

Riverside City College  
Workforce Preparation Department

College Connection  
Fact Sheet

***Mission***

The Riverside City College-Riverside Office of Education Foster Youth Services College Connection program provides individualized educational and transitional support services to foster, neglected and at risk youth who attend RCOE's community schools, detention facilities and foster group homes throughout Riverside County. Youth ages 12-21 who are significantly credit deficient receive intensive one-on-one interaction identifying appropriate educational pathways to allow students earn their High School diploma, GED, or Certificate of Competency by the age of 19. Students are mentored and coached on post-secondary transition opportunities that may include academic resources, linkage to Community Colleges, and career mapping with identified Career and Technical training.

***Program Services***

Meeting students in locations throughout the County and utilizing an individualized approach with intensive follow-up students are encouraged, coached and mentored to persist in school to earn their high school diploma, GED or, at the very least, a Certificate of Completion. Services are provided usually in an intensive one-on-one at locations that include alternative school, community schools, and juvenile detention facilities.

***Guiding Principles***

- Allow students the opportunity to identify their own educational and career path
- Enable students to achieve educational success
- Empower students to believe that they can change their destiny

***What can students expect?***

- Direct face to face interaction
- Accountability in following educational plan
- One-on-one mentorship
- Direct access to student support personnel at community colleges and 4-year universities

***How do I obtain more information?***

Contact the College Connection Student Resource Specialist at (951) 328-3522 or email – sheila.faulknerloser@rcc.edu