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***COLLEGE ACCESS RESOURCES  
FOR UNDERSERVED  
STUDENTS***

# COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

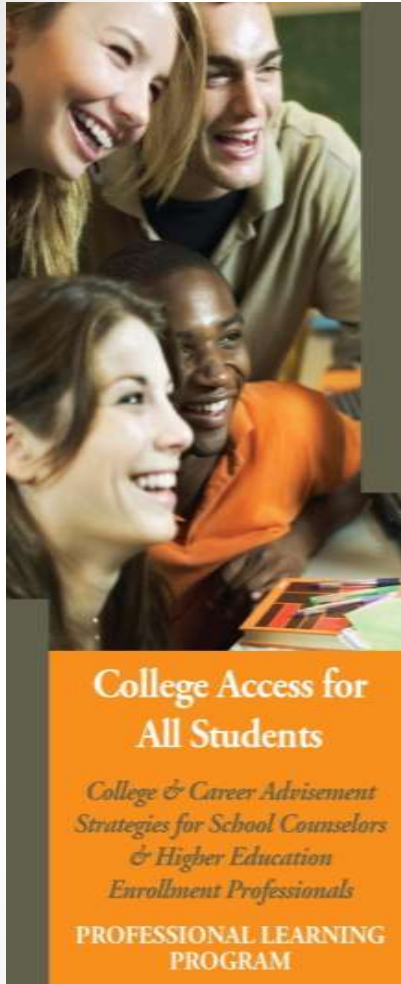


- *Grant Implementation led by The University System of Georgia on behalf of the Governor's Office.*
- *Grant Partners Include:*
  1. *Technical College System of Georgia*
  2. *Georgia Department of Education*
  3. *Georgia Student Finance Commission*
  4. *Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education*
  5. *Communities in Schools of Georgia*
  6. *Southern Regional Education Board*

# CACG GOALS

- 1) To increase the number of underrepresented students who graduate from Georgia high schools ready, supported and motivated to go into postsecondary education.
- 2) To increase the number of underrepresented students enrolled and persisting in postsecondary education.
- 3) To increase the college degree attainment of low-income adults with some college credits but no degree.

# COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES



- The **College Access: Creating a College-Going Culture Modules** were developed to provide high quality, online professional learning for certified middle grade and high school counselors and postsecondary enrollment professionals.
- For more information, please visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>.

# *Strategies for Counselors in College and Career Advising*

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## Module 1

- Introduction
- Advocacy/Creating a college-going culture
- Communicating with diverse populations

## Module 2

- Career Planning
- Academic Planning
- College Choice

## Module 3

- Financial Literacy
- Financial Aid
- Admissions Tests
- Application Process



# ***Module IV: College and Career Advising for the Middle Grades***

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- **Understand barriers that cause students to disengage and strategies to mitigate them**
- **Begin career awareness early**
- **Use career interests and personal aptitudes to foster academic engagement**
- **Help students develop an academic plan and make a smooth transition to high school**
- **Help students understand college choices and the college application process**

# COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES

## Register Online Now for January

- Registration fee reimbursed after completion of each module (\$100).
- Stipend of \$500 awarded to participant for completion of all three modules.



College Access for  
All Students

*College & Career Advisement  
Strategies for School Counselors  
& Higher Education  
Enrollment Professionals*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING  
PROGRAM



University System of Georgia • Technical College System of Georgia  
Georgia Independent College Association • Communities in Schools  
Georgia Student Finance Commission • Georgia Department of Education  
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education



- The Georgia Apply to College program has the goal of providing all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college using [GAcolllege411.org](http://GAcolllege411.org).
- Check with your local schools to confirm your participation.
- For more information, please visit <http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college>, email [gacw@usg.edu](mailto:gacw@usg.edu) or call 404-962-3110.






- The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to enhance GAcollege411. The site offers the following:
  - Career Planning
  - High School Planning
  - College Planning
  - Financial Aid Planning
  - Financial Literacy – LIFE SENSE
  - Resume Builder
  - SAT PREP
  - Info for Adult Learners and Military
- For more information or to schedule a GACollege411 presentation or training for your staff or students, please visit [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) or email [clientservices@gsfc.org](mailto:clientservices@gsfc.org).





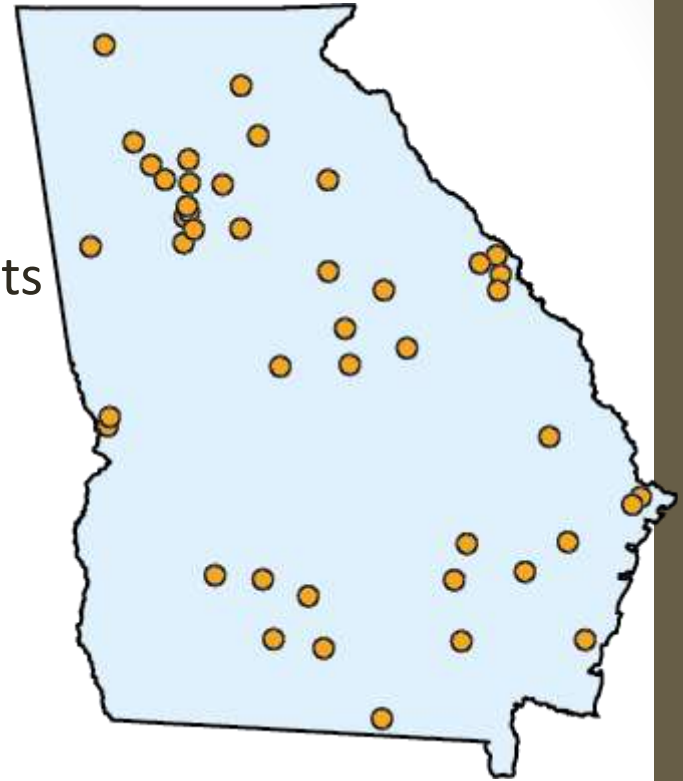
- The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to assist Georgia Student Finance Commission's completion of **Financial Aid and FAFSA Events and College Goal Georgia Events.**

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- For more information or to schedule a financial aid presentation, please visit [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) or email [clientservices@gsfc.org](mailto:clientservices@gsfc.org).



# COLLEGE GOAL GEORGIA

- Part of the national College Goal Sunday initiative, is sponsored by the [Georgia Student Finance Commission](#) (GSFC)
- FREE event where volunteers help students and families who need assistance in completing their FAFSA, with a particular focus on helping low-income, first-generation families.
- Learn more at <http://collegegoalga.com/>.



# ENCOURAGE FAFSA COMPLETION

- Attend or Host College Goal Georgia event
- Host your own Financial Aid event
- Conduct a Financial Aid workshop at your local high school
- FLOTUS FAFSA completion and Near Peer Reach Higher Commencement Challenges



# COLLEGE DECISION/SIGNING DAY!



## WHAT IS IT?

- A day/event to celebrate students' success and commitment to postsecondary education
- Encourages awareness among younger students
- Encourages early return of "Intent to Enroll" and deposits for college
- Hosted by high school
- Inspired by NCAA's Signing Day



# COLLEGE DECISION/SIGNING DAY!

## WHY?

- Recognize ALL seniors for postsecondary plans
- Supports best match & fit
- Encourage & remind students to make a decision
- Influences younger students
- Supports college-going culture
- Wrap up school year with a celebration
- It's fun!



# COLLEGE DECISION/SIGNING DAY!



## WHAT'S NEEDED FROM INSTITUTIONS?

- Send a representative (Admissions, Registrar, Mascot, President, etc.) to welcome your incoming freshmen class and scholarship recipients
- Bring a scholarship check if students are receiving a big scholarship from your institution
- SWAG for your future students to wear and door prizes





# *College Credit Now*

**Dual  
Enrollment**  
Accel and Hope  
Grant

**Joint  
Enrollment**  
No HS credit

**Residential  
Programs**

**Articulated  
Credit**  
Technical College  
Only

**Move On  
When  
Ready**

**Early  
Colleges**



# Benefits of College Credit Now

- Increased high school completion
- Expanded course offerings
- Jump start on college completion
- College preparedness – smoother transition
- Less remediation
- Job skill acquisition
- Increased wages
- Savings in college costs





# COLLEGE TEXTBOOK GRANTS

Book Grants to dual enrollment students in Early College, Move on When Ready, and GED Dual Enrollment programs are available to fund college textbook costs not covered through Georgia's dual enrollment funding.

Schools with low income students currently enrolled in these programs can contact the appropriate program directors: **Early College – Dawn Cooper** ([dawn.cooper@usg.edu](mailto:dawn.cooper@usg.edu)), **Hope Grant/MOWR – Dianne Lassai Barker** ([dbarker@tcsg.edu](mailto:dbarker@tcsg.edu)) and **GED Dual Enrollment – Carla DeBose** ([CDeBose@tcsg.edu](mailto:CDeBose@tcsg.edu)) for more information.





# NEAR PEER PROGRAM

- The **Near Peer Program** provides college coaches/mentors for “high-need” high school students to help ensure they receive the services needed to successfully apply to and enroll in a postsecondary institution.
- For more information on this strategy, please email [dawn.cooper@usg.edu](mailto:dawn.cooper@usg.edu).
- The following USG institutions have Near Peer Programs
  - Georgia Regents University-  
Augusta
  - Atlanta Metropolitan College-  
Atlanta
  - University of North Georgia -  
Gainesville
  - Dalton State College-Dalton
  - University of Georgia-Athens
  - Fort Valley State University –  
Fort Valley
  - Georgia Tech - Atlanta
  - Albany State University - Albany
  - Georgia Southwestern State  
University - Americus

- The **Georgia Transfer Articulation Portal** will provide a one stop portal where students can find information on how to transfer and articulate courses and credits within and between the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia.
- The portal will contain the information institutions have about which courses articulate between institutions and make that information transparent to students.
- For more information, email [daphene.blackmon@usg.edu](mailto:daphene.blackmon@usg.edu).





- The **CACG Public Awareness Campaign** supports all grant strategies by providing tools to promote the availability of resources.
- Materials that have been developed include but are not limited to logos, videos, banners, flyers, buttons and billboards.
- To view college access videos, please visit <http://vimeo.com/7597084>. To order any other free materials to support CACG strategies or for more information on these materials, please email [collegeaccessitems@usg.edu](mailto:collegeaccessitems@usg.edu).

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Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services

Discover your

# GOAL

Georgia Opportunities for Adult Learners



**YOU . COLLEGE . NOW .**  
 TAKE YOUR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. NOW IS THE TIME.

Sign up NOW.  
**GACollege411.org**  
*Expand Your Opportunities*

- Talk to your Counselors and your Teachers
- Get your parents Connected to the process
- Sign up at [GACollege411.org](http://GACollege411.org)
- Become a fan of our Facebook page

Check out schools at:  
**usg.edu and tcsg.edu**

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## Why Not You?

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**It's within your Reach**

**Apply to College**

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## Take the 1st Step to Success

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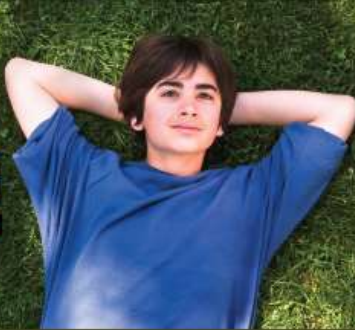
## Make Your Dream a Reality

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# Middle School PLANNING CHECKLIST



It is Never Too Early To Start Planning For Your Future.

The state of Georgia provides the GCollege411 website with resources to begin planning for college and future career goals. Using GCollege411 and this checklist makes planning for your future simple.

## SIXTH GRADE CHECKLIST



### CREATE A GCollege411 ACCOUNT

If your school hasn't already created an account for you then you can do it yourself. To create an account:

1. Go to GCollege411 homepage
2. Click on Create an Account
3. Select Middle School or Junior High School Student
4. Enter your birth date
5. Click on Find and scroll down to find your school (look for the full name of your school)
6. Select the year of your high school graduation
7. Enter an account name you will be able to remember such as student ID number and last name and then a password that you will remember such as your birth date



### TAKE A CAREER ASSESSMENT

During your 6th grade year you should take at least one Career Assessment. This will help you begin to discover the career path that is right for you based on your personality and interests. You have SIX to choose from:

- Career Cluster Survey
- The Career Key
- Basic Skills Survey
- Interest Profiler
- Work Values Sorter
- Transferable Skills Checklist

When you find careers that interest you, add them to your portfolio.



Begin developing good study habits and maintaining good grades. You can also take advantage of extracurricular activities and other academic opportunities. All these

## HOPE Program SUMMARY

### HOPE Scholarship

- Students must graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission for a college prep diploma or a 3.2 for a career tech diploma. Students graduating under the single diploma type must have a 3.0 GPA as calculated by GSEPC.
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in college.
- If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, they may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time.
- The HOPE Scholarship will not pay for remedial or developmental courses.
- A student may receive the HOPE Scholarship until the first of these events:
  - The student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree;
  - The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 160 quarter hours or 127 semester hours;
  - The student has received a total of combined payments of 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours from the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and Award Program (Award payments made beginning with Fall 2011 term are excluded from the 127 hour cap); or
  - Beginning with those students receiving HOPE for the first time on or after July 1, 2011, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent provided, however, that for a student that serves an active duty in the military during such seven-year period such active duty service time will be avoided back to the seven years.
- The HOPE Scholarship will pay:
  - At an eligible public postsecondary institution, for FY2012, a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year. In subsequent years, the award amount will be a percentage of the immediately preceding year's HOPE Award Amount (view the chart on GCollege411 to find award amount).
  - At an eligible private postsecondary institution, a percentage amount of the HOPE award amount for private colleges.

### Rigor Requirements

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2015, they must pass 2 courses from the following types of courses:

- Advanced Math
- Advanced Science
- Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects
- International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects
- Core subjects taken at a University System of Georgia (USG) Institution; or
- Advanced Foreign Language

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2016, they must pass 3 courses.

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2017,



# What Are You Going To Do After High School?

Is college in your plans?

Or, are you thinking about a certificate program at a technical school?

Or, maybe you plan to get a job?

You can find information to help with any of these options at



## GSFAPPS Instructions

USE GSFAPPS TO APPLY FOR MOST STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS (INCLUDING HOPE)

Go to GCollege411.org

First create a GCollege411 account by clicking on "Create an Account" at the top right of the homepage.

### SET UP YOUR PROFILE

#### STEP 1 of 3 – Who Are You?

- Click on "GO" next to the appropriate choice (Middle or Junior High School Student, High School Student, College Student, Adult, or Parent)

#### STEP 2 of 3

- Use pull down menu for your month and day of birth and type in the 4-digit year. Type in your full school name or choose find to choose from the list of schools already in the database.

- Click **Next** at the bottom of the page.

Please note, if you are not asked to enter your date of birth you will need to add it to your Profile.

#### STEP 3 of 3

- Type in your name
- Use pull down menu for Year of high school graduation
- Type in your E-mail address (if you don't have an E-mail address, you can choose to create a GCollege411.org

# COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST



## GCollege411.org

GCollege411.org is your one-stop website for High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Career Planning. You can keep track of your high school classes, and you can also apply to colleges and universities in Georgia (and some out of state), fill out your HOPE Scholarship application and build your resume for job searching once you graduate.

## PLAN YOUR STEPS

There is so much to do in high school – let GCollege411 help you navigate through the steps. This checklist can help you know what you need

## NINTH GRADE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Update Your Profile within Your Portfolio to reflect that you are now a High School Student and create a connection to your high school.
- ✓ With the Career Planning tool to explore careers and save 3 new careers in Your Portfolio.
- ✓ Meet with your counselor to go over Your Plan of Study in the High School Planning section.
- ✓ Explore Programs and Majors and start thinking about what you might want to major in in college.
- ✓ Set short-term goals for yourself – academics, career, or personal. You can enter these in Your Portfolio.
- ✓ Check out Prepare for College in the College Planning section to find out what your postsecondary options are. For help with picking the right college, as well as college entrance requirements.
- ✓ Use the College Savings Calculator under Financial Aid Planning to help figure out how much you need to start saving – or continue to save – for college.
- ✓ Explore extracurricular activities in your school and community and record your participation in Your Experience.

## TENTH GRADE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Meet with your counselor to review Your Plan of Study to be sure you're still on track.
- ✓ Learn about the College Credit Now options to help you discover how to earn college credit while still in high school.
- ✓ Take the PSAT in October.
- ✓ Talk to your counselor about the tests you'll need for college admissions and take advantage of the FREE test prep available in the College Test Prep section.
- ✓ Start exploring colleges in Georgia and nationwide to find schools that interest you and save your top choices to Your Portfolio.
- ✓ Continue to track your GPA eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship at Your HOPE GPA.
- ✓ Keep volunteering and participating in extracurricular activities such as sports and school organizations.

Get on track!



What is financial aid?

What determines financial aid eligibility?



How do I apply?



What will I qualify for?

# Paying For College

Student Loan and Financial Aid Information

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



- The **Community Engagement Strategy** is promoting the importance of a postsecondary education among underrepresented persons throughout the state through robust community events. This strategy enables community groups to assist local educators and students by providing resources and information and sponsoring events. For more information on community engagement events, please contact [creynolds@cisgeorgia.org](mailto:creynolds@cisgeorgia.org).



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS

- **CIS of Atlanta-NEW PARTNER**
- **(CIS) Douglas County Performance Learning Center**
- **Center for Pan Asian and Community Services**
- **CIS of Marietta/Cobb County**
- **CIS of Milledgeville/Baldwin County**
- **CIS of Laurens County**
- **Family Connection of Washington County & CIS**

# MOTIVATIONAL MODULES

- The Motivational Modules, are a comprehensive resource containing critical messages that schools and communities can instill in the minds of PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade college bound students and parents regarding the accessibility and importance of college and careers.
- For more information and training on how to use the modules  
[http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/volunteer\\_resource/index.cfm](http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/volunteer_resource/index.cfm).



# Children need a positive attitude toward school.



**Show them that you think learning is important.**

**Frequently share your dream of their going to college.**

# File now; smile later.

- Create a filing system to keep track of important documents such as:
  - **Medical, dental, and shot (immunization) records**
  - **Health and car insurance information**
  - **Financial aid documents**
- Create a personal portfolio with copies of:
  - **Writing samples and projects**
  - **Resumés and cover letters**
  - **Letters of recommendation**



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# SUMMER MELT FOR UNDERSERVED STUDENTS

- Not the Financial Aid Term
- “College Intending” students who’ve been accepted but fail to attend college in the fall
- Melt Rate: 10-40% of students each year
- Mostly low and moderate-income students or lower academic achievement
- Low income students have much higher “melt” rates

# SUMMER MELT FOR UNDERSERVED STUDENTS

- Signing on to the College Portal
- Tuition Bill
- Health Insurance
- Housing Applications
- Financial Aid Forms
- Orientation Invitation
- Placement Exams Info

# Use School Partnerships

- Provide aggregate reports on the total number of students from that district or school who paid a deposit vs. the total number that enroll so they will know the percent “melting.”
- Call, text or meet with “college-intending” students over the summer to avoid missing key summer benchmarks
- Near-Peer Mentor Intervention: Utilize currently enrolled students/mentors for outreach over summer.
- Utilize Social Media and You tube videos encouraging students to complete key tasks over the summer
- Conduct Engaging Summer Bridge Programs

# SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS





# Why Summer Bridge?

## Postsecondary Institutions

- Increase Retention and Graduation Rates
- Increase Diversity



# Why Summer Bridge?

## Students

### Better Prepared to Succeed

- Academically
- Socially
- Professionally



# University of West Georgia

## Uwise Summer Bridge Program



- Two Week Program
- Freshmen interested in STEM majors
- Eligible for \$300 Stipend
- Free Housing and Meal Plan

# Uwise Summer Bridge Program Evaluation



- Out-performed non-Bridge students in MATH 1634, CHEM 1212, BIOL 1107, BIOL 1108, and BIOL 2107
- Statistically Significant increase in mean pre-test and post-test scores
- 34% of students have increased interest in STEM major

# Georgia State University Summer Success Academy



- Individualized study skills and learning-style assessments
- Academic Skills Workshops
- Peer Mentoring
- Introduction to key faculty and staff

# East Georgia State College Summer Jump Start Academy



- Faculty Mentor
- Student Success Course
- Learning Communities in English & Math
- Tutoring
- 12 Guaranteed Apartment Housing spots for the Fall

# Georgia Perimeter College STEM Summer Bridge Program



- STEM Research Projects
- Three Week Program in it's eighth year
- Funded by NSF
- Present research findings at Statewide LSAMPS Conference

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**Low-income adults who have "stopped out" are in danger of not completing degrees.**

The College Access Challenge Grant provides clear information for transfer and dual enrollment students about which courses and programs will transfer within Georgia's public higher education system.



## Program Summary

The College Access Challenge Grant program seeks to increase postsecondary degree attainment of prekindergarten to grade 12 students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. These students include first-time freshmen, transfer students, adults returning to college, and the military. It also works to increase degree attainment of Georgia's low income adults with some college credit but no degree.

The College Access Challenge Grant program emphasizes performance, partnerships, and the overall value to higher education as part of its metrics for success.



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[www.cacg-georgia.org](http://www.cacg-georgia.org)



# FOSTER CARE AND HOMELESS AND OTHER DISCONNECTED YOUTH RESOURCES

## ORANGE DUFFEL BAG FOUNDATION

1-800-598-5150

[Info@ODBF.org](mailto:Info@ODBF.org)

[WWW.ORANGEDUFFELBAGFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.ORANGEDUFFELBAGFOUNDATION.ORG)

## UGA FANNING INSTITUTE

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[www.fanning.uga.edu](http://www.fanning.uga.edu)



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**COLLEGE BOUND**

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**REGISTER  
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## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS:

*A Focus on Foster Care, Homeless & Other Disconnected Youth*

*Including: Juvenile Offenders, Children of Incarcerated Parents, Teen Parents,  
Migrant, Refugee & Immigrant Youth and at-risk African American and Latino Males*

**March 31 & April 1 | 2015**

Evergreen Conference Center  
Stone Mountain, GA



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TO REGISTER, SUBMIT  
PRESENTATION PROPOSALS &  
SIGN UP AS AN EXHIBITOR

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### WELCOMING REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- College Access and Success Organizations
- Community Organizations
- K-12 Educators
- Government Agencies
- Foundations interested in funding initiatives focused on this population
- Higher Ed researchers & professionals focusing on this population
- Businesses & Chambers with initiatives supporting this population

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Questions, Concerns, Comments...

Email: [CACG-GA@usg.edu](mailto:CACG-GA@usg.edu)

*All conference travel expenses are reimbursable (including eligible lodging for those who live 50 or more miles from the Evergreen Conference Center).*

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# NEXT STEPS...



# QUESTIONS?



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