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***The Power of Information***  
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# Foster Care Data

- **Point in Time.** Of the estimated 402,378 children in foster care in July 2014
  - 52 percent were male
  - 48 percent were female.
- Currently, It is estimated that about 1,000 youth age out of care each year from Ohio.

# Foster Care Data

- **Point in Time.** Of the estimated 402,378 children in foster care on July 2014
  - 42 percent were White
  - 24 percent were Black
  - 22 percent were Hispanic (of any race)
  - 11 percent were other races or multiracial (Other races or multiracial includes Alaska Native/American Indian, Asian, Hawaiian/Other, Pacific Islander, two or more races, or unknown/unable to determine. Totals may not equal 100 percent due to rounding.)

# Foster Youth & College Aspiration

- **75%** The % of foster youth who express a desire to attend college.
- **20%** The % of foster youth who enroll in postsecondary education as compared to 60% of their peers.
- **67%** The % of foster youth who enter college that stop out before completion.
- **Less than 9%** The % of foster youth who complete a bachelor's degree as compared to 20% of their peers.

# Barriers to College

- **Pre-College Dilemmas:**
  - Lack of Continuity of High School Education
  - Academic Readiness & Preparedness
  - College Preparatory Courses
  - Lack of Family Support
- **On-Boarding Dilemmas:**
  - Cost to Attend College
  - First Generation Students
  - Navigating the Bureaucracy of Processes
  - Lack of Family Support
  - Higher Education's Unawareness of Needs/Foster Youth
  - Students' Unawareness of Support/Resources

# What Data to Track

- FAFSA-How many students answer yes to the following:
  - I was in foster care since turning age 13
  - I was dependent or ward of the court since turning 13
  - I am currently or I was an emancipated minor

# What Data to Track

- 2-Housing- Where are former foster youth staying.
- 3- Courses-What courses are students succeeding in during their first semester
- 4- Financial Aid
- 5-Medical History

# Data = Success

- When foster youth participate in campus support programs and receive sufficient financial aid, they are 3 times more likely to stay in college and earn their degrees.
- *Campus programs that support foster youth have an average persistence rate of 75%, which is 16% higher than the national general student population.*



# Questions?

