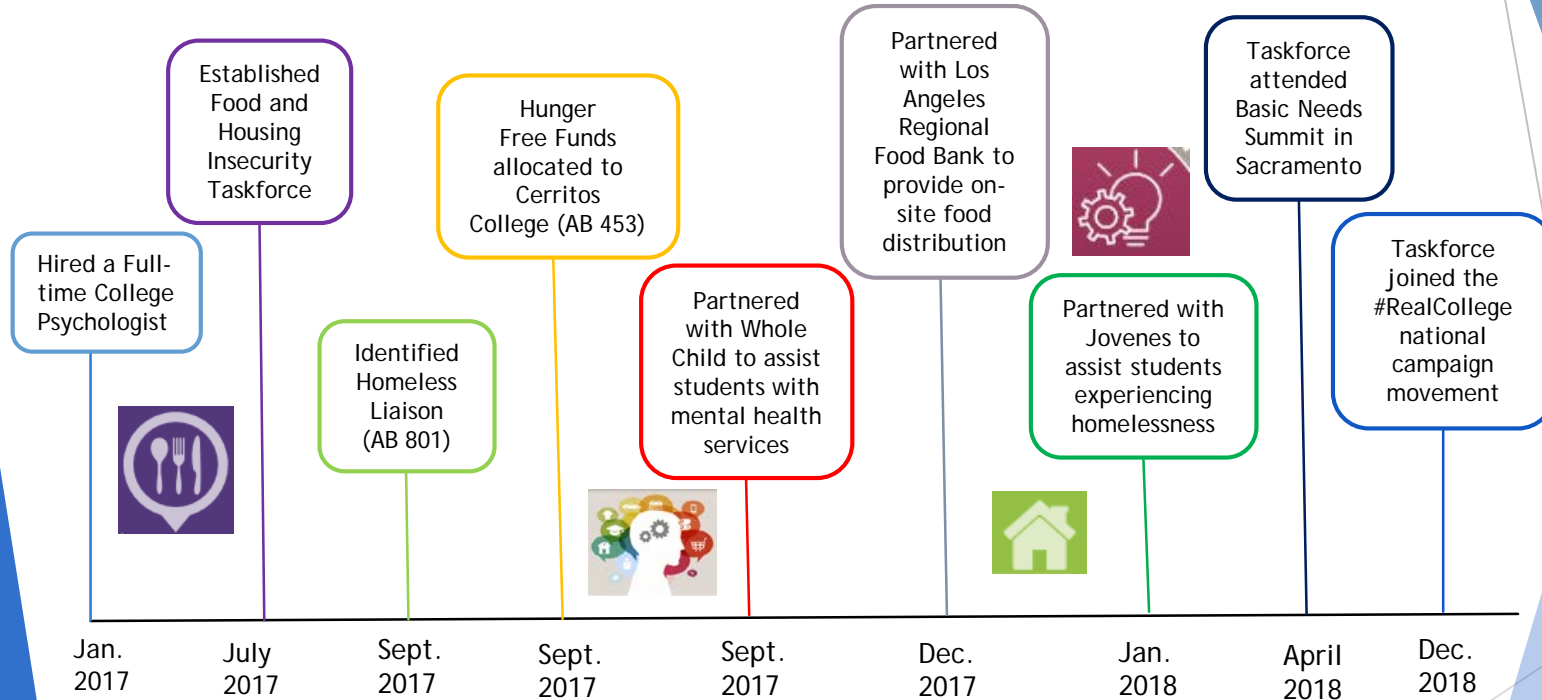
From a typical student experience



To a holistic student support experience

Figures/images from *Achieving the Dream* (2019)

# College Responsiveness





# CEOCCC Recommendations

## Cerritos College Responsiveness

4	Establish a <b>Basic Needs Single Point of Contact</b>	In Progress
5	Create a <b>single hub</b> for county and community based organizations to provide services	In Progress
6	Establish a <b>seamless system</b> to connect students to services they are eligible for	In Progress
7	Establish a <b>committee of campus experts</b> to address basic needs	In Progress
8	Board of Trustees <b>adopt a resolution</b> in support of programs and services that address basic Needs	In Progress
9	Continue to <b>support Open Educational Resources</b> and other efforts to reduce textbook costs	In Progress

# Falcon Basic Needs Website

[www.cerritos.edu/cerritos-cares](http://www.cerritos.edu/cerritos-cares)



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Cerritos College Food and Housing Insecurity Taskforce seeks to improve student's ability to access food and housing resources. The taskforce is committed to fostering community partnerships, increasing awareness, advocating for resources, and addressing barriers to create a safe and supportive campus for our students to be successful.



**Questions?**