

## How the PCPS HEARTH Project Can Help

- ⇒ Assistance getting the SAT/ACT testing fee waived by your student's school
- ⇒ Financial assistance to purchase a cap and gown for high school graduation
- ⇒ Verification that a student is experiencing (or has experienced) homelessness for certain scholarship opportunities and college application waivers

There are many more resources that have not been mentioned in this brochure. Consider this as a starting point for you and your student to explore more of the options available to him or her.

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## How Can I Help?

Earning a high school diploma is the first step in having a more financially stable life. The steps your student will take after earning a diploma can further increase his or her chances of being successful in the future. While your student is in high school, there are certain actions you can take and questions you can ask to help your student develop his or her plans after high school.

- ⇒ **Talk to your student about his or her interests.** What are his or her favorite subjects in school? Which subjects does he or she earn the highest grades in?
- ⇒ **Encourage your student to talk to a school guidance counselor or teacher about college or other post-graduation options.**
- ⇒ **Ask your student about his or her plans after high school.** Maybe he or she already has plans! Does he or she want to get a job? Go to school?
- ⇒ **Look into the resources included in this brochure as a starting point for assistance and share them with your student.**

## Resources for Students Entering the Workforce

### **Job Corps**

**[www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)**

A government-funded program to educate and train low-income young people and assist them in developing their careers.

### **CareerSource**

**[careersourcecentralflorida.com](http://careersourcecentralflorida.com)**

At this website your student can find tips on starting the job search and creating a résumé. They can also search for available positions. The link titled "Young Job Seeker" would be particularly helpful for your student.

### Job Search Engines:

**[Simplyhired.com](http://Simplyhired.com)**

**[Indeed.com](http://Indeed.com)**

**[Monster.com](http://Monster.com)**

**[Careerbuilder.com](http://Careerbuilder.com)**

**[Idealist.org](http://Idealist.org)**

**[Linkup.com](http://Linkup.com)**



## Resources for Students Interested in College

### Planning and Preparation

<http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/>

On this website, students can get tips on how to prepare for college.

### Rutgers University Pre-College Career Planning

<http://careers.rutgers.edu/>

This website helps students explore their interests. After taking an assessment, students are provided with examples of college majors and careers that may fit their interests. Some of the information is Rutgers specific, though the general information can be useful to students to help generate ideas.

### www.collegeboard.org

This is where your student can register to take the SAT, which is one of the exams required for college admission.

### www.EcampusTours.com

With this site, your student can tour schools all over the country using only a computer and Internet access!

### Financial Aid

#### LeTendre Education Fund

[www.naehcy.org/about\\_letendre.html](http://www.naehcy.org/about_letendre.html)

This scholarship is available for students who have experienced homelessness.

<http://www.finaid.org/students/>

The student section of the site has a helpful checklist for students as they apply to schools.

## More College Resources

### College Goal Sunday

[www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org)

Parents and students who attend receive help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid). Location and date information is found on the website.

### www.fastweb.com

This is one of the major scholarship search engines used by students. There are lists of scholarships geared towards students of different ethnicities, who have received certain honors, who have a unique situation, etc.

### Bright Futures

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/) This scholarship is available (in different amounts) to Florida students who have met certain requirements and will attend a Florida university.

### NAEHCY Higher Education Helpline

**1-855-446-2673 (toll-free)**

<http://www.naehcy.org/educational-resources/higher-ed>

Call or e-mail to learn more about the types of aid available to help finance your student's college education. This service is provided by the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

## More College Resources

### Federal Student Aid

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

This site is operated by the U.S. Department of Education and informs students and parents of the types of aid available as well as the necessary steps to take to prepare for college.

### Local Colleges and Universities

**Polk State College** 863-297-1000

[www.polk.edu](http://www.polk.edu)

**Florida Southern College** 863-680-4111

[www.flsouthern.edu](http://www.flsouthern.edu)

**Southeastern University** 863-667-5000

[www.seu.edu](http://www.seu.edu)

**Webber International University** 863-741-1844

[www.webber.edu](http://www.webber.edu)

**Warner University** 863-638-1426

[www.warner.edu](http://www.warner.edu)

**Florida Polytechnic University** 863-583-9050

[www.floridapolytechnic.org](http://www.floridapolytechnic.org)

## Resources for Students Interested in Technical School

By choosing this option, your student can benefit from training that will prepare him or her for a career in a certain field. Programs are available in a number of areas such as business, arts and technology, healthcare, education and consumer science. Program lengths vary.

### General Information and Planning

<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2015/article/career-planning-for-high-schoolers.htm>

This site provides data and information on a variety of topics—including occupations and industries, pay and benefits, and more. These articles are helpful for students, career counselors, jobseekers, and others planning careers.

<https://www.campusexplorer.com/Career-Information/>

Visit this site to learn more about technical school and search for schools around the U.S. in your area of interest. Some reviews from students and school size information is also listed.

### Local Technical Schools

**Traviss Career Center** 863-499-2700

[www.traviss.edu](http://www.traviss.edu)

**Ridge Career Center** 863-419-3060

[www.schools.polk-fl.net/ridge](http://www.schools.polk-fl.net/ridge)

**Southern Technical College** 863-551-1112

[www.southerntech.edu](http://www.southerntech.edu)