

## HB1999: COORDINATED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



*All kids  
deserve to  
succeed  
in school  
and in life.*

**VISION:** Washington State leads the nation in high school completion, and post-secondary success for youth in foster care.

**2016 GOAL:** Pass legislation that coordinates the education support services that are essential for youth in foster care to graduate from high school and succeed in completing their post-secondary school plan.

**THE CHALLENGES:** Life in foster care can be extraordinarily challenging and disruptive for kids and teens, emotionally and developmentally. Youth in foster care and those who have experienced foster care remain among the students with the poorest outcomes.

**Currently, less than 50% of youth in foster care graduate from high school and less than 3% of youth in foster care have a bachelor's degree.**

Since youth in foster care represent a mere 1% of school populations, neither child welfare or school systems are prepared to provide the individualized services youth in care need to be successful. Washington's investments in K-12 education will not provide foster youth the academic support needed to compensate for their school mobility, histories of trauma and school failure, and inconsistent or absent parents.

**THE SOLUTION:** A statewide education service strategy where state and private agencies partner to provide consistent, efficient, and effective academic support services for students in foster care. The proposed continuum of evidence-based, outcome driven services will build foster youth's hope for the future and immediate educational success.

Program	Eligibility
<b>1) Educational Barrier Removal:</b> A problem-centered, emergency intervention for youth who can't enroll in school, are suspended from school, or are making poor academic progress.	<b>Youth Served:</b> K-12th Grade <b>Geographic Service Area:</b> Statewide
<b>2) Academic Planning &amp; Support:</b> Proactive education planning, monitoring, coaching, and support services that all youth need to graduate from high school with a plan for their future.	<b>Youth Served:</b> 6-12th Grade & Post-Secondary <b>Geographic Service Area:</b> King County & Expansion into Two High Census School Districts Statewide
<b>3) Post-Secondary Enrollment Advising:</b> Group and individual support for students, helping them to reach their educational goals including high school completion, post-secondary school preparation and enrollment.	<b>Youth Served:</b> 8-12th Grade & Post-Secondary <b>Geographic Service Area:</b> Statewide (Outside of Program 2 service area)
<b>4) Post-Secondary Scholarships &amp; Support:</b> Individualized, wrap around services on college campuses and dedicated financial aid awards to reduce financial stress for youth attending state colleges.	<b>Youth Served:</b> Ages 16-21 <b>Geographic Service Area:</b> Statewide

**This is the year for Washington State to lead the nation in educational outcomes for youth in foster care!**