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EOC Community Partner Spotlight



Immerse Arkansas believes that the challenges facing young adults transitioning from foster care to adulthood are best viewed in terms of broken relationships. These 4 core relationships are a relationship with God, Self, Others, and Society. When even one of these relationships is in a fractured state, a person will live in conflict with themselves and the world around them. But when all four relationships are in harmony, young adults can experience wholeness.

Through a 3-phased process we call Prepare-->Connect-->Succeed, Immerse partners with young adults who are transitioning out of foster care to repair broken relationships and experience a life marked by peace and purpose. Everything a youth does with Immerse is aimed at mending his or her relationship with God, Self, Others and Society in order that they might experience successful interdependence in the community.

Prepare: Transitional Coaches are at the front lines of what they do. They work with young adults to empower them to learn how to live successful and interdependent lives. During the Prepare phase, coaches help young adults stay on a track to achieve goals. Transitional coaches help young adults to see that dreams are within their reach.

Connect: Young adults in this phase have greater freedom in choosing how they will participate in the program. The focus during this phase is to connect--connect with the community, connect with themselves, connect with God and connect with a sustainable support network. Transitional Coaching during the "Connect" phase is focused on promoting opportunities for the young adult to experience life independent of "the system," while still having a strong safety net.

Succeed: Young adults in this phase will soon be alumni of Immerse. Their lives are marked by consistent employment with a single employer and/or enrollment in college or other post secondary school.

For more information, visit www.immersearkansas.org/

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Financial Aid Changes



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On Sept. 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) process that will impact millions of students. Starting with the 2017--18 application cycle, the following changes will be put in place:

SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER: Students will be able to submit a 2017-18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The 2016-17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION: Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will be required to report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

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Things to Do

TRIO Student Support Services Program

Student Support Services (SSS) seeks to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. The goal of the program is to increase participants' college persistence, support them through graduation, and facilitate the transition from one level of higher education to the next. For more information about the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's SSS program contact Ge Chen at 501.569.3052 and for more information about the Pulaski Technical College SSS/ TRIO Scholars program contact Mary Kate Snow at 501.812-2721.

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The Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded TRIO program that assists adults ages 19 and above and U.S. veterans to enroll in and complete a postsecondary education program. All services are provided free of charge to participants who meet the eligibility requirements.

Services provided

- Academic Assistance
- Career Assistance
- Enrollment Counseling
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Computer Lab

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