



Foster Youth Success Work Group

September 10, 2025

11am-12:30pm

ZOOM:

<https://rccd-edu.zoom.us/j/85986106652?pwd=TCQYFNGAK7nkwNBp9zdrBusjO4Zm3k.1&from=addon>

I. Welcome/Introductions (Chairs: Summer Arias/Jenna Mendez)

Attendance:

Summer Arias – NC Phoenix Scholars Educational Resource Advisor

Jennifer Briseño – NC Phoenix Scholars Program Coordinator

Monica Huizar – NC NextUp/EOPS Counselor

Mayra – Inspire Life Skills Training

Yvonne Cortes – UCR foster youth success program

Denise Robles – Lee V. Pollard High School Counselor

II. Dean's Report (Daniela McCarson)

-No report

III. Community Partners Updates

- a. RCOE –
- b. Thrive-
- c. Inspire-Mayra
 - Currently have house ready for the Corona house,
 - take former foster and homeless youth up to 23
 - Current opening for 1 male in eastvale
 - and 3 for female for corona house
- d. Aspiranet
- e. Hazel's Hands-

IV. Foster Youth Support Network/RCCD Updates (Michael Peterson)

-No updates

V. Norco College/Phoenix Scholars Updates (Summer/Monica/Jennifer)

- a. College Bound Day – October 10th
 - Music demo lined up, shopping experience, student panel, activities and ice breakers to expose students to college and help them to set educational goals
 - Community partners are invited to attend our resource fair – reach out to Summer if interested in tabling from 12-1pm
 - We are also accepting resources/donations/documents if unable to table
 - Would like to have inspire, thrive and RCOE at the event
 - Save The Date is already sent out
 - Foster youth only event - McKinney-Vento students will not be able to attend
 - Counselors will make sure that students understand what resources will be for foster only
 - Will we send the RSVPs out ASAP and ensure that we have enough for all students

- b. Read 2 Succeed – Fireworks Every Night by Beth Raymer

VI. University Partners

- a. **CSUSB**-Reneisha Wilkes
- b. **UCR**-Stephen Morales/Yvonne Cortes
- possible conference for incoming freshman and transfer students and would like to gather community colleges to create workshops that are informative to them like financial aid and to know about our departments
 - anyone that is interested or has ideas please contact Yvonne
 - Most likely late winter early March
 - questions regarding Spring applications as well as housing for foster students
 - foster students get priority for housing on campus - was able to get some students in but the housing is very difficult to get.
 - Riverside houses also have spaces opening for young ladies--rent 300 off magnolia
- c. **CPP**-Hortencia Santos

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Next Meeting: November 12th
Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am