

1-page summary: Bibliography: Key studies on PSE experiences and attainment for youth with foster care backgrounds

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Purpose

This bibliography points readers to key postsecondary education (PSE) studies of youth with experience in foster care. While we primarily focus on research conducted in the U.S., two concluding sections highlight important work taking place overseas, including cross-national studies.

This bibliography is an excellent resource for those who are new to or interested in the area of PSE for youth with experience in foster care.

Topics Covered

Below are the 11 postsecondary education topic areas that are covered in the bibliography. In each section, we include up to 10 studies, provide a very brief summary of each study, and give reference information so that those interested can read the full study.

1. Educational Aspirations
2. Rates of PSE Enrollment and Completion
3. Experiences and Outcome Disparities by Gender, Race, Ethnicity
4. Barriers to PSE Enrollment and Attainment
5. Factors that Promote PSE Enrollment and Attainment
6. Federal Child Welfare Policies Intended to Promote PSE Enrollment and Completion
7. State Policies and Tuition Waivers
8. Programs that Target Secondary School Completion and Postsecondary Education Enrollment
9. Programs that Target PSE Persistence and Completion
10. Selected International Research by Country
11. International – Cross-national Studies

