# **Expanding Chafee Grant Access**

Tools for Implementing SB150

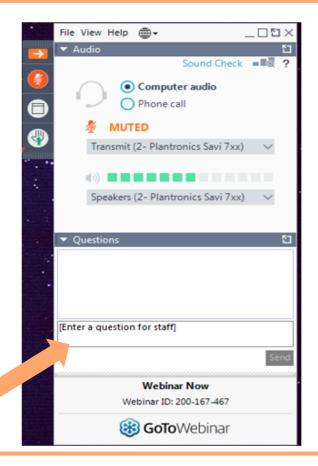


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Call-in number is 1 (415) 655-0022 and access code is 142-865-267.

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# Today's Agenda

New Chafee

ETV Provisions

2 Implementation Recommendations

Tools for Campuses

# **Today's Panelists**

### **Tia Holiday**

Program Manager



### Santiago Morales

Chafee ETV, Specialized Unit



### **Britney Slate**

NextUp Financial Aid Specialist



### **Chafee ETV**

Financial aid for Foster Youth



Foster care on or after their 16th birthday



Up to \$5,000 per academic year



Automatic data match from CDSS



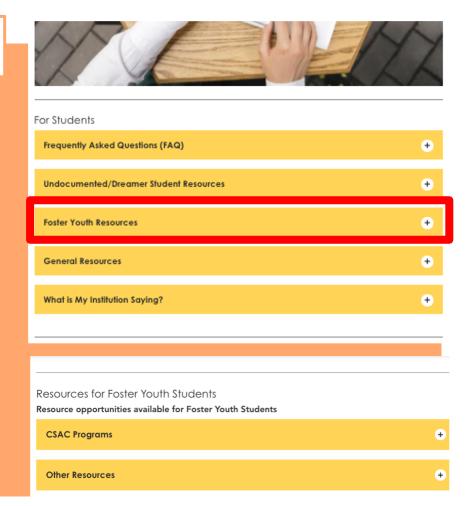


# Santiago Morales

# **CSAC Updates**

Covid 19 Resource Page csac.ca.gov/covid19

Foster Youth Resource Page



# **Chafee Grant Updates**

#### CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training



What is Chafee?

Chafee Eligibility

**Application Process** 

**Awarding Process** 

More Information

If you are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.



#### IMPORTANT DATE

Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and CA Dream Act Application opens in October

Start Chafee Application



#### REQUIREMENTS

The following forms must be submitted:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application
- Chafee Grant Application (for first time applicants only)



#### INFORMATION CHANGE

Name Change? If so, complete the Chafee Grant Update/Change Form

New school, mailing address or phone number change? Manage your WebGrants for Students account 24/7

# **SB150 Provisions**

### **Provision 1**

CSAC over-award Chafee Grants in order to ensure timely payments

### **Provision 3**

Receive grant for 2 years due to not making SAP.

Students to create a plan to continue receipt of grant after first year of not making SAP

### **Provision 5**

Criteria for appeal for the loss of a Chafee grant

### **Provision 2**

Requires colleges to notify students of available support services

### **Provision 4**

Returning students regain eligibility for Chafee grant Current Chafee grant disbursement leads to delays in financial aid to students

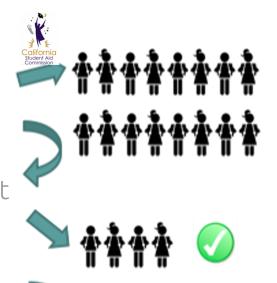
### **Current Process:**

CSAC Awards Chafee Grants

Approx. ½ students are not enrolled or not eligible

Funds withdrawn and awarded to students on waiting list

Students in later rounds of funding don't receive funds until later in the school year





## **Provision 1: Overawarding**

2021-2022 award year - distribute 2x the Chafee budget during first award cycle

Over-award ration based on historical precedent

Convene stakeholders through this year to develop implementation strategy



# Satisfactory Academic Progress

# Standard students must meet to receive state and federal financial aid.



The required GPA is set by individual institutions but must be set no lower than 2.0 after two years.



Students must complete a set percentage of credits attempted. It is commonly set at 67%.

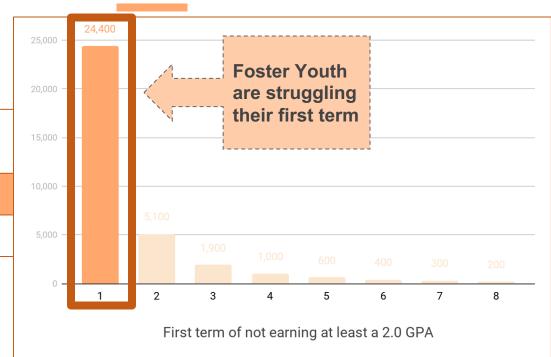


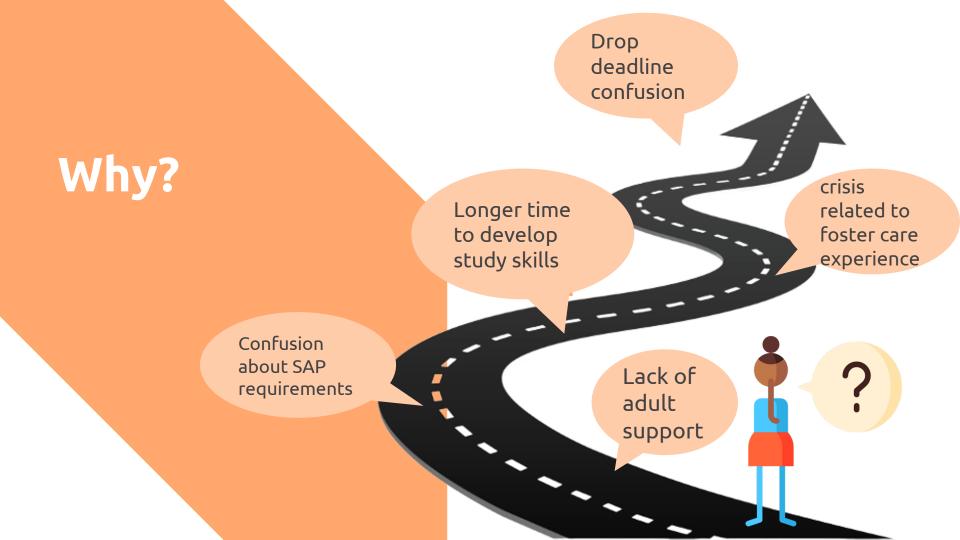
Students must complete their degree within 150% of the credit hours required for their program.

Foster youth are significantly more likely than other students to not make SAP.

# Estimated Impact of SAP on Financial Aid

Foster Status	Proportion	
Foster	64.8%	
Non-Foster	42.1%	





# **Provision 2:**

Students receive Chafee Grant for 4 semesters (5 quarters) before losing grant due to not making Satisfactory Academic Progress(SAP).

### **BEFORE SB150**



# \*New Requirement\*

Failure to Meet SAP

2 Years



# New Support and Referral Requirements

### Support

First Chafee Payment must include information on support services + completing educational plan.

**SUPPORT** 

### Referral

After 1 year *not* making SAP, student must meet with staff member to create or update a plan.



### Who Can Create the Plan?

Foster Youth Liaison

EOP/EOPS Counselor NextUp Counselor

Disabled Student
Program
Counselor

Foster Youth Program staff member

Appropriate adviser



# Easy to read and navigate

Include relevant support services programs





Up-to date contact information

Available in paper and electronic form





# Implementation Recommendation

Student Support Flyer

# Sample Student Support Services Flyer

#### Student Services Resources Flyer Template

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 150, California Community Colleges and California State Universities must provide (and University of California campuses are requested to provide) all Chafee grant recipients, upon release of the first payment, with information regarding available support services on campus and the process for completing an educational plan. This template can serve as the basis for designing this document.

To use this document, replace all highlighted text on the next page with campus-specific information for the relevant types of programs. Within each program category, there may be multiple specific programs that should be listed.

The document should include, at a minimum, information about:

- · any available foster youth program or foster youth liaison
- academic counseling
- EOP or EOPS
- · basic needs support
- tutoring services and
- disabled student programs

Below are examples of additional programs that could also be included.

Academic Counseling + Support:	Additional Campus Resources:  Campus career center  Student leadership program Homeless student liaison Childcare centers/resources	
Student Support Resources:  TRiO Peer mentoring programs DREAM center LGBTQI center Multi-cultural center Cultural identity programs (e.g. Puente, Umoja) Parenting student programs	Community Resources:  Housing programs Independent Living Program (ILP) Off-campus food pantries and benefits assistance Legal services GED testing and tutoring	

#### **Student Services Resources**

Your academic success is important to <a href="College name here">[College name here</a>]. Below is a list of resources you can take advantage of as a student at <a href=[College name here]</a>]. If you'd like more information about any of these resources, we encourage you to contact them directly.

FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAM	TUTORING	
[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	
EOP/EOPS	DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES	
[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	
BASIC NEEDS (FOOD AND HOUSING)	ACADEMIC COUNSELING & SUPPORT	
Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH	STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES	
[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	[Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	
ADDITIONAL CAMPUS RESOURCES	COMMUNITY RESOURCES	
Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] Website]	Program name] [Program location] [Contact person] [Contact information] [Website]	



# Address academic & socio-emotional obstacles

# Provide staff training





**Ensure student privacy** 

# Implementation Recommendation

Referral for Support Plan

# Sample Student Success Plan

Student Success Plan

#### How to use this template

Senate Bill 150 requires that after two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters of not meeting SAP, students must meet with an appropriate staff member to develop a plan for improving academic progress or update an existing plan in order to continue to receive Chafee funds. This Student Success Plan template is a tool that students and staff can use to collaboratively create a Student Success Plan. This template can be modified to fit the needs of the institution.

#### General template Instructions:

- Before beginning this process, ensure that adequate time has been set-aside to complete the document with the student.
- · All modifications to this template should maintain student-friendly language.
- To maintain confidentiality, do not require students to turn in the entire plan to the financial aid office. When
  feasible, the campus staff member who completes the plan should notify the financial aid office directly that the
  requirement has been met. If this is not possible, <u>page 5</u> of this document provides a simple verification form that a
  student can provide to the financial aid office.

#### Page 1 Instructions

This page provides instructions to the student regarding who can assist them to complete a plan. The financial aid
office should insert the names of the student support program(s) and/or individuals the student can meet with to
complete the plan. Make sure to include contact information.

#### Page 2 -4 Instructions

These pages provide a structure for identifying obstacles that students may be facing and developing a strategy to address these obstacles.

- Page 2 outlines obstacles that foster youth may experience through their educational journey. Students can select
  from the obstacles provided or add their own to reflect their own unique situation.
- Page 3 provides a tool that can be used to facilitate a conversation about how to overcome each obstacle and the
  challenges that exist to doing so. Students may need additional space to create targeted plans to overcome their
  obstacles. Add additional rows to the document as needed.
- Page 4 is designed to facilitate a conversation about class attendance, strategies for increasing attendance if needed,
  and what resources are available to support the student. If appropriate, have a reflective conversation with the
  student as to WHY they aren't attending class, HOW they can begin to correct the behavior moving forward, and
  WHAT support they may need to follow through on that plan. It is recommended that a list of resources also be
  provided (see jbafroyouth.org/sb-150-2/f or a resource guide template).

#### Page 5 Instructions:

The campus staff member should notify financial aid as soon as the Student Success Plan is completed. This action will
ensure the student's Chafee funds are released in a timely manner. If this is not possible, page 5 of this document
provides a simple verification form that a student can provide to the financial aid office. Students should also be
provided a copy of the full document for their own records.

Student Success Plan

<u>Directions</u> : Complete pages 2-4 with a campus staff or faculty member in one of the below prog	rams
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This individual will work with you to identify solutions to obstacles that are preventing you from maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

- [insert program or individual name and contact information]
- [insert program or individual name and contact information]
- [insert program or individual name and contact information]
- [insert program or individual name and contact information]

Upon successful completion of your plan, the program **staff or faculty** member will **notify the financial** aid **office within** [insert timeframe here] to reinstate your Chafee grant. This document will **not** be sent to financial aid, as it may contain confidential or sensitive information about your personal life.

# Sample Student Success Plan

Student Success Plan

Personal/Financial

#### **Identifying Obstacles**

Reflect on your last few terms and identify the top 3 obstacles that impacted your ability to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Academic

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☐ I struggle with time management.	<ul> <li>I don't have stable housing or am about to lose my housing.</li> </ul>
It's hard to concentrate in my classes.	☐ I have persistent physical health problems.
I skipped class or showed up late to class a lot.      My courses were too difficult.	l'm struggling with my mental health.
☐ I registered for too many units.	☐ I have a general lack of motivation.
<ul> <li>I don't know how to ask my instructors for help during class or office hours.</li> </ul>	☐ I can't get a good night's rest. ☐ I have a lot of anxiety and stress.
I have a difficult time keeping up in class during lectures or	I have a lot or anxiety and stress.      I can't secure <u>child care</u> on a regular basis.
in-class assignments.	☐ I'm having transportation issues and can't get to
<ul> <li>I'm having a hard time adjusting to college-level classwork and homework.</li> </ul>	campus.  I'm working too many hours and can't focus on school.
□ Other	Other_
Other	
Major/Career	Family/Social Adjustment
☐ I'm unsure about my current major	l'm having roommate issues
☐ I don't have a clear career goal	l'm having issues with my romantic partner
☐ I like my major, but unsure what jobs I can get	☐ I'm having biological or foster family issues
☐ I'm unsure about my educational goals	i'm having other personal relationship issues
I'm just not sure it makes sense for me to be in college.	I'm having a hard time adjusting to college life
Other	Other
Student Name S	tudent ID#

Student Success Plan

#### **Develop your Success Plan**

Step 1: Together with your staff or faculty member, review the obstacles you identified.

Step 2: Write down your obstacles from biggest to smallest. Work with a staff or faculty member to determine (1) a plan to address the obstacle, (2) potential challenges that may arise along the way, and (3) strategies to overcome the potential challenges.

Obstacle	What will I do to overcome this obstacle?	What are the potential challenges to overcome this obstacle?	Strategies to overcome challenges (identify at least 2 strategies)
Example: I'm having transportation issues and can't get to campus on a regular timely basis.	<b>Example:</b> Work with my foster youth support program to get a bus pass.	Example: I don't know the bus schedule.	Example: 1) I'll download a transit app on my phone and favorite my route. 2) I'll print the schedule and keep a copy in my backpack in case my phone dies.
Obstacle 1:			
Obstacle 2:			
Obstacle 3:			

Student Name	Student ID#
Page 2	

# Sample Student Success Plan

Student Success Plan Class attendance: Class attendance is correlated with overall course success. What percentage of the time do you get to class on time and attend the full class? □89-80% **79-70%** □69-60% □ 100% - 90% □less than 60% If attendance is less than 90%, what strategies could be used to increase attendance? Campus Support Resources: List the resources you will use in the upcoming term to help you succeed in your courses. Examples can be the tutoring center, food pantry, peer mentors, attending instructor office hours, etc. If you're unsure of the resources available to you, use the attached resources document to identify support on campus. Resources I will use: [insert resource name here] [insert resource name here] [insert resource name here] [insert resource name here] ☐ [insert resource name here] Check-in on progress: Identify a date and time you'd like to check-in on your progress towards the plan you developed. Date: Time: Location: Student Name Student ID# Page 4

Student Success Plan

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

You've successfully completed your success plan. The staff or faculty member who helped you to complete this plan will notify financial aid within [insert timeframe here] that you have successfully completed this document.

In the event financial aid has *not* been notified, please provide this **filled out and signed** page to [INSERT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE INFORMATION HERE].

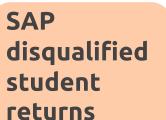
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[STAFF/FACULTY NAME]		
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[STUDENT NAME]	[DATE]	
of continuing or reinstating the student	t's Chafee grant eligibility.	
Student Signature		
Staff/Faculty Name and Title		
Staff/Faculty Signature		
Staff/Faculty Phone Number		

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_Student ID#\_\_\_\_\_\_Page 5

# **Provision 3**

Returning students to regain eligibility for Chafee Grant

# **Old Process**



1 term and student demonstrates progress



### \*New Process\*

SAP disqualified student returns

Re-enrolls

Reinstate Chafee upon return



# **Provision 4**

Specifies new criteria for appealing the loss of a Chafee Grant

# 3 Ways to Appeal



Student achieves a 2.0 in cumulative or during previous term



Extenuating circumstances that has been addressed



Engagement with a supportive program



# Clear instructions on how to get assistance

Eliminate obstacles





Provide templates and examples

Ensure accessibility



# Implementation Recommendation

Appealing the loss of a Chafee Grant

# Sample Chafee Appeal Form

Student Name	Student ID#		
	[Institution Name]		
Chafee	<b>Grant Reinstatement Appe</b>	eal Form	
This document can be used to appeal the of other forms of financial aid such as Pell		ormation regarding how to appeal the loss ampus-specific information).	Please check-off the circumstances bey Progress (SAP), that you have now add you cannot provide documentation, p typed sheets to this form.
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	one of the sections below in order	to qualify for reinstatement	If you cannot provid
Did you achieve either a 2.0 GPA during th  YES  If yes, please attach documentation if requ	□ NO nired.		
	Section 2		
Are you participating in a student services towards your academic goals?	□ NO		
If yes, please indicate the program you are faculty member in the program.	engaged in and provide a signature	e and contact information for a staff or	
☐ Guardian Scholars Program☐ NextUp	☐ EOPS/EOP ☐ TRIO ☐ [Insert Program Name]	☐ [Insert Program Name] ☐ [Insert Program Name] ☐ Other:	Student Signature:  Date:
Program Staff Member Name (printed): Program Staff member Signature: Program Staff member phone number: Student Signature:			Return this form and any additional

#### Section 3

Please check-off the circumstances beyond your control that prevented you from maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), that you have now addressed. As available, attach supporting documentation to your circumstances. If you cannot provide documentation, please provide a written explanation below. If you need additional space, attach by the set to this form.

Lack of childcare Homelessness Loss of employment Inadequate access Odisability services.

f you cannot provide documentation, please provide a written explanation below If you need additional space, attached typed sheets to this form.

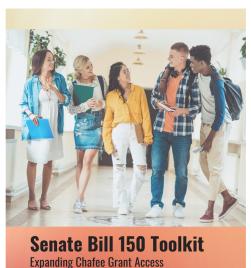
Student Signature:	 	_

Return this form and any additional documentation to [insert email here] or in-person at [insert financial aid office information here]

# Two ways to Access Samples

# jbaforyouth.org/sb-150-implementation

### **Toolkit**



### SB150 Webpage

#### SB 150 IMPLEMENTATION

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#### B 150 TOOLKIT

This tookit is designed to assist college campuses to effectively implement and understand the new law. Items in the toolidit include implementation recommendations, official bill language, frequently asked questions and sample forms for the Chafee orant aposel, suburious success plan and students services.



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#### STUDENT SERVICES RESOURCES FLYER TEMPLATE

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SB 150 FACT SHEET



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEMO ON SB 150 IMPLEMENTATION





# SIERRA COLLEGE

**Britney Slate** 

# New Policies at Sierra College

- All foster youth petitions/appeals go through the employee responsible for Chafee eligibility.
- Created new flow to share with all student services that simplifies (see Draft attachment)
- Created new Chafee Reinstatement Petition for those that have been denied financial aid but could still be eligible for Chafee
- Created new communications to students with resources

# **Campus Level Considerations**

### Challenge

New SAP Process different than federal/state regulations

### **Solution**

One person responsible for all processing of foster youth documentation and create simplified petition document asking only what is needed for the Chafee process.

# **New Reinstatement Petition**

#### **Chafee Reinstatement Petition Form**

OFFICE USE ONLY: Approved Denied Petition#



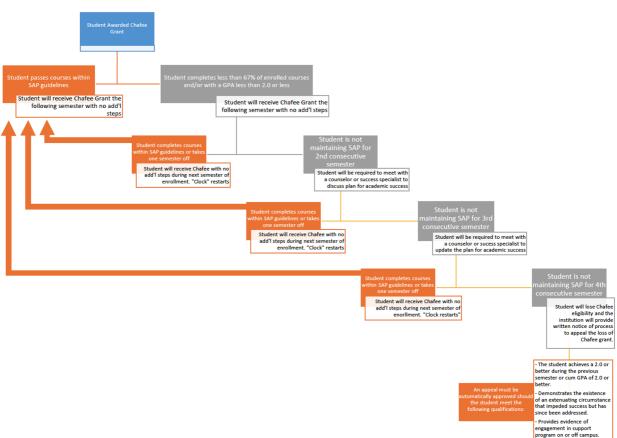
ierra College Financial Aid Office 5100 Sierra College Blvd. Rocklin, CA 95677 (916) 660-7310

This form is used to request reinstatement of financial aid eligibility at Sierra College due to the failure to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid can be found at <u>SAP Policy</u>. Please submit completed Chaftee Reinstatement Petition Form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.

I. Stud	dent Information:			
Starting	g Semester Reques	ting Chafee Reinstatement for:	☐ Fall	☐ Spring ☐ Summer
Name:	Last Name	First	M.I.	Student ID#:
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# **New Chafee Procedures**



# Communicating to Students

## Challenge

Effective and clear communication to students

### **Solution**

Communication was direct, clear, and include what was meaningful to the students on our campus. Included resources that are most often asked about or discussed by our students.

# **New Chafee Grant Procedures**

New communication for services that will be sent at first payment for Rocklin students:

Hello Chafee Student,

You have been awarded the Chafee Grant by the California Student Aid Commission based on your foster youth status and financial need determined by the FAFSA. Your grant is disbursed through paper check which can be picked up after seeing Britney Slates in the EOPS office also in the Winstead Center. You are eligible to receive your Chafee check if you are:

- . Enrolled in 6+ units in the current semester
- Required financial aid verification is complete

As a student that has experience in the foster care system you are also invited to consider participating in additional support services including:

- NextUp and Guardian Scholars Program the Winstead Center, room L-141
- Disabled Students Programs and Services, room L-141
- Tutoring center in the library, room LR 402
- . Math tutoring in the Math Center, room V 329
- Student Engagement Centers: Cross Cultural Center (room K-1), Pride Center (room I-4), and the Women & Gender Resource Center (room I-1A)

For any additional questions about any of the services provided or about you Chafee Grant please feel free to contact me by responding to this email or at (916) 660-7543.

Thank you,

New communication for termination of Chafee Grant to be sent to students after 4 consecutive semesters of failing to meet SAP guidelines:

Hello Chafee Student.

In order to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) you must meet all three standards below:

- Meeting a minimum grade point average (GPA) per semester and minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Earn a minimum of 67% of units per semester and overall (pace of progression)
- Complete the degree objective with a maximum number of units (maximum time-frame allowance)

Our records indicate you are not meeting one of these standards and have lost your eligibility to receive the Chafee Grant for the XX semester. You have opportunity to appeal this status by completing the Reinstatement Petition attached to this email. Please make sure to include in your statement if you are participating in a support program either on or off campus.

For any additional questions about any of the services provided or about you Chafee Grant please feel free to contact me by responding to this email or at (916) 660-7543.

Thank you,

# SB150 Toolkit

Implementation Recommendations

Sample Forms

Detailed FAQ

<u>ibaforyouth.org/</u> <u>sb-150-implementation</u>



# Technical Assistance is Available

**Customize Policies** 

**Train Staff** 

**Review Forms** 

# Open to college and university staff members



Senate Bill 150 Technical Assistance Interest Form

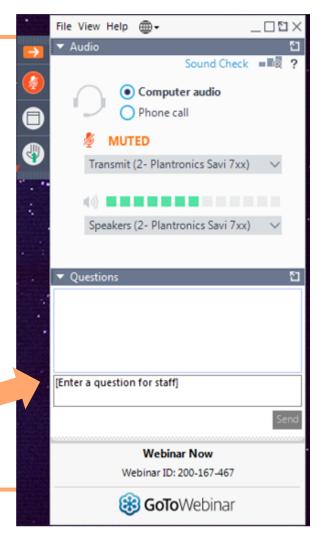
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Enter questions on your screen now

**Click** the "questions" arrow

**Type** your question and **click** "send."



# **THANK YOU**

Tia Holiday Education Program Manager tia@jbay.org