



**“We help youth go from Invisible to Invincible”**

**We are leaders** among LA’s homeless youth agencies, now covering all of Southeast LA

**A proven track record** of programmatic success, innovation, and compassionate care for our youth

In the last five years, we have:



Quadrupled the number of housing units



Become a leading agency in LA’s Coordinated Entry System for Youth



Implemented best practices, invested in evaluation

# Moving Youth Off Our Streets & Into a New Life

We offer a variety of housing options for homeless youth:

Leadership within LA's **Coordinated Entry System**

Emergency Shelter

Transitional Housing

Family Reconnection

Permanent Supportive Housing

Affordable Housing

Rapid Re-Housing (rental subsidies)

**College Focused Rapid Re-Housing**

**College Focused Bridge Housing**

**College Focused Host Homes**



*"I was a Freshman at East LA College when I became a homeless. Jovenes has provided me with the housing, guidance and encouragement I needed to graduate and transfer to Cal-State LA this Fall.  
-Adaena*

**229 Unduplicated Youth Housed Last Year**

# Prevalence of Homelessness Among California's College Students – Community College

## CCC's Students

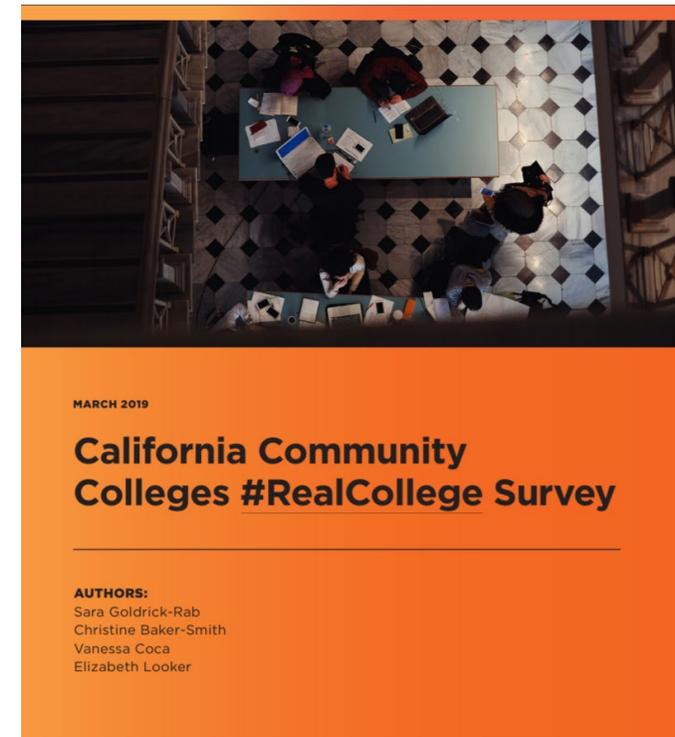
**1 in 5** of CCC students experienced homelessness within the last year (20%)



**2 in 5** CCC students who have been in foster care experience homelessness (43%)



**1 in 3** of African American students experience homelessness (32%)



# Addressing Homelessness Requires a Multi-Pronged Approach

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# Jovenes' College Success Initiative- Creating Homes for Homeless Students

- Partner with colleges to identify students experiencing homelessness
- Create a variety of housing options dedicated to students
- Utilize housing as a tool to help students graduate
- Leverage Private & Public Funding
- Share our practices to encourage replication and policy change
- Celebrate student success!

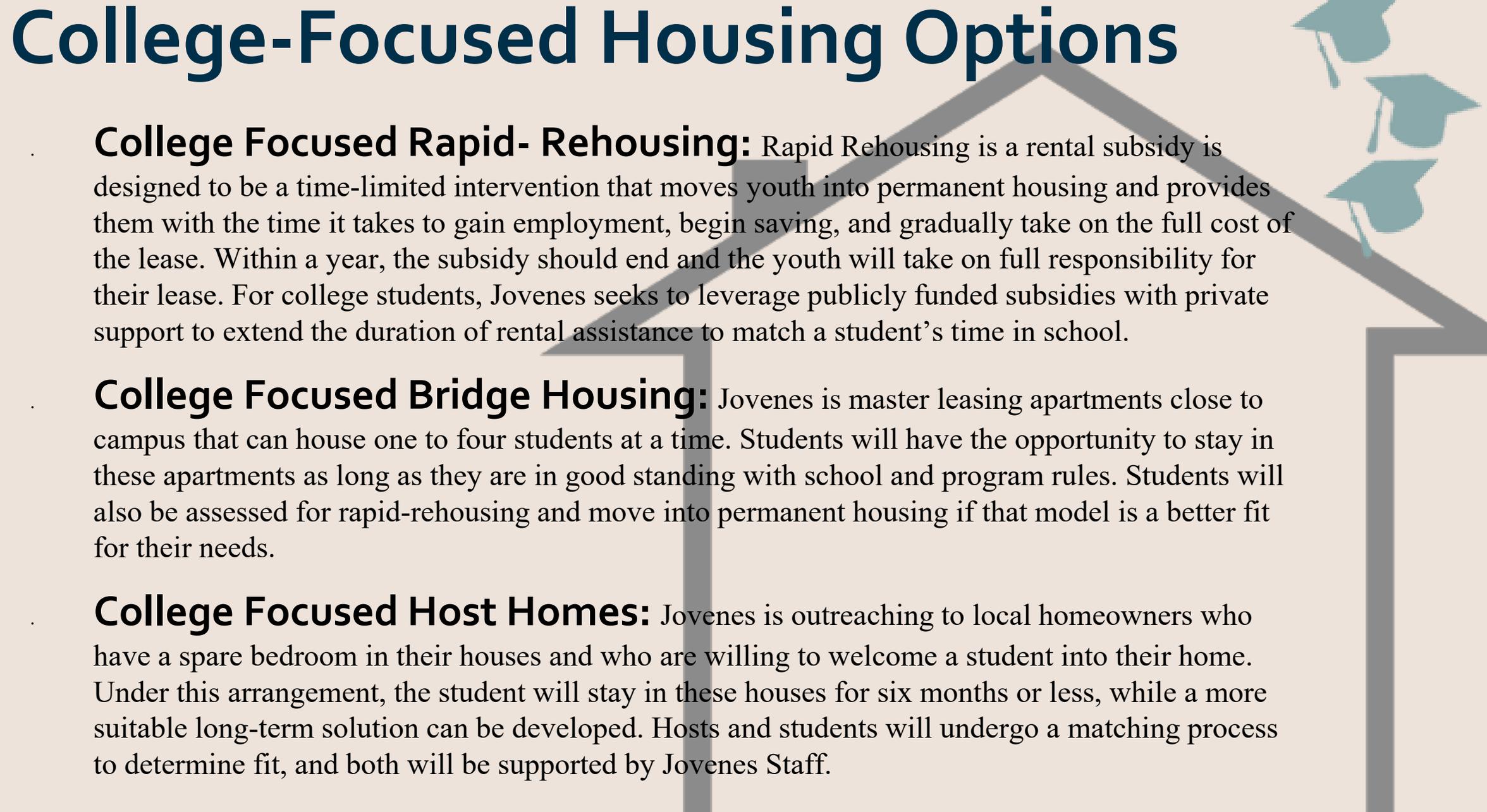


# Peer Navigators - Students helping Students

- . Our Peer Navigators are current Community College Students who have lived experience with homelessness
- . They spend 20 hours per week on campus, conducting outreach and assessment
- . Connect youth with our housing opportunities
- . Housed at Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) and Financial Aid Offices



# College-Focused Housing Options



**College Focused Rapid- Rehousing:** Rapid Rehousing is a rental subsidy is designed to be a time-limited intervention that moves youth into permanent housing and provides them with the time it takes to gain employment, begin saving, and gradually take on the full cost of the lease. Within a year, the subsidy should end and the youth will take on full responsibility for their lease. For college students, Jovenes seeks to leverage publicly funded subsidies with private support to extend the duration of rental assistance to match a student's time in school.

**College Focused Bridge Housing:** Jovenes is master leasing apartments close to campus that can house one to four students at a time. Students will have the opportunity to stay in these apartments as long as they are in good standing with school and program rules. Students will also be assessed for rapid-rehousing and move into permanent housing if that model is a better fit for their needs.

**College Focused Host Homes:** Jovenes is outreaching to local homeowners who have a spare bedroom in their houses and who are willing to welcome a student into their home. Under this arrangement, the student will stay in these houses for six months or less, while a more suitable long-term solution can be developed. Hosts and students will undergo a matching process to determine fit, and both will be supported by Jovenes Staff.

# Adapting Homeless Services for Students

## Traditional Housing & Case Management



- ✓ Assists with housing identification & landlord recruitment
- ✓ Provides rental subsidies
- ✓ Provides case management
- ✓ Utilizes Housing First approach
- ✓ Is time-limited

## College-Focused Housing & Case Management



- ✓ Assists with housing identification & landlord recruitment
- ✓ Provides rental subsidies
- ✓ Provides case management
- ✓ Utilizes Housing First approach
- + Is time-limited *with flexibility*
- + Utilizes Peer Navigators
- + Provides academic case management (in addition to “traditional” CM)
- + Partners with colleges

# Progress So Far

College Success Initiative (CSI)  
launched in August 2016

80 students housed

15 have already graduated/transferred

12 more Graduations/Transfers  
expected by summer 2020

67.5% have maintained their  
enrollment in college and are working  
on completing their academic goals

96% have maintained their housing



## BELLA AND HER CASE MANAGER, MARYURY

Graduated from East LA  
College & transferring  
to Cal State-Riverside  
to pursue a Bachelors in  
Sociology

### WHAT JOVENES MEANS TO ME:

"Before Jovenes, my life was a  
mess and school was hard.  
Jovenes helped me straighten  
out my life. Their support was  
the best thing that has  
happened to me. My degree and  
success is partly due to Jovenes.  
I am grateful"

# Policy & Systems Change

Jovenes' College Success Initiative has proven to be a model for change in policies around student homelessness.

- In July 2019, the California State Legislature passed the 2019/2020 State budget Bill, AB 74, which allocated \$19 million to the University of California, California State University, and California Community College systems. The funding will be used to support College Focused Rapid Rehousing efforts and other supports for homeless and housing insecure college students.
- Learn more about AB 74 at <https://bit.ly/2Jw3E2I>
- In addition, Jovenes' Peer Navigators have provided a model for new policies and resources. In May 2019, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion that allocates \$700,000 in order to hire 22 Peer Navigators who will be stationed at every community college in LA County.

# Moving Forward

- Partner with John Burton Advocates for Youth to provide technical assistance to other housing providers across California so they can design College Focused Rapid-Rehousing for their communities

- Advocate for Local & State funding to increase resources for homeless students

- Develop Small Dorms for homeless students and youth





# The Falcon's Nest at Cerritos College

**A centralized office dedicated to assist students with their basic needs. Services include:**



**Franco's Closet** – a clothing closet maintained for students to have access to professional attire.



**Franco's Market** – a food pantry dedicated to students who are experiencing food insecurity.



**Office of the Case Manager** – A full-time employee who is responsible for promoting holistic student wellness.



**CalFresh Assistance**– Students will be able to receive assistance with the application process for CalFresh benefits.



**Legal Services**– undocumented students have access to legal advice on campus.



# Student Housing Project



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