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Road to Success



**An educational
support program for
ACS-affected parents;
funded by the Child
Welfare Fund,
administered by the
Child Welfare
Organizing Project**

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What is the Road2Success Program?

Road2Success is a two-year educational support program that provides individual and group support to ACS-affected parents who are pursuing, or would like to pursue, higher education in New York City.



Why Higher Education?

We believe that improved access to higher education for parents affected by ACS will lead to advanced educational credentials that, in turn, will help parents to compete for more powerful leadership positions. Additionally, we believe that earning advanced educational credentials will improve parents' life opportunities. Out of these beliefs, the idea of an educational support program, conceptualized and funded by the Child Welfare Fund, emerged. This new program is going one step further to empower **all** ACS-affected parents in NYC.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

“ACS-affected parents”

- Parents who have had children placed in foster care
- Current and former clients of preventive service programs
- Parents who have been subjects of an ACS investigation, irrespective of the outcome
- Parents who were placed in foster care as children
- Kinship foster parents

ACS-affected parents who:

- Are currently enrolled in college
 - Have some college experience
- Have no college experience
 - Have a high school diploma or G.E.D.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The design of the program is “customized” to provide support to each participant. Types of support needed may include:

- Help in identifying college programs that best suit the parents’ interests
- Finding sources of tuition support, including direct tuition support as needed, financial aid, grants, and scholarships
- Help with books and supplies, child care, and transportation
- Tutoring and mentoring
- On-going peer support
- Developing mutually supportive relationships with school personnel & administrators



Child Welfare Organizing Project Background

The Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP) is a self-help and advocacy organization of New York City parents involved with the public child welfare system. CWOP has offices in East Harlem (Manhattan) and Highbridge (Bronx). Road2Success grew out of CWOP’s advocacy and experience working with Parent Advocates.

Since its inception in 1994, CWOP has been empowering parents by providing them with the knowledge, skills, and a network of support needed to successfully negotiate the family court and foster care systems, preserve or reunite their families, and to function collectively as a positive force for system change. We have trained more than 100 parents for child welfare staff roles through our Parent Leadership Curriculum.

