



Youth Education Support Newsletter

"Promoting Academic Success"



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Please Email your feedback, questions or stories to: youth.education.support@dcfs.lacounty.gov
Also visit us on LA Kids' Youth Education Support website. We look forward to hearing from you!!

Opportunities for Our Youth

The Kinship, Education & Mentoring Sections, would like to extend our warmest, heartfelt wishes to the wonderful staff and workers of DCFS! You have helped to make this one of the best years ever! We look forward to working with you in the upcoming New Year! Happy Holidays!



NextSteps is an innovative, technology-centered, life enrichment program, designed to help foster youth gain the necessary skills for a successful transition to adulthood.

They are a student-focused community of Mentors, Tutors & Volunteers, working together in an environment of mutual respect.

Youth, ages 14-18, are offered hands-on computer training, with real world applications, in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Mentors work side-by-side with each youth, to aid in lesson comprehension and retention, while building relationships that are life changing for both. The four core areas of focus are: computer literacy, writing proficiency, financial planning & understanding, and social interaction & life skills.

Classes are delivered in a workshop format, by caring and encouraging instructors. Classes are held on Thursday evenings, 3:30-7:30 pm (dinner included), at the *NextSteps* location: 336 E. Kelso St.; Inglewood 90301.

For more information, please call 310.673.1686, or email: nextsteps@mac.com



Enrichment Plus Award Recipients

A *huge* round of applause goes out to the following youth, who are all recipients of the Enrichment Plus Awards, which were given out on December 13, 2011:

- Rosa M., CSW Lenise Petrie
- Raven F., CSW Alla Kalyuzhny
- Taiwana M., CSW Nyema Sawyer
- Sasha B., CSW Nayema Sawyer
- Carlos G, Jr., CSW Lilia Garcia-Mora
- Zulema B., CSW Frances Cardona
- Karla P., CSW Gabriela Hernandez

Above and Beyond

Hip! Hip! Hooray! The following offices have entered 90% or more, of their children's school and grade level for this 2011-2012 academic year:

Family First Unit:	100%
Lancaster:	99%
West San Fernando Valley:	96%
Pasadena:	95%
Compton:	93%
Santa Clarita:	91%
Santa Fe Springs	91%



Congratulations to our Top Offices!



We are always so proud of our little geniuses!