



# FACTSHEET

## Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce

*Real Solutions to Real Challenges*

The Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) established the Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce to provide system-wide recommendations to address housing and food insecurities faced daily by our students. This Taskforce will review research, participate in discussions with leading scholars, and hear from students regarding their challenges with housing and hunger. The Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce will provide recommendations to the CEOCCC and CCCT Boards by March 2019.

### GOALS

- Administer Food and Housing Insecurity Inventory at 114 community colleges to gain in depth perspective of the structure of campus-based efforts designed to repress food and housing insecurities.
- Create awareness and networks of support among colleges to convey best practices.
- Host a Legislative Briefing on January 28, 2019.
- Provide recommendations to the CEOCCC Board by March, 2019

### PURPOSE

*Assist Community Colleges in helping students meet their basic needs.*

Help colleges reduce food insecurity on campus by removing legal barriers and red tape colleges face in areas such as qualifying as CalFresh approved vendors. Districts and colleges have the potential to create more sustainable and effective partnerships to address students' food and housing access challenges.

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DATA POINTS

- Grant aid at CCCs only cover a third of the total cost of attendance.
- 43% of the cost of being a CCC student is housing and 30% of CCC students are solely responsible for their housing costs.
- Food insecure students, in particular, are more likely to indicate intention to drop out, and less likely to feel confident in their academic abilities.
- 56% of students were food insecure, and nearly half were either experiencing housing insecurity (35%) or homelessness (14%).
- Culture and Perception: Normalizing the 'starving student' as part of the traditional college experience hinders efforts to address the problem.
- Average amount of grant aid available per low-income student in 2015-16 was \$5,400 at CCCs, \$10,300 at CSU, and \$25,200 at UC.

- In seven of the nine areas of the state where a UC is located, the CCC option actually had the highest cost of attendance.
- Only about 20% of CCCs offer any student housing on campus.
- According to a 2016 CCC staff survey, only 15% said campuses were adequately prepared to support students with food and housing access challenges.

Source: Assembly Office of Research, July 2018

## TERMS

- **Basic Needs Insecure:** Food and housing insecurity, usually referring to the state of an individual or group.
- **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY):** 2007 College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) and guidance from the federal Department of Education - youth, generally aged 18-24, homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For research, best practices, reports, and Taskforce resources, please visit the Community College League of California webpage at: [www.ccleague.org/affordability-taskforce](http://www.ccleague.org/affordability-taskforce), or contact League staff at [lizette@ccleague.org](mailto:lizette@ccleague.org).