



**San Diego County Office of Education**  
**Randolph E. Ward, County Superintendent of Schools**  
Student Services and Programs Division  
Student Support Services Department

## THE SCHOOL SUCCESS PROJECT

The School Success Project is a joint effort of the County of San Diego Child Welfare Services (CWS), San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), The Stuart Foundation and Qualcomm.

School Success Project Educational Liaisons are out stationed and co-located with social workers at many regional Child Welfare offices. The Educational Liaisons serve as subject matter experts and receive referrals for education related services.

The programs purpose is to help identify the educational needs of youth in foster care. This includes stable school placement, assess student's educational strengths/deficits and provide intervention in and out of the classroom. The Educational Liaisons will provide students in foster care with the following academic support, services and resources:

- Attend Team Decision Making meetings (TDM)
- Provide support and information regarding Special Education process and 504 plan eligibility
- Obtain school records from previous schools and conduct transcript reviews
- Ensure compliance with AB 490 mandates
- Assess academic processes (enrollment, discipline and placement issues)
- Provide guidance to CWS staff, school district and school site personnel

In addition, Educational Liaisons facilitate quarterly collaborative meetings between social workers and school district liaisons. The meetings focus on problem solving, creating solutions and increasing knowledge and understanding of the educational needs of students in foster care.

### **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:**

- Increase High School Completion
- Increase academic achievement in one or more subjects, according to State Standardized Testing
- Increase passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- Increase school stability ( decrease school changes during placement changes) for regions and departments utilizing educational liaisons
- Ensure that youth who change schools will receive partial credit for classes in progress at the time of the change in schools
- Increase the accuracy of the education information provided to County staff for entering into Health and Education passport and Child Welfare Services/ Case Management System (CWS/CMS)
- Improve the knowledge of CWS Social Workers and all school district personnel through trainings given by SDCOE employees of the School Success Project
- Ensure that children and youth in foster care are meeting the requirements under AB490 ( being placed in the least restrictive educational setting)

### **TARGET POPULATION:**

Educational Liaisons provide services to school aged foster youth (5-19 years old) referred and identified by CWS staff.

### **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:**

Educational Liaisons are stationed at the following CWS regions:

**North Central Region**  
6950 Levant St.  
San Diego 92111

**South Region**  
1000 Bay Marina Dr.  
National City 91950

**East Region**  
151 Van Houten  
El Cajon 92020

**Central Region**  
1255 Imperial Ave.  
San Diego 92101

1750 5th Ave.  
San Diego 92101

**Residential**  
7947 Mission Ct.  
San Diego 92108

**North Coastal**  
1320 Union Plaza Ct.  
Oceanside 92054

**North Inland**  
463 N. Midway Dr.  
Escondido 92027

**FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES**  
**8333 CLAIREMONT MESA BOULEVARD #212 \* SAN DIEGO, CA 92111**  
**TEL: (858)-503-2620/ FAX: (858)-503-2636**



9440 Ruffin Court, Ste 2 San Diego, CA 92123 fax (858) 278-1307

## **School Success Fund Application Information**

The School Success Fund of Promises2Kids was created to provide funding for life-enhancing activities and services for children currently within the foster care system in San Diego County. The idea is to enrich the lives of foster children by allowing them to participate in activities that they would otherwise not be able to afford. Please be aware that this is a privately funded program; all requests will be reviewed by Promises2Kids, but not all requests will be granted due to funding or other issues.

### **Some examples of previously funded requests:**

Karate / Kung Fu / Tae Kwon Do lessons /Band / Cheerleading / Sport Uniforms or equipment /Musical Instruments / lessons/ Sports Camps / Swim Lessons / Zoo / Legoland Sea World passes/ Senior Pictures / Class Ring /Field Trips / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp.

### **Who is eligible for School Success Funds?**

Children in grades Kindergarten to senior in high school currently within the San Diego County Foster care system who have not yet been emancipated. ***The request limit is \$100 per child per year.***

### **Who may apply for School Success Funds?**

School Success Fund applications may **ONLY** be submitted by County social workers or School Success Program Educational Liaisons.

### **What can the School Success Fund not pay for?**

Child care, day camp, food, clothing, furniture, school supplies, gym membership or anything else not mentioned that the county/foster parents are obligated to provide.

**Please note that our preferred method is to provide a check written directly to the vendor/company before the activity takes place. ONLY in special occasions with prior approval can we reimburse foster parents for prepaid items or services. We require that a clearly printed official receipt be attached to the form (applications missing official receipts will not be processed). Please allow 2 – 3 weeks from the date Promises2Kids receives the completed application and supporting documents for check processing.**

**Reporting Requirements: Please note that Promises2Kids is required to report statistical outcomes for School Success Funds as to number of students assisted, amount each student received and how funds were used by each student.**

If the recipient of the funds is over age 6, a thank-you note is much appreciated, and will go a long way toward helping us to obtain more donations, thus helping more foster youth. Confidentiality and child's identity will be respected.



Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Fax Application to: Promises2Kids – Stephanie Trolinger</b> <b>FAX # (858) 278-1307 or Email <a href="mailto:stef@promises2kids.org">stef@promises2kids.org</a></b> 9440 Ruffin Court, Ste 2 San Diego, CA 92123 Direct phone line (858) 427-1106		
<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Case Number</b>
Child in the dependency system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Family receiving services?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
What does the child need?		
Why does the child need it?		
When does the child need it?		
What other sources of funding have been attempted or received?		
How much is needed? <small>(requests limit to \$100 per child per year)</small>		
Payee (Vendor) Name Mailing Address <small>(Check to be mailed &amp; phone #. Can only be caregiver if pre-approved by Promises2Kids)</small>		
Is this a vendor or individual? <b>* If individual, attached clear documentation.</b>		
Request submitted by (Name & Title)		
Email Address Address CMS Phone		

**PLEASE NOTE: \* CHECKS NEED TO BE DIRECTLY PAID TO A COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL.**

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