Exercise: Role Clarification

Being clear on what your role is in the college application process is extremely important to you being able to accomplish goals with the young person in your care. If you are confident about your role and have a good understanding about what is expected of you, it will lead to a stronger commitment towards action. However, this may be a new role for you, and it may involve new experiences.

Let’s explore how you define your role. Answer each of the following by circling either “Yes” or “No.”

Yes  No  I am the primary person to have contact with the school.

Yes  No  I should know how well the youth in my care is doing in every subject.

Yes  No  It is up to me to help a young person become involved in the kinds of activities that look good on a “college resume”

Yes  No  I know the importance of academic mentors

Yes  No  I should have a clear understanding of all the activities youth in my care are involved in.

Yes  No  I will be the contact person should the school have any concerns about the youth in my care.

Yes  No  I will be the person to attend meetings at school concerning the college application process.

Yes  No  I will be the primary contact person with the guidance counselor assisting the youth in my care on selecting colleges to apply to.

Yes  No  I will be the person to research scholarships and financial aid opportunities.