

Leaders Involved in Creating Change (LINC) / NextUp

Purpose and Goals

Provide holistic services to support current and former foster youth attending Cerritos College with their academic and career goals. Through campus and community partnerships, we seek to facilitate access to resources and opportunities that will enhance our students' growth and success.



Student Population Served

Students who were in foster care for at least one day on or after their 13th birthday.

Number of Students Served Annually and Capacity

125 students per year; capacity is 300.

High-Impact Interventions

Dedicated academic and career counseling, Learning Cohort for new students, academic supplies and book support, financial assistance, transportation assistance, grants, emergency support, support with the transfer process, community-building events and workshops, systems navigation and community referrals.

Intended Impacts and Measured Outcomes

Higher persistence rates, removing barriers to completion and transfer, having a sense of belonging in higher education, facilitating transition to adulthood and the workforce.

Did You Know?

We provide holistic support using trauma-informed care starting with the college matriculation process until graduation and transfer. With an understanding of the child welfare system, we help students with systems navigation so that they are able to access services to help their transition to adulthood. We have an emphasis on building community with students to facilitate sense of belonging and connectedness, since this population may not have a community of supporters outside of the college. The program has recently been able to expand services and support for more students and is in a phase of growth and development.



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