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Youth in Foster Care No Longer Have to Change Schools, Even If They Move

Many of the parents experienced failure during their own school days and are reluctant to set foot inside their children's schools.

How Children's Foster Care Experiences Affect their Education

Surveys of foster children have identified building a sense of community and maintaining peer groups as important factors in their development.

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Many foster children could benefit from the opportunity to attend a higher-quality school of choice. For example, former foster children have identified the need for more life-skills instruction to help to prepare them for the transition to independence in adulthood. The American Legislative Exchange Council has created model legislation to provide opportunity scholarships to children in foster care.

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Early warning signs of these problems appear in the classroom, where foster children are typically behind their peers academically. The result, in too many cases, is misunderstanding, mistrust, and a lack of respect, so that when a child falls behind, teachers blame the parents and parents blame the teachers.

How Children's Foster Care Experiences Affect their Education

Why Foster Children Need Better Educational Opportunities Understanding the need to improve educational opportunities for children in foster care begins by understanding the foster care system. For example, the Vera Institute of Justice reports that in New York City between 1995 and 1999, 42 percent of children changed schools within 30 days of entering foster care, based on statistics provided by the city's child welfare agency.

Foster Care Children Need Better Educational Opportunities

Perhaps most important, parents can simply take the time to go to their schools and observe, learning about what their children and their children's teachers are doing.

Foster Care Children Need Better Educational Opportunities

A specialized school like this could employ teachers and counselors who are trained and prepared to meet foster children's unique needs. Some children ultimately are returned to their birth families or placed for adoption. Meeting the cultural needs of ethnic minority children placed in foster care has been identified by researchers as an important factor to consider.

Fostering

Unaided, foster care parents in the focus group suggested that school vouchers to help foster children attend private schools would help to address some of these common problems but that these programs should be structured to incorporate transportation costs and other practical needs. This could help to provide a sense of belonging and community for foster children, who often lack strong social networks at home.

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