

# foster advocates

## What We Do

### Organize

We **organize** people who are connected to child welfare systems to build power and the capacity of our foster care community.

### Advocate

We **advocate** with foster youth and stakeholders at the county and state level to create the changes our community needs.

### Policy & Research

We conduct **policy and research** on the issues our foster community prioritizes.



## Who We Serve

- 40,000+ children involved in abuse reports
- 17,000+ youth in foster care
- Hundreds of youth who turn 18 as wards of the state
- Former foster youth and families

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# Keep Foster Kids in School

## HF1883/SF1873

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) states that every youth entering foster care should stay in their “home school,” but if unable, should immediately be enrolled in a new school.

The definition of **immediately** is up to interpretation and, as a result, children in foster care are reporting missing significant amounts of school.

State law should define "immediately" as meaning within 7 school days

**Why?** If passed **HF 1883/SF 1873** would ensure that kids in foster care

- are more likely to stay in school of origin,
- get into a new school faster (if necessary),
- and counties and the state will know if a kid is not enrolled in school within 7 school days.

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