



**FOSTER YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATING PROGRAM & FAMILIES IN TRANSITION
SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER**



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Families in Transition (FIT) team has successfully collected over 300 food items this year to assist youth and families who are experiencing homelessness. The Food Drive event, which was coordinated by the FIT team, involved the distribution of drop-off sites at SJCOE. Generous donations included non-perishable food, dry goods, canned vegetables, fruits, proteins, pasta, and rice to supply the pantry. The food pantry serves as an emergency resource for homeless students throughout the County. Additionally, transition specialists also provide resources to different emergency food bank locations to support these individuals in the long term.

Without the support and generosity of the community, the Food Drive this season would not have been possible. The FIT team wishes to express their gratitude to all those who contributed to this noble cause.

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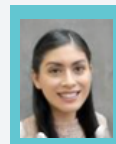
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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



The Families in Transition (FIT) team's Winter Clothing Drive, which is an annual event, was a great success and a wonderful start to this past holiday season. We received a tremendous amount of donations in the form of coats, hats, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, pants, and blankets - over 130 items in total! SJCOE collaborated with SJ Delta College, Patmon Concierge, and Fuerte Meals to collect these clothing items.

The donations will be dispersed to students and families in transition throughout San Joaquin County School Districts. The FIT team is committed to ensuring the donations are distributed as quickly as possible to those who need them the most. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the Winter Clothing Drive and for making a positive difference in the lives of families in need!



Our FYSCP & FIT teams would like to thank Student Services Technician, Melissa Carillo. The assistance you provide in helping our youth get enrolled in school is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU



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Save the Date
For our 5th
Annual Foster
Youth Education
Summit
May 01, 2024

THE HOLIDAY HANGOUT

The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) recently hosted a "Holiday Hangout" event for the children residing at Mary Graham Children's Shelter. The purpose of the event was to foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the youth and spread the holiday spirit. The team created a festive ambiance by adorning the space with holiday ornaments and providing the children with a range of activities, including; gingerbread cookie decorating, games, and holiday movies. The event also provided an opportunity for the staff members to establish connections with the residents on-site.

The FYSCP team is looking forward to their upcoming workshop, "Celebration You!", which will mark the commencement of workshops for the year 2024. The team is committed to providing youth with opportunities to feel celebrated, acquire knowledge, and build relationships that will assist them with life skills.



WELCOME BACK PIA!



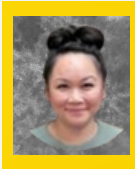
Our Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) and Families in Transition (FIT) teams are pleased to announce that Europia Sellers has joined our team as a school counselor. We are delighted to welcome Pia back!

UPCOMING COLLEGE AND CAREER FIELD TRIP

The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Team (FYSCP) has organized two field trips for foster and homeless students this year. The first trip is scheduled for April 25th, 2024, and will entail a visit to Sonoma State University in Sonoma, CA. The purpose of this visit is to offer students a glimpse into the college experience at Sonoma State. The itinerary includes a tour of the campus and its facilities, followed by lunch in the student cafeteria. The second part of the trip involves a tour of the Jelly Belly factory, where students will be exposed to insights surrounding career readiness. The visit will provide an opportunity for students to witness the inner workings of a food facility responsible for producing a popular product. We anticipate that this trip will not only be informative but also enjoyable for our students.

We are currently in the planning stages for our second trip to Stanford University and Oracle Stadium in San Francisco, we will provide more information on this trip in due course. We believe that these trips will provide a wealth of knowledge and opportunities for our students, preparing them for higher education and the workforce. Don't forget, you can find updates on the FYSCP & FIT Instagram!

The FYSCP & FIT Team would like to thank Student Services Technician, Trang Ngo. Your generous donation will have such a positive impact on the youth we serve!



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Our Next E.A.C.
Executive
Advisory
Council Meeting
will be held
03/22/2024

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