

Systems Impacted Students

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Who are systems impacted students?

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Systems impacted students are those who have been involved in the legal systems of incarceration and foster care.

CCCCO's DataMart

Fall 2020

Statewide, there were...

2,588 identified formerly incarcerated students
10,516 currently incarcerated students attending ccc's

In the same term...

14,896 former foster youth**1,561** current foster youth attending CCC's



Our Why

Congress has passed legislation that...

- Greatly simplifies the financial aid application process by 2023
- Offers specific benefits for youth with prior involvement in child welfare & juvenile legal systems

There are exciting new opportunities to...

- Explore new ways of serving students
- Strengthen partnerships in the community
- Create and expand college and career pathways
- Streamline services to support students in, through, and out of these systems

Formerly Incarcerated Students

200,000+ People in California's prisons and jails

8M Californians have an arrest or conviction record

- **Monthly:** 3,000+ men and women are released from custody and expected to find employment and reintegrate themselves into society
- Within 24 months: 69% of those released from prison are rearrested

The Power of Education:

43% reduction in recidivism associated with education in custody.
 51% lower odds of recidivating for college programs.

Former Foster Youth

- Academic achievement among foster youth...
 - lags behind their peers in both high school & in the first year of community college
 - results in persistent barriers to a successful high school-to-college transition
- Foster youth apply to community college at a higher rate than their peers.
- Linking data from K-12 and community college revealed...
 - issues that can be addressed to bolster success for foster youth in their journey towards earning a post-secondary degree.
- Predictors of greater academic success:
 - Financial and academic support in the first year of community college
- 54% graduated from high school
- **85%** applied to California Community College, while only 50% attended

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Referral Network
- Open House Event
- Student Organizations
 - Rising Scholars
 - Guardian Scholars



What recommendations do you have?

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Thank You!