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## ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH NEW MOBILE APP FOR CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

Free tool will give vulnerable teens and young adults quick access to food banks, housing, career centers, free entertainment and more



LOS ANGELES (July 22, 2014) – Know Before You Go (B4UGO) is an exciting new mobile app for current and former foster youth in Los Angeles County. Released by two child advocacy organizations – the [Alliance for Children's Rights](#) and [Children's Law Center of California](#) – this app is designed to connect teens and young adults to people, places and programs that can support them in their life after foster care.

Too often, foster youth leave the system without the resources they need, resulting in staggering statistics of homelessness, unemployment and school dropout rates. This app is meant to combat the current challenges by connecting youth to available support and services.

B4UGo already has over 600 resources and will continue to expand. It is free, easy to use and stands to become the go-to resource for current and former foster youth in Los Angeles County. It can also serve as a valuable tool for social workers, advocates and providers who work with youth every day.

### Key Features

- Locating closest resources with GPS mapping features, including housing and shelters, food banks, schools, jobs, community events and more.
- Linkage to helpful resources and organizations that offer programs for teens and young adults involved in foster care in L.A. County.
- Optional sign-up for alerts and notifications for special opportunities for foster youth, educational deadlines, job fairs and other beneficial events.
- WiFi capable – usable at WiFi hotspot even if data/voice plan is not on.

Download B4UGO in the app stores for iPhone/iPad, Blackberry and Android by searching "Know Before You Go." You can also download the app by texting 'before' to 96362 or by [clicking here](#).

The app is part of the Know Before You Go campaign created by the Alliance and Children's Law Center in 2013 to educate and empower transition-age foster youth in Los Angeles County. Learn more about Know Before You Go and available resources for foster youth by [clicking here](#). The campaign and app are made possible with support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

### About the Alliance for Children's Rights

The Alliance for Children's Rights protects the rights of impoverished and abused children and youth so that they have safe, stable homes, healthcare and the education they need to thrive.

### About Children's Law Center of California

Children's Law Center of California represents children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned that come under the protection of either the Los Angeles or Sacramento County Juvenile Dependency Court systems.

