12TH GRADE PASSPORT

Things you can do towards graduation and higher education + career

- Review courses with your school counselor to make sure you are meeting high school graduation requirements
- Complete all final course requirements. Get the best grades you can
- Prepare for and take/re-take ACT/SATs
- Attend workshops, college fairs, college planning sessions, and financial aid information sessions
- Apply to colleges. One safety, one target and one dream school is a good variety
- Search and apply for scholarship $
- Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA
- Continue extracurricular and community service involvement

Tips:

- Identify yourself as a foster youth by marking yes on the question asking if you are an “orphan or ward of the court or foster youth” on the FAFSA
- Apply for Chafee grant: http://denverchafee.org
- Create an email used just for school purposes
- Obtain a letter that verifies you were in foster care from your county social worker. This can help when applying to college and financial aid
- Ask for help! This is a lot to do on your own!

Resources:

- For colleges in Colorado: connect with your college SPOC to help with college transition http://www.cde.state.co.us/dropoutprevention/homeless_highered
- United Way Bridging the Gap: https://unitedwaydenver.org/bridging-the-gap
- Alternatives to college: https://www.careerbuilder.com/advice/8-alternatives-to-a-4year-degree
- DPS Foster and Kinship Program: https://childservices.dpsk12.org/foster-kinship-care