

# b2b Learning Community

*In 2010, the Laney College, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Beyond Emancipation (B:E) collaborated to develop and implement the b2b Learning Community. The program is designed to support former foster youths' success and retention while enrolled at Laney College.*



B:E is a primary provider of services to emancipated foster youth in Alameda County. B:E's mission is to help current and former foster youth make successful transitions to adulthood and living independently.

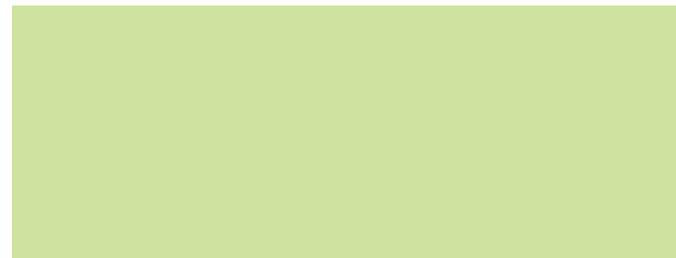
B:E's services— including comprehensive case management, educational support, employment services and transitional housing— support transition age youth on multiple pathways.

Through these services and more, B:E helps young people meet their basic needs, stabilize their lives, develop healthy connections and enduring relationships and become self-sufficient. B:E works with more than 800 youth ages 16-24 each year.



Laney College EOPS is a state-funded program whose primary goal is to encourage the enrollment, retention and transfer of low-income and educationally disadvantaged urban students. To achieve this goal, the EOPS program champions the advocacy effort to centralize college discourse on issues of race, equity and social justice.

The EOPS foster youth initiative at Laney College, seeks to develop a sustainable effort supporting the diverse needs of former foster youth. EOPS is moving beyond programmatic implementation and toward systemic change that looks at the intersection of institutional priorities, policy, and resource allocation.



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The b2b Learning Community is a collaboration between Laney Community College's EOPS program and Beyond Emancipation that has been designed to support former foster youth to enter and be successful at Laney Community College and to prepare for a satisfying and rewarding career.

Learn more online:

<http://www.laney.edu/wp/b2b-learning-community/>





## b2b Learning Community: Fall 2012

If you would like to find out more about b2b Learning community, please contact us. Please note that you will be asked to fill out an application, go through an interview process, and be screened for eligibility.

*Community College Pathways for Foster Youth (CCP) is a significant partner supporting our foster youth initiative at Laney College, EOPS. In addition to the CCP funding we receive, they also offer support and technical assistance to the b2b team. CCP is supported by the Walter S. Johnson Foundation, the Stuart Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.*

### Eligibility

- Former or current foster youth or probation youth
- GED or high school diploma
- Up to 25 years of age



### Services

- 2-week Summer orientation
- 4-semester looping cohort
- Cohort classes
- Case Management
- Academic Counseling
- Internships
- Break Activities
- Financial Assistance
- Scholarships
- Transportation Support
- Food pantry
- Team Building
- Graduation and transfer assistance
- Leadership Development

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