

# Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

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## Forms

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- 04-403 FY-SIS New User Account Application

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## Introduction

The San Diego County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program ([SDCOE FYSCP](#)) responds to, assists, and empowers all systems that support foster youth in achieving academic success.

FYSCPs are designed to prepare students in foster care to become successful, self-sufficient and independent adults. The program is funded by a grant from the California Department of Education. It represents a partnership among San Diego County's key stakeholders focused on improving the educational outcomes of wards and dependents, ages 4 to 21, residing in licensed children's institutions, foster family agency and county foster homes.

The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Advisory Committee (FYSCPAC), chaired by the presiding judge of juvenile court, represents school districts, community colleges, child welfare services, probation, juvenile court, advocacy agencies, and substitute care providers who oversee the development and implementation of the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program. These agencies work in close partnership with the program to strengthen and enhance services to students in foster care.

FYSCP has created the [Foster Youth Student Information System \(FY-SIS\)](#) database to accumulate, track and distribute educational records of foster youth. Click [here](#) for more information on FY-SIS.

FYSCP has developed an interagency agreement, allowing for the sharing of education and health information between SDCOE, HHSA, Probation, school districts, minors and parents counsels, Court-Appointed Special Advocates - CASAs (Voices for Children) and the courts.

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**Legislative  
Mandates**

Senate Bill 933 (Chapter 311, Statutes of 1998) was passed into law and included amendments to Education Codes [49069.5(a-e), 48856, 56200, 56366, 48850(a), 48854]. Foster Youth Services was established statewide to support and assist local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure compliance with current legislative mandates (AB490, AB1858, SB1629).

In July 2006, AB 1808 (the California budget package) amended Education Code 42921 to expand the mandate of all FYS programs (beyond group home children).

AB 854 (Chapter 781, Statutes of 2015), changed Foster Youth Services Programs to Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs, aligning the definition with the local control funding formula ([LCFF](#)) definition which includes all students in foster care.

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**Eligibility and  
population**

FYSCP serves all dependent foster youth residing in San Diego County from ages 4 to 21 years. FYSCP also provides services to youth active to the Probation Department, who are in out-of-home care.

All foster youth under the jurisdiction of juvenile court are eligible to receive services through FYSCP. This includes foster youth living in licensed foster homes, Foster Family Agency (FFA) homes, group homes (LGHs)/STRTPs, and in placements certified by the agency (e.g., relatives).

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**Program goals**

FYSCP goals are to:

- work directly with San Diego County school districts to insure foster youth are immediately enrolled in school, receive partial credits when they change schools, and are placed in the least restrictive educational setting possible.
  - foster community collaboration between public education, child welfare, Probation, the Judiciary, national and community based organizations
  - educate community on unique needs of students in foster care.
  - provide youth development activities to foster youth that promote successful transition from foster care (e.g. College Connection, career day events, financial- aid planning events).
- NOTE:** These services can be provided in collaboration with Independent Living Skills (ILS) Services or other county contracted agencies.
- ensure transfer of educational records in a timely manner.
  - assist with enrollment difficulties.
  - assist SWs with transcript and credit accumulation, IEP information, and educational advocacy.
  - provide tutoring, academic counseling and emancipation services.
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**FY-SIS**

FYSCP has developed and maintains the [Foster Youth Student Information System \(FY-SIS\)](#), a web-based system to store health, education and contact information for dependents and wards of San Diego County. The goal of this data management system is to ensure timely school enrollment and appropriate school placement.

If...	Then...
A new FY-SIS account	Refer to <a href="#">How to access FY-SIS</a> .
To reset FY-SIS Password or training	Contact Mindy Kukich, FYS at: 619-683-9340 X33 <a href="mailto:mkukich@sdcoe.net">mkukich@sdcoe.net</a>

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**What information is in FY-SIS**

[\(FY-SIS\)](#) is designed to provide authorized users access to selected information such as:

- Immunization Records
- Unofficial Transcripts
- School History
- Medication Information
- Assessment Scores
- Last school attended
- Grade level
- Contact information for the HHS social worker.

This information is downloaded from the following databases:

- CWS/CMS
- Justice Electronic Library System (JELS)
- E-Court (court computer system), and
- School Districts.

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**Who has access to FY-SIS**

The following parties may have access to FY-SIS. Individual foster parents **will not** have access.

- CWS SWs and support staff (anyone who has CWS/CMS access, can be authorized to have access to FY-SIS)
  - Group Home administrators
  - Probation
  - Juvenile Court
  - Minor's attorneys
  - Schools/School Districts
  - Voices for Children
  - Foster Family Agencies (FFAs).
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**How to access  
FY-SIS**

New SWs will have FY-SIS access set up automatically as they enter county service. SWs who were already employees when FY-SIS was created will follow these procedures to get FY-SIS access.

Step	Who	Action
1	Applicant/SW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete the 04-403-FY-SIS New User Account Application available from the forms intranet.</li><li>• Submit to the CWS FY-SIS Administrator (Helen Moody) at MS W473.</li></ul>
2	CWS FY-SIS Administrator	Approve the application and forward to FYS.
3	FYSCP	Process application and send the applicant an e-mail with the log on user ID, temporary password and website address.

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**Alignment with  
SET**

This policy aligns with SET [Value #4](#) by creating shared responsibilities with community partners and SET [Value #3](#) by focusing on a child's well-being while they are in our care.

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