The USC College Advising Corps is a partnership between the national College Advising Corps and the USC Rossier School of Education’s Center for Enrollment Research, Policy and Practice. The mission is to improve college outcomes for low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented students.

**Outcomes**

- **College Enrollment**: +9.3% by Adviser
- **Seniors Met**: 72% by Adviser
- **FAFSA & CA Dream Act**: +23%

**Characteristics**

- Recent college graduate
- Passionate about college access
- Dedicated to educational equity

**Training**

- 4 weeks of pre-placement training covering these and more:
  - University of California system
  - California State University system
  - California Community Colleges
  - Private colleges
  - Out of state colleges
  - Financial aid
  - Youth development

**Responsibilities**

- Directly help students with entire college access process:
  - College search
  - College application
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  - Post application enrollment tasks

**Academics**

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**Partnership**

- Administrative Cooperation
  - Admin of both orgs work closely together to ensure all of the below are taking place.
- Site-based collaboration
  - Advisers, admin and counselors collaborate. Advisers involved in all planning related to college access.
- Service Agreement
  - A formal service agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties.
- Data sharing
  - Advisers have full access to student database. Steady flow of data back and forth between the agencies’ admin. Collaborative evaluation.
- Investment
  - USC CAC makes major investment of time, funding and energy. CUSD also invests supplemental funding in the program.

**Shared Supervision**

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**Student**

- **Characteristics**
  - 81% receive free or reduced lunch
  - 89% will be first-generation college students
  - 99% are underrepresented minorities in higher education

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