

# San Mateo County Guaranteed Income Pilot



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# San Mateo County Guaranteed Income Pilot Considerations

- ✓ Local scale
- ✓ Focus on populations in transition
- ✓ Complementary to existing services and supports
- ✓ Data/Metrics

# Background

## Statewide Guaranteed Income Pilot

Fiscal Year 2021-22 California State Budget allocated \$35M to seven Guaranteed Income (GI) pilot projects in California. San Francisco County is the only Bay Area jurisdiction that was selected for the statewide project. Since then, several Bay Area counties have developed their own GI pilots to include: Alameda, Napa, Marin and Santa Clara.

## General Challenges Faced by Foster Youth:

- **Unemployment**
  - **54%** (foster youth) vs. **20%** (general population)<sup>1</sup>
- **Homelessness**
  - **Over 24%** of respondents had experienced **homelessness**;
  - **36%** of respondents had **“couch-surfed”**<sup>2</sup>
- **Postsecondary Education**
  - **64%** (California) vs. **86%** (Nation)<sup>3</sup>



## Unique Challenges for San Mateo County Foster Youth:

- **High cost-of-living standards**
  - **33% (63,713)** of San Mateo County households lived below the self-sufficiency standard;
  - The average rent for a single adult alone is **\$2,920/month** in San Mateo County<sup>4</sup>

Data Sources:

<sup>1</sup> <https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/JCYOI-FromFosterHometoHomeless-2014.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://socialinnovation.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Foster-Youth-and-Homelessness-final-1.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.afs4kids.org/blog/foster-youth-education-in-california-what-you-need->

<sup>4</sup> <https://insightcced.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SanMateoCounty-FactSheet-FINAL.pdf>

# San Mateo County Foster Youth Outcomes At-a-Glance

## High School Graduation

As of June 2023, the anticipated graduation rate for Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) in SMC is **86%**<sup>5</sup>.

## Postsecondary Education

As of June 2023, **only 28% (11/39)** of current NMDs are enrolled in postsecondary education<sup>6</sup>.

## Residency

As of June 2023, **59% (23/39)** of NMDs reside outside of SMC<sup>7</sup>.

*Data Sources:*

<sup>5</sup> San Mateo County Children and Family Services Internal Database

<sup>6</sup> San Mateo County Children and Family Services Internal Database

<sup>7</sup> The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Report (June 1, 2023)

# Postsecondary Education Enrollment Outcome Comparison

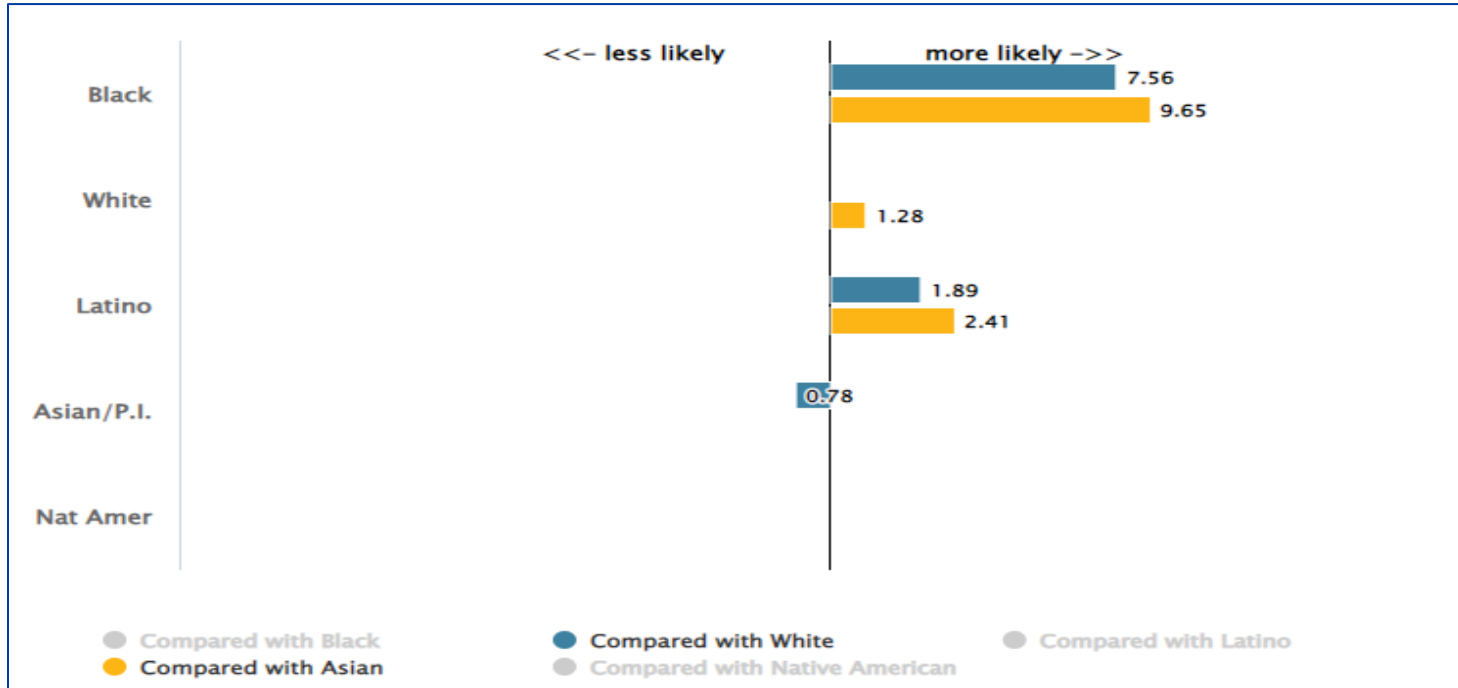
## Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education in CGR of Foster and non-Foster Youth In San Mateo County (2017 & 2018)

	High School Completers Enrolled in College (%)			
County	2017 Foster Youth	2017 Non-Foster Youth	2018 Foster Youth	2018 Non-Foster Youth
San Mateo	48	76.6	52.4	75.8
Statewide	46.8	65.3	48.3	64.5

*Data Source: Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) 2020 - Legislative Report*

# Disparities Among Foster Youth in SMC

## San Mateo County, In Care



Data Source: CWS/CMS 2022 Quarter 3 Extract

Black and Latino youth are more likely to experience long-term placement in foster care than Whites and Asians.

# Target Population

The San Mateo County (SMC) Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot targets **current and former San Mateo County foster youth** between the **ages of 18 – 22** at the onset of the program.

Transitioning youth who turn 18 during the course of the distribution period will receive the benefit and will be included in the study on a rolling basis.



# Methodology

## Cash Payment:

The SMC GI pilot program provides **\$1,000** per month for **18 months** to approximately **70 eligible current and former foster youth**.

## Additional Services Provided :

- **Benefit Counseling**
- **Mandatory Program Orientation**
- **Other Supportive Services**
  - Independent Living Program (ILP) Workshops
  - Case Management Services
  - Employment and Education Support
  - Housing Navigation

*Throughout the pilot, the designated ILP staff will provide support to their assigned GI participants regularly and support evaluation activities during and after the distribution period.*



# Pilot Objectives



**Improved Social  
Determinants of Health**



**Understand  
Influence on Safety  
Net Services and  
Other Benefits**



**Establish Bridge to  
Assembly Bill 525  
with Economic and  
Concrete Supports**

# Improved Social Determinants of Health

## Self-Sufficiency

**Greater** financial stability

**Higher** employment rate

## Housing

**Decrease** in homelessness

**Greater** housing security

## Food Security

**Greater** food security

## Health

**Decrease** in physical and mental health challenges

**Increase** in well-being

## Education

**Higher** education rates (e.g. high school completion and postsecondary enrollment)

## Other Domains

**Increased** transportation security

Receipt of **public benefits** and **child welfare involvement**

# Influence of GI on Safety Net Services and Other Benefits

- **Supplement** existing foster youth benefits
- **Reduce the administrative burden and complexity** to access services
- **Understand the interaction** between GI and other critical safety net benefits and services

# California Assembly Bill 525

California Assembly Bill 525 would **increase the NMD stipend** for certain youth **in high cost of living jurisdictions**. The calculation will be based on Fair Market Rent in each respective jurisdiction.

The legislation **affirms the additional economic needs of youth in high cost of living jurisdictions**.



# Evaluation

- **Randomized controlled trial** vs. **Serve all eligible foster youth**
- **Data collection via survey administration**
- **Analysis and Cross Comparison** with different level foster youth outcomes
- **Partnership** and **Co-Design** with an academic partner

# Proposed Budget

	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Total Program
Total Personnel (A)	\$ 76,483	\$ 81,150	\$ 43,055	\$ 200,687
Consultants / Contractors / Evaluation / Payment Disbursement Platform / Equipment and Supplies	\$ 125,000	\$ 121,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 307,000
Guaranteed Income Payments	\$ 420,000	\$ 840,000	\$ -	\$ 1,260,000
Total Direct Costs (B)	\$ 621,483	\$ 1,042,150	\$ 104,055	\$ 1,767,687
Total Indirect Costs (B x 15% = C)	\$ 93,222	\$ 156,323	\$ 15,608	\$ 265,153
Total Budget (B + C = D)	\$ 714,705	\$ 1,198,473	\$ 119,663	\$ 2,032,841
Total Funding Requirement (D - A = E)	\$ 638,222	\$ 1,117,323	\$ 76,608	\$ 1,832,153
-Funding from SVCF (F)				\$ 100,000
-Funding from WRAP trust fund (G)				\$ 1,000,000
<b>Net Funding Required (E - F - G = H)</b>				<b>\$ 732,153</b>

**Thank You!**

