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# IDENTIFYING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS WHO ARE HOMELESS

HOUSE LIAISON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION 2

## **AGENDA:**

Definitions—Ethic of Care, Trauma-Informed Practice

Data sources

Behavioral Cues

Having the Talk

Website Models & Quick Start Resources

# DEFINITIONS

Ethic of Care

Compassionate Assistance

Trauma-informed Practice

#### Ethic of Care

- Relationships
- Compassion
- Responsibility to others
- Contextual
- Relationship based
- Benevolence

#### Ethic of Justice

- Impartial application of rule
- Regardless of impact
- Utility
- Duty
- Disregard emotion
- Exceptions=favoritism and resentment

#### **COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE**

- Make space inviting and inclusive
- Be mindful of language
  - Terminology
  - Translation vs Interpretation
  - Follow up questions
- Be prepared with resources for referrals
- Clarity around next steps and anticipated barriers
- Have time to debrief

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#### TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE

- I. Safety
- 2. Trustworthiness & transparency
- 3. Peer support
- 4. Collaboration & mutuality
- 5. Empowerment & choice
- 6. Cultural, historical & gender issues

#### CONNECTION BETWEEN BASIC NEEDS AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health and basic needs as reciprocal (stats for consideration)

Mental health issues often preceded by basic needs insecurity

Disparities

Services typically siloed

# DATA SOURCES

Technical considerations

Self-reporting and data issues

Mining your Opt-in services

#### CURRENT REPORTING FOR ICCB

A1 report: Annual enrollment & completion

- Students who are homeless
  - Item #131: count of students who are homeless
  - Collection started in FY19
- Students in care
  - Item #132: count of students in care
  - Collection started in FY19



## INTERNAL PROCESS FOR DATA FLOW

#### WAYS TO MINE EXISTING DATA FROM OPT-IN SERVICES

On the up side of opt-in...data collection

Outreach to students using related services

- QR code integrations to connect Opt out to Opt in services
- Consider a mix of high-touch and low-touch service models

# THUS FAR, WHAT IS YOUR MOST VALUABLE CAMPUS RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

REVISITING THE WATERFALL



# COLLEGE RESOURCES FROM SESSION I WATERFALL FEATURE

- Food/pantry
- Community partners
  - DRS office
  - Health department
- Counseling
- Transportation support
- Rent/utility assistance
- FAFSA/independent student status
- Emergency needs funding
- Financial aid refunds

# BEHAVIORAL CUES

**Student Behaviors** 

**Faculty Reports** 

Syllabus Scenarios

#### STUDENT BEHAVIORS

- Students staying late/sleeping on campus until buildings close
- Social behavioral changes
- Lack of participation in class, sudden decline in academic achievement
- Poor hygiene

https://schoolhouseconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Tips-for-Homeless-Higher-Education-Liaisons-%E2%80%93-Illinois-1.pdf

#### FACULTY REPORTING BEHAVIORS TO COUNSELING

- Late assignments/missing midnight deadline
- Late to class

- Falling asleep in class
- Tshirt story

#### SAMPLE ATTENDANCE POLICIES #1

I expect you to come to every class on time and with your reading and writing assignments completed, prepared to participate in discussion and group work. You are allowed three absences during the semester, which you should save for illness and emergencies that prevent you from attending class. Regardless of the reason for your absences, you will be penalized beginning with your fourth absence from class. Specifically, your final grade for the course will be dropped by a third of a letter for each absence after three (for instance, a grade of C+ would drop to a C with 4 absences). If you are the victim of an emergency or an illness, please remain in contact with me by email or phone.

#### SAMPLE ATTENDANCE POLICIES #2

Attendance is taken at all lectures, and participation in weekly sections will be graded on the following scale:

- Unexcused absence 0 points
- In class, but asleep or obsessed w/laptop= I point
- In class, but silent or ill-prepared= 2 points
- In class and making an okay contribution = 3 points
- In class and making quality contributions = 4 points
- In class, but your cell phone rings= -5 points

# HAVING THE TALK

Plain Language

Scripting

Syllabus Language Redux

#### WAYS TO ASK STUDENTS TO DISCLOSE

#### Plain language

- Do you ever need help finding a place to stay?
- Does your current home meet your needs?
- Do you need help paying rent/bills?
- Do you need help?
- Are you ok?
- Do you move around a lot?
- Do you stay in the same place every night?
- Tell me about where you live? Is this temporary?

#### Bureaucratic language

- Did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

#### RESOURCES TO CREATE YOUR OWN SCRIPT

- Ventura County Community College District
  - team 3 basic needs resource center project.pdf (vcccd.edu)
  - Includes pre/post survey for food and housing security
- California State University
  - researching-basic-needs.pdf (calstate.edu)
  - Includes food and housing security questions for students
  - Includes awareness and action assessment for employees

#### ROLLING OUT INFORMATION

- Advisors/Counselors
  - caseload size
  - Standard intake with questions
  - Classroom/student organization visits
- Student government/organizations
- Website/social media
- High traffic locations on campus

- Faculty
  - Syllabus language
  - Voluntary confidential questionnaire
- Registration/billing
  - Send information along with bill

#### SYLLABUS LANGUAGE—BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE, CA

#### Renegade Nexus (Basic Needs Center)

If you face challenges securing your basic needs, you are not alone. Any student who is experiencing difficulty with transportation, affording materials for classes, accessing food on a regular basis, maintaining mental and physical well-being, and/or lacking a safe place to live, is encouraged to contact our basic needs center, the Renegade Nexus, by completing the Renegade Nexus Referral Form or by visiting us in-person at the Office of Student Life in the Campus Center. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

#### SYLLABUS LANGUAGE—MIRACOSTA COLLEGE

MiraCosta College offers its students incredible support services through the Campus Assessment, Resources, and Education (CARE) program. The CARE Team is committed to taking a holistic approach to help students succeed while addressing any challenges you may be experiencing to meet your basic needs such as food, housing, transportation, mental health, childcare, legal aid, etc. On-campus and off-campus resources are often provided to students to help meet your short-term and long-term needs with the goal of improving the outcomes of your academic and personal success. Here are a few ways that the CARE team can help:

- Linkage to referrals
- Free food and groceries
- CalFresh application assistance
- Connection to technology resources such as computers and hotspots
- Emergency grants to support financial needs
- And more depending on your needs!

To learn more about the services offered, please visit <a href="www.miracosta.edu/CARE">www.miracosta.edu/CARE</a> and check out the <a href="CARE">CARE</a> Resource Guide for Basic Needs. As your professor, I want to know how to support you in the best way possible. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about CARE and I can connect you with our amazing CARE team via the CARE Referral.

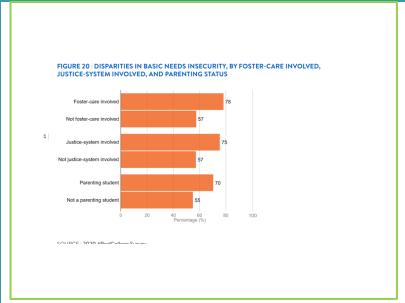
Basic Needs Syllabus/Canvas Language (miracosta.edu)

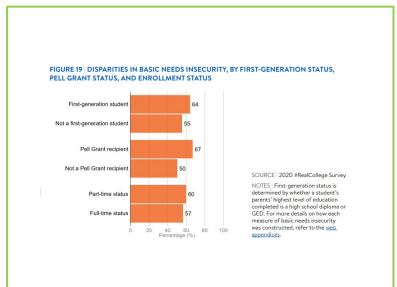
### HOPE CENTER

## #REALCOLLEGE **SURVEY**

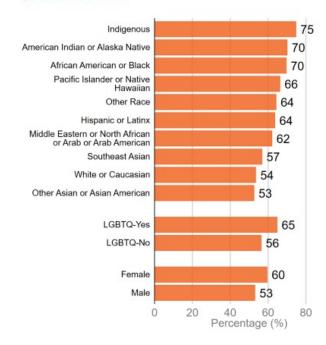
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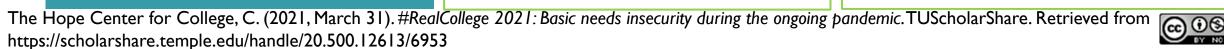
## DISPARITY BY **SECTOR**





#### FIGURE 18 DISPARITIES IN BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY BY RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY, LGBTQ STATUS, ANI **GENDER IDENTITY**







# WEBSITE MODELS

STUDENT DISCLOSURES

#### LONGBEACH CITY COLLEGE—HOUSING OPT IN

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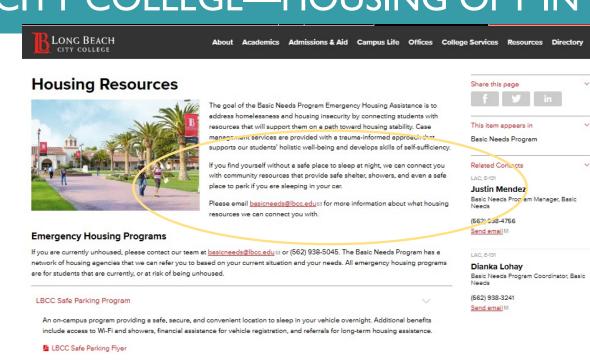
Shower of Hope

Project Realization

211 - Housing Services Hotline

Long Beach Multi-Service Center

Mental Health America of Los Angeles



#### LONGBEACH SAFE PARKING OPT IN

#### LBCC Safe Parking Program Sign-up Form

Long Beach City College has started an on-campus Safe Parking Program for students sleeping in their vehicles to have a convenient, safe, and secure location to stay overnight with access to wi-fi and restrooms. Showers are also available in the mornings.

Safe Parking hours are 7 nights a week, Monday to Sunday, 10pm-7am.

Showers are available Monday to Saturday, 6am-8am. Showers are available for all students experiencing homelessness. Sign-ups are required for shower in advance because only 1 person is allowed at a time for each Men & Women locker room. Please email jmendez@lbcc.edu to be added to shower list.

To enroll in the Safe Parking Program:

- You must be currently enrolled in classes.
- 2. You must be an independent student with no children or spouse sleeping in the vehicle with you.

Benefits of the LBCC Safe Parking Program:

- 1. Safe and secure place to sleep overnight
- 2. Access to wi-fi, restrooms, and showers.
- 3. Assistance with updating Driver's License, Registration, and Insurance.
- 4. Referrals to long term housing support

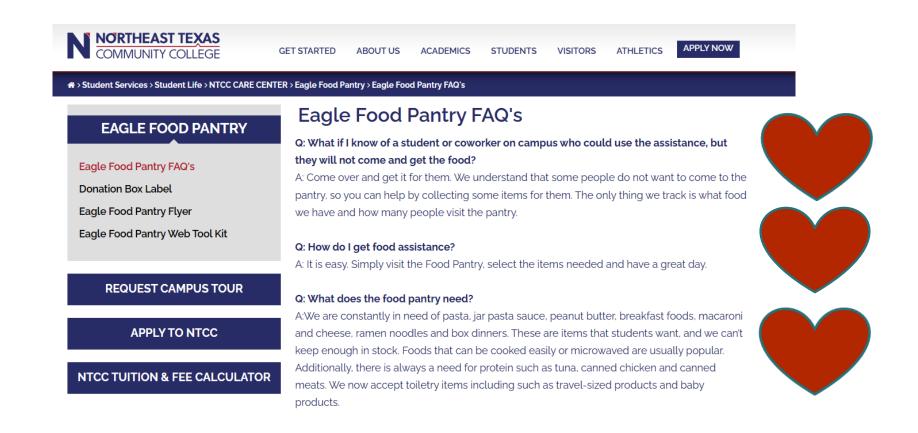
For any other questions, please email Basic Needs Program Manager, Justin Mendez at <u>imendez@lbcc.edu</u>.



Best E-mail to contact you. \*

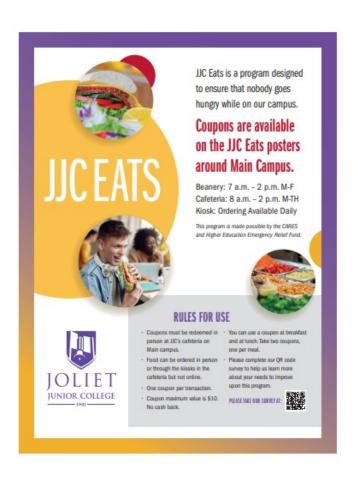
Your answer

#### GREAT OPT OUT LANGUAGE



https://www.ntcc.edu/student-services/student-life/ntcc-care-center/eagle-food-pantry/eagle-food-pantry-faqs

## JJC EATS—OPT OUT



How did you hear about JJC Eats? 60% via posters around campus 29% via staff and faculty 21% via other students 21% via JJC email 15% via iCampus

Preferred coupon pickup location:
38% in cafeteria itself
40% via posters near cafeteria bathroom
30% via posters in corridors elsewhere (purple cow still popular)

#### **RESOURCES**

- Trauma-Informed Practice and other tools
  - Basic Needs Center Toolkit (cccstudentmentalhealth.org)
- Website favorites:
  - Eagle Food Pantry FAQ's | Northeast Texas Community College (ntcc.edu)
  - LBCC Safe Parking Program Sign-up Form (google.com)
- Syllabus language
  - Basic Needs Syllabus/Canvas Language (miracosta.edu)
  - SOC Syllabus Statements Google Docs
- Scripting & survey language
  - https://www.vcccd.edu/sites/default/files/team\_3\_basic\_needs\_resource\_center\_project.pdf
  - researching-basic-needs.pdf (calstate.edu)

## WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR ME?

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