



## **Request for Applications: Technical Assistance to Develop a Campus-based Support Program**

The Field Center, with support from the Philadelphia Foundation, is pleased to announce the availability of technical assistance to help area colleges and universities develop campus-based support programs for foster youth.

The Field Center has engaged Maddy Day, MSW, Director of Outreach and Training for Fostering Success Michigan and one of the nation's foremost experts in college-based support programs for foster youth, to provide on-site support for colleges and universities in the Greater Philadelphia area that are committed to addressing the unique needs of foster youth who pursue higher education. Up to four colleges or universities will be selected and have the opportunity to join the second cohort in the region to receive on-site consultation and technical assistance in addition to ongoing support and mentorship in the development of a campus support program for foster youth.

Campus Support Programs provide financial, academic, and other types of supports to help former foster youth succeed in college. This may include tuition assistance/scholarships, campus housing, a campus coach, meal plans, life skills training, mentorship, social enrichment, transportation, healthcare, and financial literacy. Campus support programs encourage a successful transition into adulthood, completion of a college degree, and career entry. Many of the resources that can successfully support foster youth already exist on campuses and can be accessed as part of a coordinated initiative.

Institutions who are interested are asked to complete a brief pre-application by February 16, accessible by emailing the Field Center at [fieldctr@sp2.upenn.edu](mailto:fieldctr@sp2.upenn.edu). In February, the full application will be sent to those who submit a pre-application. We anticipate technical assistance being provided in mid-June. Questions may be directed to Sarah Wasch, Field Center Program Manager, at [swasch@upenn.edu](mailto:swasch@upenn.edu) or 215.573.9989.

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