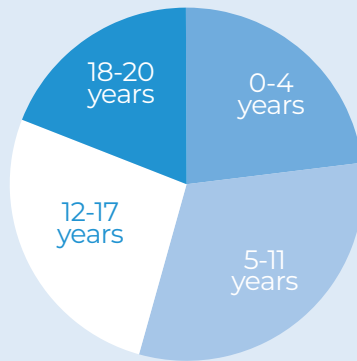


Foster Care

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THERE ARE 898 DC CHILDREN IN FOSTER OR GROUP CARE

DC children in foster care by age:



The supports and resources DC children in foster care need vary by age



IT IS CHALLENGING FOR MANY CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO ACHIEVE IN THE CLASSROOM



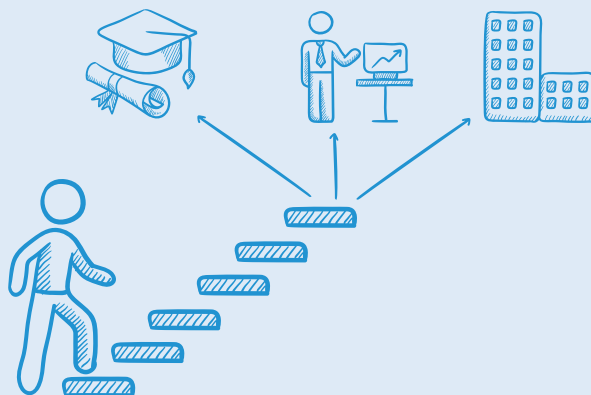
8% of high school students in foster care tested proficient in math in 2017



5% of high school students in foster care tested proficient in reading in 2017

Students under the care of CFSA are **1.3 X** more likely to be chronically absent than students not under the care of CFSA

YOUTH THAT AGE OUT OF CARE NEED SPECIALIZED SUPPORTS TO SECURE STABLE EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING



53 District youth aged out of foster care in 2017

57% of these youth aged out without full or part-time employment or school enrollment

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

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1. In 2016, there were 902 substantiated investigations of child abuse and neglect. How will you support efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in the District?
2. Many children in DC's child welfare system experience significant trauma that impacts their health, well-being, and ability to succeed. If elected, what steps would you take to better support positive outcomes for children and youth in foster care to support their health, well-being and academic potential?
3. Many young people who interact with the foster care system feel that the District must do a better job holding both foster home placements and the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) more accountable. How will you ensure that the people and agencies charged with supporting youth in foster care are held accountable and that youth voices are heard?
4. Youth that age out of the foster care system face steep challenges when trying to find employment and secure housing. From your perspective, how can the District support youth in foster care and equip them with the life skills they need as they transition into adulthood?