Top 10 Things to Know About NextUp
#1 - Staffing Decisions Can Make or Break Your Program

Appropriate level of staffing to address the complex needs of foster youth

Advocacy Strategies:
- Remind administrators that funding is ongoing
- Upfront investment is necessary to grow program
- Track data regarding service intensity

Staffing expertise appropriate to the population
#2 – A Robust Outreach Plan is Crucial

Partnering with Campus Departments
- Campus Training
- Cross-referrals and collaboration with categorical programs

Using Data
- Financial aid data
- CCCApply/MIS
- Automated emails

Community Referrals
- County Child Welfare & Probation
- Transitional Housing
- ILP
- K12 districts/alternative schools
- WIOA/workforce development programs
- COE FY coordinating services
Outreach (cont.) - Marketing Ideas

- College and Career Fairs
- College Preview Days
- Workshops at high schools, ILP, etc.
- Website
- Program Flyers
- Branded Swag
- High school FASFA workshops
#3 - Determining Eligibility Requires an Understanding of the Child Welfare System

“a current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by a court of competent jurisdiction, including a tribal court, on or after the youth’s 13th birthday.”

- Out of home placement
- Court dependency through Juvenile Dependency or Delinquency Court
- Finding of abuse or neglect
- Final exit from foster care was not before youth turned 13

Kinship placements may qualify (if foster care placement)
#3 Eligibility (cont.) – Verification

Options for verifying status:

- Letter from or documented phone call with:
  - Child welfare or probation agency
  - State Ombudsperson’s office
  - Placing agency or THP–Plus program
  - FYSCP or high school
  - Verification from another college

- Webgrants/Chaffee roster

Students can call or email Ombudsperson’s office for help at: [https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov](https://fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov)
#4 – NextUp Students Have Different Needs from EOPS Students (and therefore different requirements)

What makes Foster Youth Students Different?

- Developmental trauma & mental health challenges
- Academic & relationship disruptions
- Skill gaps
- Institutionalization
- Food and housing insecurity
- Intersectionality
- Lack of family privilege

Foster youth are not subject to regular EOPS requirements such as full-time status, SAP status, unit cap, etc.
#5 – Lots of Financial Aid is Available...
But it Takes WORK to Get
All NextUp students should qualify for Independent status

Financial Aid Options for Foster Youth:

- **Chafee Grant**
  - $5,000

- **CalGrant for Foster Youth**
  - $6,000 & eight years

- **Expanded SSCG**
  - $10,500

Must be verified with CSAC to receive

Link to Form for manual verification
Financial Aid (cont.)

SAP – New policies coming soon!

**COA Limits:**

For 2023/2024 NextUp grants and resources like transportation assistance, meal programs, etc. must be reported as aid and count against the student’s unmet need.

Beginning 2024/2025, **Chafee Grants** and emergency grants issued after packaging for elements of COA no longer count against unmet need.
Funding is **ONGOING**

Future amounts will be based on number of students served (prior-prior year) with 70% minimum year-to-year guarantee

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#7 - Collaboration is Essential

- Identify key campus, county, and community stakeholders
- Develop systems for referrals and collaborative case management
- Create an advisory committee
- Monthly meetings with campus categorical/student support programs to streamline services
#8 - The Funding is Very Flexible

What you can spend your money on:

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What is NOT allowed:

- Indirect costs
- Fundraising with NextUp Dollars
- Spending NextUp money on non-NextUp students
- Political, non-profit, or professional association dues and/or contributions

When do you need prior written approval from the Chancellor’s Office & What is the Process?

- Contracts
- Equipment
- Furniture
- Construction/Renovation or remodeling not approved in advance of encumbrance by the Chancellor’s Office

Process: send an email to tmarroquin@cccco.edu with a cost estimate and small description of the project.
#9 - Intentional Engagement Strategies that are Student-Centered Go a Long Way

- Personalized, caring approach
- Phone calls/texts > emails
- Holiday and milestone celebrations (semester kick-off, birthdays, holidays, commencement)

Check out JBAY’s resource: From Theory to Practice: Fostering Relationship-Based Approaches in NextUp Programs
#10 - Help is Available!

**Resources:**
- Google Drive NextUp resources folder: [https://jbay.org/resources/nextup-implementation/](https://jbay.org/resources/nextup-implementation/)
- California Community Colleges Vision Resource Center: Log in to the VRC, then follow this link to the module: Supporting Foster Youth Through NextUp.

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