Foster Youth Education Toolkit

Tracking Data to Improve Foster Youth Outcomes

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- Presentation materials and the Foster Youth Education Toolkit can be found at: kids-alliance.org/edtoolkit
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Overview of Topics:

1. The Cycle of Data
2. Identifying Foster Youth
3. Data Applicable to All Youth
4. Foster Youth Specific Data
5. Bonita Unified School District
STATEWIDE FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION DATA
Statewide Foster Youth Education Data – Invisible Achievement Gap

- Students in foster care are older, on average, for their grade level than comparison groups.

- Only 2/3 of foster youth stayed in the same school for a full year.

- Foster youth have the lowest participation rates in statewide testing.

- Graduation rates are the lowest rate of at-risk student groups.

- Students in foster care are more likely than the general population to be enrolled in the lowest performing schools.

- Nearly 1 in 5 students in foster care are eligible for special education.

Barrat, V. X., & Berliner, B. (2013). The Invisible Achievement Gap, Part 1: Education Outcomes of Students in Foster Care in California’s Public Schools. San Francisco: WestEd
Statewide Foster Youth Education Data
Statewide Accountability
2014-2015

• Only 16% of 3rd grade foster youth met or exceeded state ELA standards, compared with 38% for non foster youth.

• Only 6% of foster youth met or exceeded state Math standards in the 11th grade, compared with 29% of the general population.
Process & Data in Bonita Unified

- **Identifying Foster Youth**: paper and online screening forms
- **Intake and Enrollment**: streamlining then monitoring how quickly students begin in the appropriate placement
- **Transition**: well articulated partial credit process; percentage of students who receive credits inbound and outbound
- **Support and Culture**: trauma informed training in 4 schools, with more planned for this year
- **Outcomes**: increase in graduation rate (up 5% in 2015); use of AB 216 as appropriate (95 identified in 2015-16); decrease in suspension rates (secondary comprehensive at-home suspensions down about 20% in 2015-16)
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