



## **2022-23 Foster and Kinship Care Education Advisory Committee Charter**

The Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) program has roots in 1984 legislation SB 2003, which authorizes funding for education and training of Resource Parents (previously foster parents, kinship, and non-relative caregivers) at community colleges in consultation with the county child welfare agency to facilitate the development of foster family homes. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is responsible for allocating these funds to support community college FKCE initiatives statewide.

The FKCE Advisory Committee was established, as required by Education Code section 79420, to provide consultation, promote collaboration and partnership regarding the fiscal responsibility of allocating FKCE funding.

### **CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE LEADERSHIP**

- Dean of Educational Services and Support
- Program Specialist, Educational Services and Support
- Program Analyst, Educational Services and Support

### **Chair(s)**

- Program Specialist – California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

### **PURPOSE**

The Chancellor's Office leverages the recommendations made by this committee to update existing program policies and guidelines. Funding decisions are ultimately the responsibility of the Chancellor's Office, and feedback from committee members provides important information about the population being served, dynamics of program administration at the college level, and impact of the foster care ecosystem on the program. This committee provides the Chancellor's Office access to critical information needed for making informed decisions about how to allocate program funds.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To establish quorum for meetings, 50% plus one of the members must be present. Vacancies do not count towards the determination of the quorum, and members can send a designee who meets the same criteria in their place. Committee recommendations will be received by Chancellor's Office leadership as specified above and taken to the Chancellor for review. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval.

## MEMBERSHIP

Each member serves one fiscal year term and is eligible for a second year, as needed, and as determined by their employer/association if applicable. The Education Code requires the following representation:

- Foster (Resource) parents (2)
- Representatives of statewide foster parent organizations (2)
- Parent and relative/kinship care providers (2)
- County child welfare services representatives (2)
- State Department of Social Services representatives (2)

In addition, the Chancellor's Office recommends the following representation:

### **Resource Members**

- Program Regional Coordinators (2)
- California Community College Student, former foster youth (1)

## STATUTE

Education Code 79420

Funds appropriated to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for the Foster Care Education Program shall be used for foster parent and relative/kinship care provider education in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall allocate these funds exclusively for foster parent and relative/kinship care provider education and training, as specified by the chancellor, in consultation with an advisory committee that includes foster parents, representatives of statewide foster parent organizations, parent and relative/kinship care providers, county child welfare services representatives, and representatives of the State Department of Social Services.

(b) If a community college district accepts funds for this program, the district shall comply with all reporting requirements, guidelines, and other conditions for receipt of those funds established by the chancellor.

(c) Each college receiving funds for this program shall have a plan, developed in consultation with the county child welfare agency, for foster parent and relative/kinship care provider education that includes the provision of training to facilitate the development of foster family homes, as defined in Section 56155.5, that care for no more than six children who have special mental, emotional, developmental, or physical needs.

(d) The State Department of Social Services shall facilitate the participation of county welfare departments in the Foster Care Education Program.