

FASTtrack GED® Test Prep

A Brighter Future for Independent Living Youth!

Over 50% of foster children who age out of care do so without earning a high school diploma...

...This is a statistic that concerns all of us in the field of child welfare. **Brevard Family Partnership** announces the launch of an exciting program that can help you achieve the goal of ensuring that children exiting your foster care system without their high school diplomas can get their GED® credential.

A cornerstone for success!

A solid education is the cornerstone for success. With a GED® credential, former foster children can begin to move towards independence with the education they need to attend college, a university or vocational school, or enter the workforce.

That's why we've teamed up with **Education Solutions International, LLC**, a leader in education advances to develop an intense, fast-paced program that prepares young adults to take (and pass) the GED® exam.

To date, this proven program has a 78% success rate with young adults who have exited foster care. The program also prepares participants in an expedited manner, avoiding the lingering of students in programs for months and sometimes years.



FASTtrack provides participants with all of the training and tools they'll need, including:

- Education, supervision and support, provided by trained instructors;
- Kaplan GED® Test Strategies, Practice and Review book;
- GED® Test Keys student manuals;
- Test taking tips for each subject;
- Kaplan practice tests and workbook exercises by subject;
- On-line GED Ready™ free practice test
- Official Practice Test (OPT) from GED Testing Service LLC is paid through the FASTtrack program.

Two delivery options give your agency flexibility – choose from...

Turn-key operation: BFP & ESI provide certified instructional staff, materials, and delivery.

-OR-

Agency has delivery staff: BFP & ESI provide delivery staff certification, trainer, student and instructional materials, and technical assistance

Bring FASTtrack to Your Community today!

We believe that you will find the same success we have with this program. Our team of instructors is ready to help you and your independent living youth get on the FASTtrack!

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About the FASTtrack Program

The GED[®] Test Preparation portion of the program, called the “FASTtrack GED[®]: Test Prep” component, is based on student immersion in the task of passing the GED[®] Tests with 60 to 84 hours of concentrated preparation. The delivery of services will be by an experienced team from Education Solutions International, LLC (ESI).

FASTtrack reaches a broad spectrum of clients, while presenting its short-term, competency-based program. Clients are Adult Education students, WIA clients, people who live in subsidized housing, youth offenders, and aged out of foster care youth. Currently, although 78% of the enrolled clients received their GED[®] credential, that percentage climbs to 90% when clients complete all of the recommended program hours.

Because FASTtrack is a short-term, concentrated program, it has an entry-level recommendation of an assessed grade level of 7.0 or higher. Those scoring below the recommended entry level may still be enrolled, but may need multiple cycles of the program to remediate their base academic level to the point that short-term training like FASTtrack will produce the desired results.

As students enter the FASTtrack academic training, a maximum student/teacher ratio of 4:1 will be maintained, with a Training Coordinator assisting with program management. With small classes, teachers can focus on the skills and knowledge that are measured on the test. The teachers and the Training Coordinator constantly monitor the areas in which each student needs work, and they adjust the daily curriculum as the student progresses or encounters temporary roadblocks. Each student's daily schedule is customized to his or her needs, with group sessions used when appropriate. The teacher, in collaboration with the Training Coordinator, prepares learning activities or assignments for the students that keep them on the fast track and always learning needed skills. Students are prepared not only in their deficient academic areas but also in test taking. The availability of structured activities and multiple teachers are important factors that assist in making this fast track academy work.

FASTtrack has three phases. The first phase is a concentrated GED[®] Test Preparation period scheduled to complete immediately prior to the administering of the GED[®] Test. This ensures that all instruction is fresh on the minds of the students when they take the test, and that their test anticipation is finite and short-term. This phase is a recommended 10 day – 6 hours per day program, with actual hours varying slightly depending on scheduling.

The second phase of the program occurs after students take the GED[®] Test and receive notification of their scores. Because some of the students may pass most of the test, but fall short in one or two sections, FASTtrack includes a concentrated GED[®] Test Follow-Up phase. Retesting is only necessary on the subjects not passed, so the GED[®] Test Follow-Up session will focus exclusively on those missed areas. Delivery of this phase typically occurs in a three day session of 5 hours per day, scheduled to conclude immediately prior to another GED[®] testing date.

If students still lack a few points required to pass the test, a third One-on-One phase is scheduled over three, 3 hour days to secure the last few necessary points.

In brief, FASTtrack:

- Concentrates an Initial Training Session in 60 hours, spread over ten days;
- Assesses students to determine skills they lack;
- Focuses instruction on the skills that will be tested and in which the students lack;
- Utilizes a 4:1 student to teacher ratio; and
- Offers a three day Session Two of 15 hours for those who take the test but fall short;
- Offers a third, One-on-One Session for any students still short of passing after Session Two.

Suggested program delivery would have at least two cycles of FASTtrack, which would serve up to 16 students during the program year. The scheduling of these cycles will coincide with the administration of the GED[®] Test. All three phases of FASTtrack will be offered in each of the cycles. Each cycle will serve small classes of no more than eight students with a minimum instructional staff of two.