



East Bay Campus-based Support Programs for Formerly Incarcerated College Students



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Corrections to College

Pathways to sustainable futures and better lives

Programs that are emerging on the campuses of California's two and four year public colleges and universities support the success of formerly incarcerated and justice systems impacted students. The engagement and leadership of the students themselves is key to the success of these programs.

By the winter of 2017/2018 these programs were in various stages of development on six of the twelve public campuses in Alameda County and Contra Costa County. Programs in San Francisco are included because a significant number of East Bay students attend the SF colleges that have programs. Through the cooperation of several of the programs and community partners, the East Bay consortium of Support Programs for Formerly incarcerated College Students has been created. It will be a forum to work toward program sustainability and to build the capacity to impact reentry programs and justice systems reform.

This directory is intended to serve as a resource guide for these important programs. For a statewide listing of programs, check Opportunity Institute's online directory:

◇ <http://correctionstocollegeca.org/program-directory>

An excellent 2015 report produced by the UC Berkeley School of Law and Stanford Law School gives a history and statewide overview of these programs:

◇ *Degrees of Freedom, Expanding College Opportunities for Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Californians*

(https://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/DegreesofFreedom2015_FullReport.pdf)

For schools not listed contact the EOPS (Extended Opportunity Program & Services) or EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) office to see what special services, learning communities or student clubs and organizations are offered to support student success.

Restoring Our Communities

Laney College

Address: Building E - Room 203

900 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94607

Website: laney.edu/restoringourcommunities

Email: rchung@peralta.edu

Phone: (510) 464-3411

Hours: M-Th, 9:00am-4:00pm

Restoring Our Communities (ROC) is a program designed by formerly incarcerated people to serve formerly incarcerated and justice systems impacted students.

ROC features a pathways model into Career Technical Education, AA degree, and 4-year transfer, where participants are provided both material support and

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services
- ✓ book, meal and transportation support

Student Goals

We want to support participants' navigation through college pathways: Career and Technical Education (CTE), Associate degrees (AA), and 4-year Transfer (or all three). Participants are invited to contribute to Restoring Our Communities, as well as be part of the larger integrated reentry efforts both city and county wide. Prospective members should be formerly incarcerated and justice/systems impacted students.

Staff

Director: Roger Viet Chung

Equity Specialist: Alejandra Landin

Outreach and Retention: Vincent Garrett

Ambassador Coordinator: Violeta Alvarez

Street Scholars Peer Mentoring Program

Merritt College

Address: Building P - Room 112
12500 Campus Dr., Oakland, CA 94619

Website: www.gambleinstitute.org

Email: info@gambleinstitute.org

Phone: (510) 436-2504

Hours: M-Th, 9:00am-5:00pm

The Gamble Institute's (TGI) mission is to work with community members to provide authentic peer mentoring and post-secondary academic support and implement research projects that create meaningful knowledge to improve conditions for formerly incarcerated adults and their families.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services
- ✓ transfer counseling and assistance

Student Goals

We strive to make sure students have no failing grades or incompletes, no negative contact with law enforcement, and no substance abuse relapses that disrupt their academic program. Prospective scholars should be enrolled or have a desire to enroll as a Peralta Community College District student.

Staff

Director: Ronald Moss

Assistant Director: Earthy Young

Student Leader: Drew Gabriel

Coordinator of Tutoring Services: Brandon Hargrave

New D.R.E.A.M.

College of Alameda

Address: EOPS Office

555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway, Alameda, CA 94501

Website: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/new-dream>

Email: tmking@peralta.edu

Phone: (510) 748-5288

Hours: M-Tu, 8:30am-4:00pm; Th, 8:30am-11:30pm

NEW D.R.E.A.M. coincides with the mission, vision, and values of the College of Alameda by empowering and supporting a diverse learning community. This program provides supportive services to our students by removing barriers to continuing educational and career opportunities through utilizing Academic Excellence, Budgetary Competence, and Community Engagement. By serving educational needs of our diverse student population and providing comprehensive and flexible programs, we are assisting students in re-establishing themselves in life. We strive to assist students as they achieve self-awareness and self-empowerment.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services

Student Goals

We strive to have students maintain good academic standing (2.00 GPA) per semester. Prospective students should be formerly incarcerated men and women and those who are currently on parole or probation. Participants must also be clean and sober.

Staff

Coordinator/Counselor: Tracy King

Open Gate

Chabot College

Address: Building 700 (Across from Transfer Center)

25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545

Website: www.opengateinc.com

Email: mildred@opengateinc.com

Phone: (510) 638-7113

Hours: M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm

Open Gate, Inc. is dedicated to reaching members of our community who were formerly incarcerated and to guiding and facilitating them to purposeful college education and targeted vocational training.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services
- ✓ provides: transportation (bus/BART passes), snacks, school, supplies, and books

Student Goals

We want students to enter local community colleges and the California University system to gain Associate and Bachelor Degrees, or enter training courses in skilled trades leading to full-time employment, a living wage and a fulfilling career. Prospective students should be formerly incarcerated individuals.

Staff

Director: Mildred McKinney

President: Denise Richardson

RISE Restorative Integrated Self-Education

Chabot College

Address: Building 700 - Room 752E

25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545

Website: www.chabotcollege.edu/apss/rise/

Email: risechabot@gmail.com

Phone: (510) 723-7678

Hours: M-Th, 10:00am-2:00pm

As a RISE scholar, you have access to staff and support services, school supplies, regular community meetings and study sessions, activities and events.

Ultimately, RISE is here to ensure you achieve your educational goals and feel supported along the way.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services
- ✓ snacks, community building activities, disabled student resources/counseling, and substance abuse support.

Student Goals

The program enrolls and supports low-risk inmates who are released on probation to gain the skills to reenter society and their community through education and career training. Prospective students should be willing to participate, have a positive attitude, and be a team player.

Staff

Facilitator: Dr. Stacy Thompson, V. P., Academic Services

Dean: Amy Mattern

Program Coordinator: Troy Williams

Faculty Leads: Michael Thompson & Stephanie Zappa

Education Transition Support Services

Contra Costa College

Address: 2600 Mission Bell Dr, San Pablo, CA 94803

Website: www.contracosta.edu

Email: delawrence@contracosta.edu

Phone: (510) 215-3894

Hours: M-F, 8:30am - 5:00pm

Our goal is to provide access and support to formerly incarcerated students.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ night classes, short term, online, day, and evening classes
- ✓ grants for materials and books when available
- ✓ financial support services
- ✓ career development
- ✓ 18 technical education programs
- ✓ 118 degrees and certificate programs available

Student Goals

We want students to improve career attainability through education. Prospective members should be students at Contra Costa College.

Staff

Adult and Alternative Education Transition Specialist

Demetria Lawrence

Underground Scholars Initiative

UC Berkeley

Address: Stiles Hall - Room 61 (Inside the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union) 2400 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

Website: undergroundscholars.org

Email: undergroundscholars@berkeley.edu

Phone: (510) 643-2226

Hours: M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm

Our goal is to increase the population of formerly incarcerated people in higher education. We aim to break the stigma of incarceration by educating people on prison policies and creating a robust prison to school pipeline.

Program Services

- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services
- ✓ opportunities for policy work and campus/community organizing
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ political education workshops
- ✓ correspondance with currently incarcerated population
- ✓ research positions that critique the carceral state

Student Goals

We want students to graduate from the university and develop the necessary skills that will prepare them for their future professional career. We expect students to attend an orientation as well as attend general membership meetings.

Staff

Director: Violeta Alvarez

Outreach Coordinator: Caleb Martinez

Project Rebound, ASI & Regional Hub

San Francisco State University

Address: Cesar Chavez Student Center, T-161

1650 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132

Website: www.preexpanded.org

Email: jmtomsky@asi.sfsu.edu

Phone: (415) 405-0954

Hours: M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm

We aim to support living examples of successful reintegration and higher-education equity in a college setting through advocacy and service. We are building upon the model at SFSU by expanding to additional California State University (CSU) campuses with help from The Opportunity Institute, the CSU Chancellor's Office, and Associated Students at San Francisco State.

Program Services

- ✓ peer support/mentoring
- ✓ leadership development
- ✓ tutoring for member students
- ✓ navigation assistance of campus systems
- ✓ referral to community reentry services

Student Goals

We want ALL students to receive the individual support needed to fully matriculate and ultimately graduate from the CSU system. Goals are on a student-to-student basis. Prospective students must have incarceration history and have academic eligibility.

Staff

Regional Director: Jason Bell

Director: Curtis Penn

Regional Assistant: Jenna Tomsky

Office Coordinator: Joseph Miles

Data Specialist: Jared Walker

Way Pass Women's Aftercare Program

San Francisco City College

Address: Multi-Use Building MUB 301-C
50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Way-Pass-Program-at-City-College-of-San-Francisco-257397767633148/>

Email: waypass@gmail.com

Phone: (415) 452-4889

Hours: M-Th, Noon - 5:00pm

The Way Pass Program serves formerly incarcerated women at SFCC. It is a bridge for transitioning from incarceration to education. Way Pass strives to help women students increase retention and educational completion rates.

Program Services

- ✓ outreach & support
- ✓ assistance with enrollment & registration
- ✓ case management
- ✓ informal counseling
- ✓ support groups & workshops
- ✓ referrals to student supportive services
- ✓ referrals to community reentry services

Student Goals

We address the unique needs of self-identified women who are formerly incarcerated. We serve women coming home from prisons, jails, and drug programs. It is our belief that education is the best alternative to incarceration and it is our desire to assist our sisters in their academic endeavors.

Staff

Director: Phoebe Vanderhorst

Resources & Opportunities

Reentry support services are available in both Alameda County and Contra Costa County. Services include housing, wellness, workforce readiness & employment, mentoring and legal aid. There are also opportunities to participate in reentry policy forums and to engage in advocacy for justice systems reform.

Alameda County

Direct Service

The Probation Department publishes a reentry resource guide with a partial listing of services.

◇ <http://www.acgov.org/probation/documents/Re-EntryResourceGuide-partiallist.pdf>

Public Policy & Advocacy

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) monitors reentry programs, policy and budget for AB 109 prison realignment in the county. They serve as an advisory body to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). The CAB is made up of three representatives from each of the five Supervisorial Districts. At least one representative from each district has to be a formerly incarcerated person.

The CCP Executive Committee and its workgroups meet regularly and are open for public attendance and participation.

The county's reentry coordinator, Neola Crosby, is available to provide additional information on services, the CAB and CCP meeting times.

◇ **Email:** neola.crosby@acgov.org

◇ **Phone:** (510) 268-4145

The Justice Reinvestment Coalition of Alameda County (JRC/AC) advocates for justice systems reform. The JRC's membership is composed of sixteen advocacy and policy oriented community based organizations.

◇ **Website:** <http://www.jrcac.org/>

Contra Costa County

Direct Service

- Reentry Success Center
 - ◇ Address: 912 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94801
 - ◇ Phone: (510) 679-2122
 - ◇ Website: <http://reentrysuccess.org/>

Public Policy & Advocacy

- Reentry Solutions Group (West County)
 - ◇ Website: <http://reentrysolutionsgroup.org>
 - ◇ Email: rebecca@reentrysolutionsgroup.org
- Contra Costa Reentry Network for Returning Citizens (Central and East County)
 - ◇ Website: <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/5220/Reentry-Network>
- Donte Blue, Contra Costa County Reentry Coordinator, can provide additional information on services and CCP meeting times.
 - ◇ Email: donte.blue@cao.cccounty.us
 - ◇ Phone: (925) 335-1977

211 & One Degree -

211 provides information over the phone about housing, health and human services 24 hours a day/7 days a week 365 days a year. 211 databases for each county are also available online through a Google search.

◇ Phone: 211

One Degree provides information on services for anyone, anywhere, anytime.

◇ Website: <https://www.1degree.org/>

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Urban Strategies Council is a research and advocacy organization dedicated to social, economic and racial equity. We work to hold institutions and systems accountable to community needs.

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