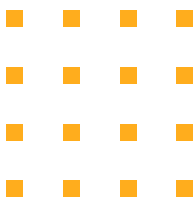


UW System Fostering Success Programs

UWM Advisors and Counselors Network

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Why Wisconsin Needs Fostering Success Programs

- Approximately 7,000 children in foster care in Wisconsin

- **79-80% ASPIRE TO EARN COLLEGE DEGREE**

- 33% graduate High School (Peers rate: 77%)

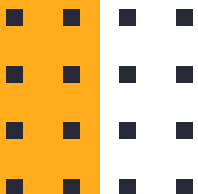


- **7-13% ENROLL IN COLLEGE (MORE IN PRISON)**

- Less than 3% earn a Bachelors Degree

A Brief History of Fostering Success

- Began at UW Stout in 2013
- UWM Started a volunteer-based program in 2017
- Fall 2022 – 9 of the UW System Schools each received \$70,000

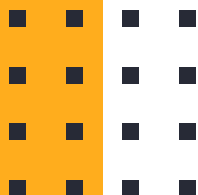


Fostering Success at UWM

Examples of those we serve:

- Experienced foster care between the ages of 13-18
- In kinship, guardianship, or ward of the court
- Parents are incarcerated
- Orphans
- Unaccompanied homeless youth

Out of 4,000 students in MPS who reported experiencing homelessness this year, around 800 are unaccompanied. This does not include the students who are not going to school or those who don't report their situation.

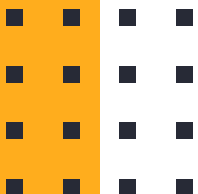


Coaching



- Prospective Students
 - Currently working with 62 students
 - Monthly meetings either virtually or at their local high school
 - Goal is 40 new students for the 2023-2024 academic year
 - 45% increase from the 2021-2022 academic year
- Current Students
 - This academic year we worked with 112 students
 - Offer bi-weekly coaching their 1st semester, followed by monthly coaching
 - Continued bi-weekly coaching to students on probation
- Academic and life coaching based on hierarchy of needs

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Graduating!



Common Community Resources For **ALL** Low-Income Students

- FoodShare = money for food
- BadgerCare = health insurance
- Tax assistance = someone to do their taxes for free
- LifeLine = free smartphone & unlimited talk, text, and data
- Affordable Connectivity Program = \$30 off the phone or internet bill
- 211 Wisconsin = find help for most needs
<https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/guided-search>

Special Projects

- Scholarship Mentor Program
- Fostering Success Together student organization
- Birthday bags and partnership with “For Goodness Cakes”
- Health and Wellness Center Vouchers
 - If students have a past due bill or need to purchase over-the-counter medications that they can’t afford
- Emergency gas cards (\$25) for commuter students
 - If the bus is not an option
- Books
 - \$50 ecampus gift cards
 - Help to find the cheapest options

Special Projects Continued

- Supply closet
- Welcome baskets/bags
- Midterm care packages
- Educational events and family dinners
- Visit opportunities for prospective students
- Student lounge



How You Can Help!

- **Refer students or reach out to see if they would qualify**
- **Donate funds for our 414 campaign (April 14th) or anytime**
 - give.uwm.edu/fosteringSUCCESS
- **Volunteer to be a Scholarship Mentor this Fall**
 - Email tawney@uwm.edu
- **Donate items using our Amazon Wish List**
 - On our website uwm.edu/fosteringSUCCESS or click [here](#).
- **Volunteer to bake for our mid-term care packages**
 - Email tawney@uwm.edu



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