

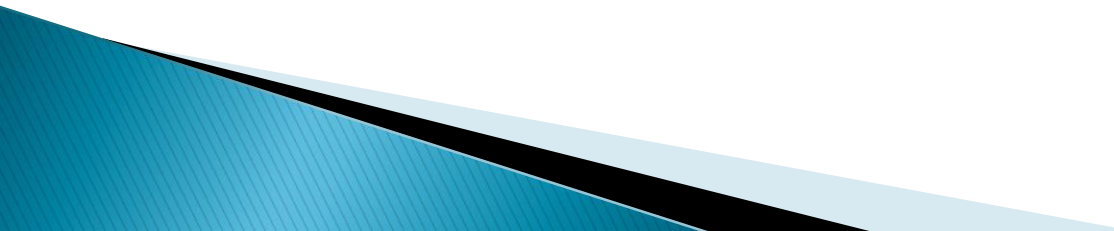


Academic Success Program

Webinar 3

Coaching Freshmen, Sophomores
and Students at Risk of Failing

Half of all U.S. college
Students drop
out before graduating.
We're talking about ALL
STUDENTS, not just foster
youth!



There are many reasons:

Academic unpreparedness

Choosing the wrong school/major

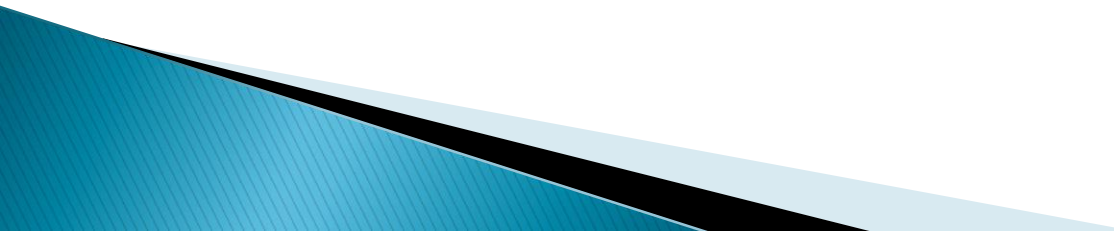
Difficulty transitioning

Financial issues

Having too much fun instead of studying

Loneliness and lack of support

Academic unpreparedness

- *Moving homes often means changing schools which causes students to fall behind 4-6 months**
 - *Freshman/sophomore more likely to take remedial (developmental) English and/or Math classes**
 - *60% of community college student take at least one remedial college class**
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Remedial Math Classes

55% who pass them, graduate

21% who fail them, graduate

Remedial English Classes

50% who pass them, graduate

20% who fail them, graduate



30% of FCS students take one or more remedial classes

30% of those students either fail them, or withdraw from them before the end of the semester.

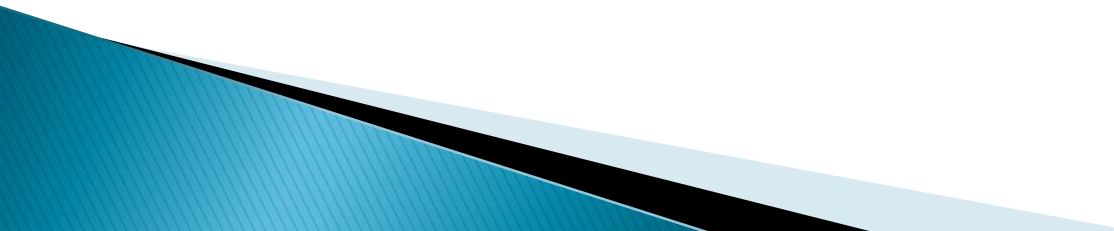
***Your job: coach to help pass remedial classes!**



Choosing the wrong school or major

- *Encourage students to take general education required classes, often prerequisites**
- *Find out reasons why not happy in school (hard transition, feeling lost, overwhelmed, behind)**
- *Work to figure out what they need to change**
 - *AA's at community colleges fit the bill**

Difficulty transitioning

- *Trouble adjusting to dorm or apt. life**
 - *Trouble dealing with academic expectations, accessing college resources**
 - *Encourage to attend ORIENTATION**
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Financial issues

***ETV**

***Refer back to FC2S with check/money concerns**

***Discuss Budgeting, managing time between work, leisure time and family**

Having too much fun instead of studying

- Many students work full or part time, parent children or even older relatives and struggle every hour of the day
 - *Others find themselves with too many freedoms: sleep in, miss class, party, join clubs, participate in activities
- *Here are a few tips of encouragement:

College is supposed to be one of the best times of your life! Explore new opportunities! Make new friends! Have fun!

BUT -



School has to come first.
If you fail your classes, you are wasting

Time
Money
Opportunity

Time + Money+ Support (us)=OPPORTUNITY!
Don't waste it!



If you have any doubts about your student's state of mind, contact ASP staff right away.

- *Consider coaching on time management and prioritizing
- *Sometimes too much overextending themselves is a sign of loneliness or reliving painful memories
 - *Is depression creeping in?
 - * Any doubts, contact ASP staff

Loneliness & Lack of support

***Loss of home is a common denominator**

***Each story is unique**

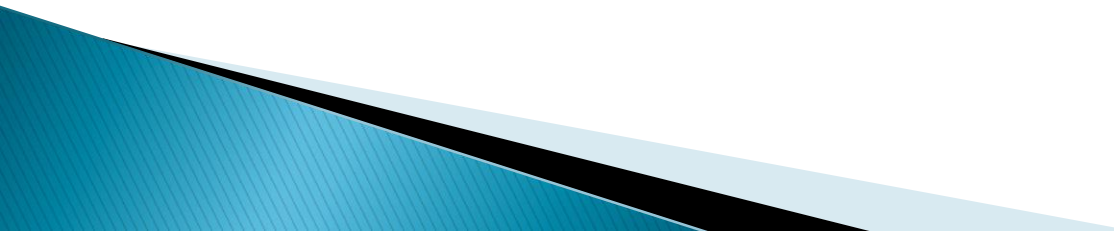
***YOU are IMPORTANT in their world where they truly
feel alone much of the time**

***Warm voices, simple texts are just the rock they need!**

Ask ASP!

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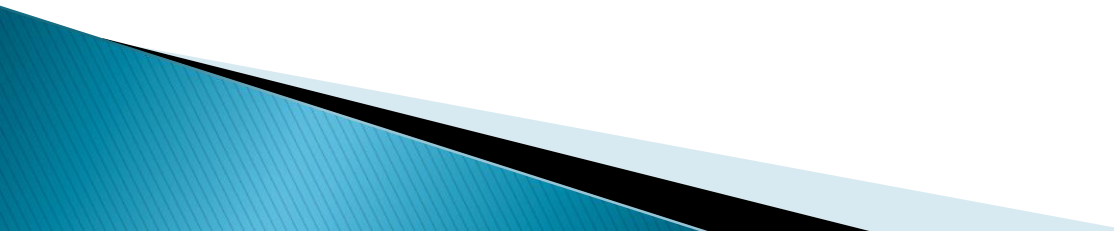
Commonly Asked Questions

- ▶ **Am I able to send a gift to my student?**
 - ▶ Yes, you are welcome to send a gift and/or a greeting card. We ask that you not spend more than \$25 on a gift (or gift card). Please keep in mind that handmade gifts are appreciated as well.
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How can I get my student's address?

- ▶ Please check with your student to ask if he/she will share their address. We've never had a student refuse in the past!

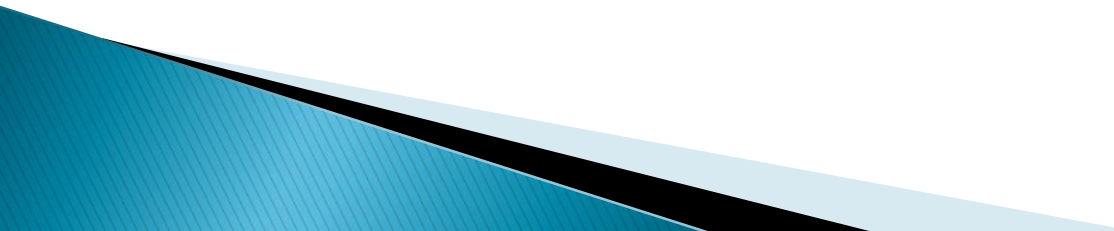
My student has been experiencing financial struggles – how can I help?

- ▶ Please direct your student to his/her ETV Coordinator as soon as possible. There is limited funding for each state so the Coordinator assigned to that state will know if there are available funds for which your student may be eligible.
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What if I have an urgent concern about my student that needs to be discussed with staff?

- ▶ Please call the office at 571-203-0270 X103 if your call is during normal business hours. If it's after hours, please call Dana Brown's cell number which will be provide once you're matched with a student.

Final Words

- One size does not fit all
 - Students in a 300 +lecture class can't get to know their professor, but maybe a teaching assistant?
 - If a student is working 40 hours a week, maybe a less than full time class load?
 - As you work with your student(s) you find the size- the road, the plan the way , that best fits them!
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Thank You

**For caring enough about America's foster youth to
volunteer as a Foster Care to Success Academic Coach**