



## The New York Foundling's Reaching New Heights Fair Futures Program

Provides long-term coaching, social/emotional support, tutoring, and career guidance to Bronx-based young people at risk of justice involvement.



The New York Foundling's Reaching New Heights Fair Futures program operates in the Bronx and offers 1:1 coaching and tutoring to young people who are involved with or at risk of involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice systems. Serving young people from middle school through age 21, the program implements the Fair Futures model, which centers around their needs and meets them where they are so they can achieve their academic, career and life goals.

Each young person works closely with a Coach and Education & Employment Specialist to build trusting relationships and develop a strong network of positive peer and adult supports; to prepare for and graduate high school; to explore, connect to, and persist in post-secondary settings; and to engage in career exploration and build progressive career development experiences in line with **their interests**. If relevant, they are also connected to The Foundling's Road to Success tutoring program for academic support.

### ELIGIBILITY

All participants **must reside in the Bronx**, be between **13-21 years old**, and be:

- A current participant in The Foundling's Adolescent Mentoring Program (AMP) or Kids Experiencing Young Successes (KEYS) program for at least 4 months  
*Note: Siblings of young people in the above programs, are also eligible.*
- Willing to participate in coaching, and can define their academic or career aspirations

### ENROLLMENT PROCESS

After a young person successfully participates in the Adolescent Mentoring Program or KEYS for 4 months, a therapist/case manager can refer any eligible young people in the family to the program. They will then be assigned a Reaching New Heights Fair Futures coach and begin services. Young people will regularly meet with their assigned coach, until their time in AMP or KEYS is concluded,

**Interested? Speak to your Case Manager or Therapist to learn more and enroll!**

### HOW THE FAIR FUTURES MODEL WORKS

Using the Goals & Steps framework, young people meet weekly with their coach to identify and outline their academic and/or career goals. Participants are supported in achieving their:

- **High School Goals:** Foundling staff proactively monitor academic performances, provide advocacy for IEP and 504 students, and connect participants with tutoring services and extracurricular activities
- **College Goals:** Participants receive guidance with college planning and preparation, as well as individualized assistance with school selection
- **Career Development Goals:** Participants have access to career assessments, internship opportunities, and assistance with entering the workforce

Additionally, coaches support young people by assisting them with challenges, celebrating their successes, and being a positive role model as they transition into adulthood. Pro-social group activities and outings are also held monthly, allowing those in the program to share their experiences and perspectives with one another in a positive and inclusive environment.