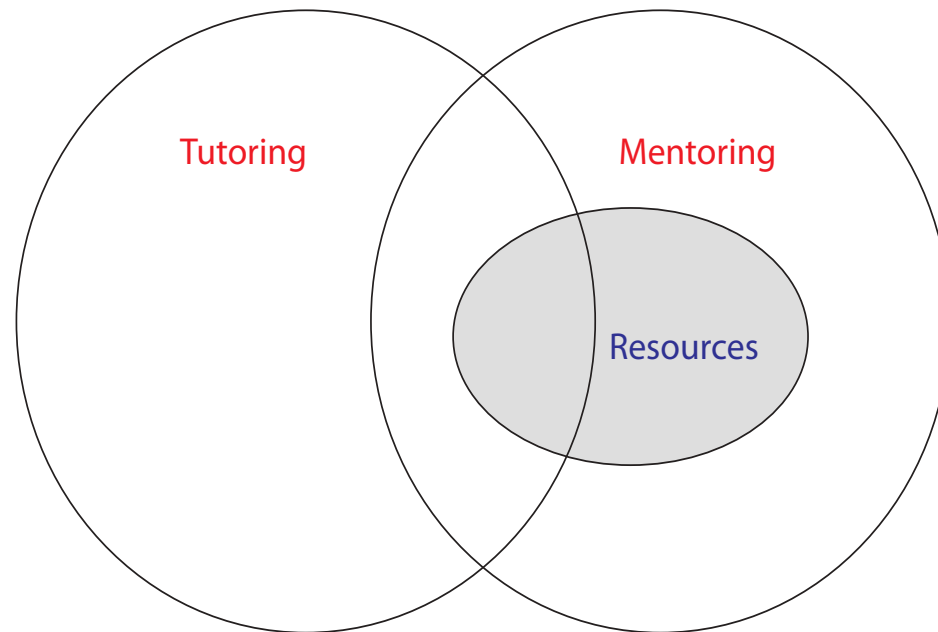


# Tutors as Mentors:

A presentation about resources for  
tutors to share with students



# Why discuss resources?



# Resources we'll discuss

- Education/employment
- Legal
- Food
- Medical care, dental care, counseling
- Housing
- Computer literacy
- Conversation
- Resources for kids
- Tutoring support

# Education/employment



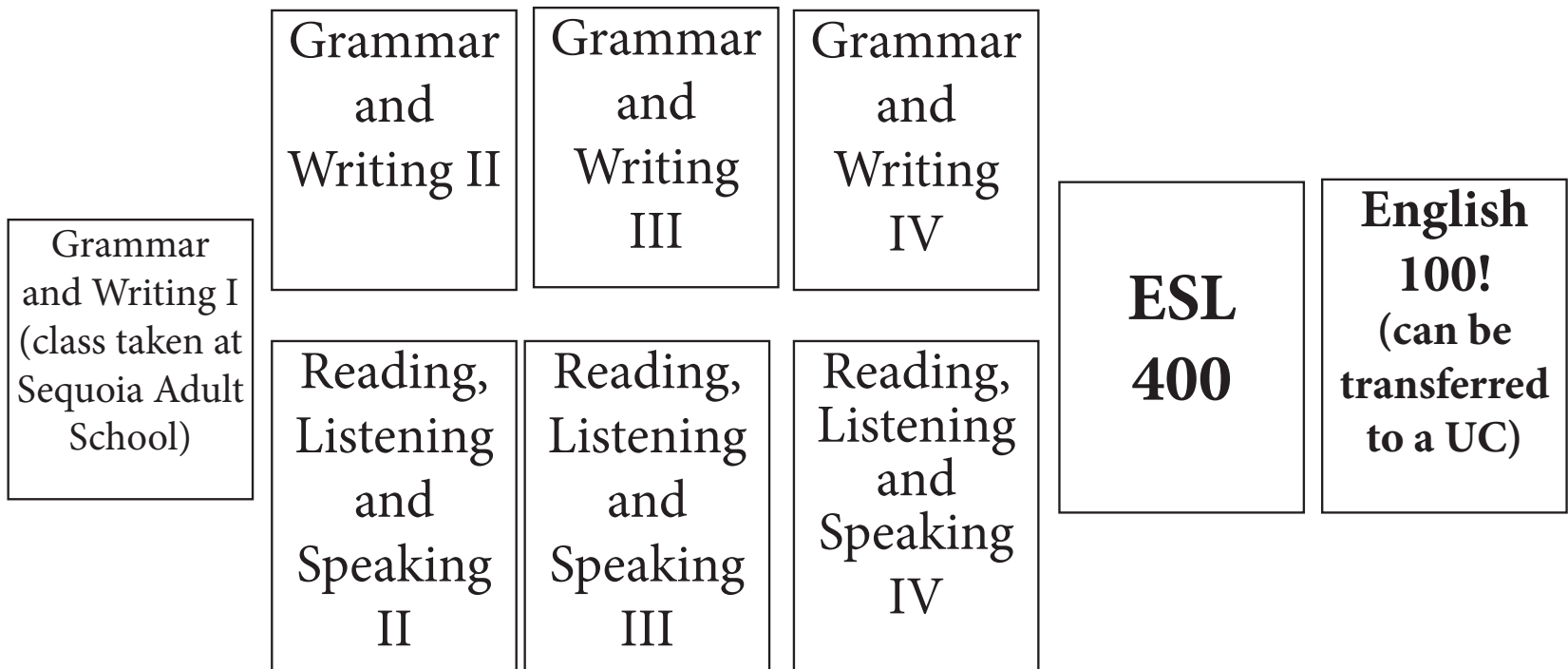
# Why tutors may want to know about educational and career options

- Community colleges have guidance counselors: Why this presentation?
  - Counselors work with several hundred students.
  - Counselors don't talk about immigration status.
  - Counselors focus on classes offered at their own community college, vs. all of the colleges in the District.
  - Counselors have limited office hours.
- That said, students should be encouraged to speak with a guidance counselor at least once a year to talk about their educational goals.

# Student Educational Plans

- Every student should have a SEP (Student Education Plan) that outlines their educational goals and the classes they need to reach those goals.
- Ask to see your student's plan (or encourage him/her to see a counselor to create one).
- Cañada students should call the Welcome Center to make an appointment with a counselor.

# Typical ESL Path

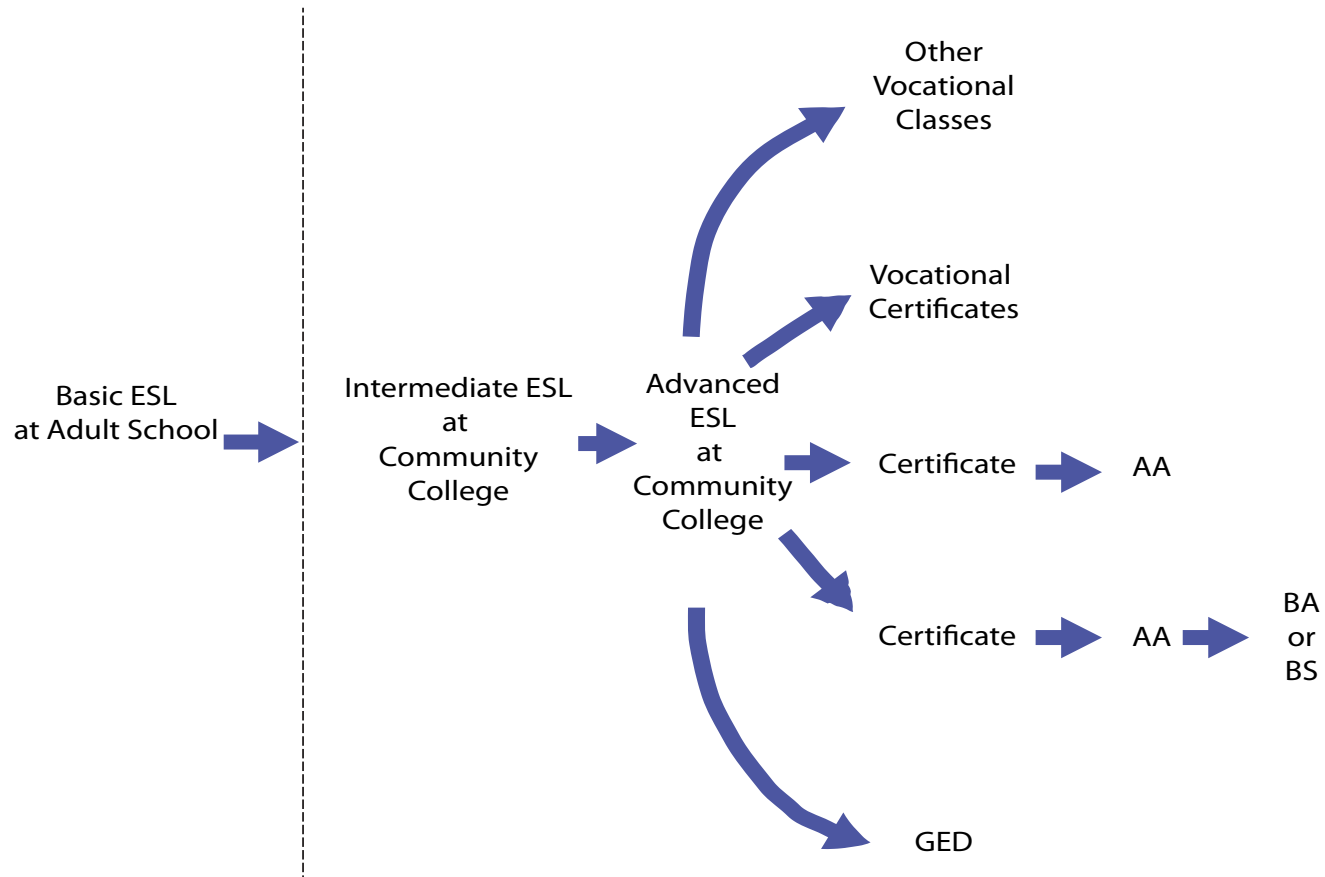


# Cañada College ESL certificates and awards

- ACE Award (Academic Command of English)
- PASS Award (Preparation for Academic Scholarship and Success)
- See <https://canadacollege.edu/esl/degree.php> for more details about these awards.



# Post-ESL educational options



# After ESL: Helping your student choose the best career path



Two crucial questions for students as they complete their ESL classes:

- What is your career goal?
- How are you going to reach your goal?

# Post-ESL students: Career preparation assets

- Grit and determination

~~IT'S TOO EARLY.~~  
~~I WAS UP TOO LATE.~~  
~~I HAD A LONG WEEK.~~  
~~I'M TOO TIRED.~~  
I CAN DO IT.

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# Post-ESL students: Career preparation assets

- Upward Scholars support
- Multiple career-focused certificate programs available at community college<sup>d</sup>
- Strong economy

# Post-ESL students: Career preparation challenges

- Time
- Money (both lost income and paying for post-community college education)
- In some cases, documentation status

# Educational options for post-ESL students

- Certificates and AA degrees
  - Hundreds of AA degrees and certificates are offered at San Mateo community colleges.

# Transferring: How Upward Scholars students can pay for 4-year colleges

- Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) and citizens qualify for in-state tuition.
- Undocumented students with AA degrees qualify for in-state tuition under SB68 (See [http://e4fc.org/images/E4FC\\_SB68\\_Educator\\_Guide.pdf](http://e4fc.org/images/E4FC_SB68_Educator_Guide.pdf)).

# Career options for undocumented post-ESL students

- Students can “move up” in their current job thanks to their increased knowledge of English
  - Dishwasher -> busser -> server
  - Landscaper -> crew leader -> landscaping business owner



# Career options for undocumented post-ESL students

- Students can be self-employed. Self-employment options include
  - Software developer
  - Home daycare provider
  - Graphic artist
  - Caterer
  - Web designer
  - Bookkeeper
  - Carpenter
  - Landscaper

# Career options for undocumented post-ESL students

- SB 1159, Professional Licensure Eligibility, enables undocumented students to get state licenses. See [http://www.e4fc.org/images/CareerLicense\\_Final.pdf](http://www.e4fc.org/images/CareerLicense_Final.pdf)
- Professions now available to undocumented students include
  - Accountant
  - Cosmetologist
  - Real estate agent

# Choosing a career:

## Where students can get help

- Community college career development classes
- Cañada College Dream Center
- Upward Scholars mentors
- Your network
- E4FC (Educators for Fair Consideration  
(<http://www.e4fc.org/>)

# Legal resources



# Legal resources

- Students may face many types of legal challenges: Immigration, landlord/tenant, family law, etc.
- Students should be leery of paying private attorneys

# Legal resources

## Free and low-cost legal advice

- Legal services at Cañada College:  
<https://canadacollege.edu/esl/Sparkpoint%20clinic%20flyer%20Spring%202017.pdf>
- International Institute of the Bay Area (immigration only): <https://iibayarea.org/>
- Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto: <https://clsepa.org/>
- Libre Project: <http://www.thelibreproject.org/>

# Food resources



# Food resources

## Free food options

- Upward Scholars Food Vouchers
- SparkPoint (Food pantry at Cañada) See <https://canadacollege.edu/sparkpoint/incomebenefits/foodpantry.php>



# Food resources

## Food assistance options

- Second Harvest Food Bank
  - 1 in 10 families in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties receives food from Second Harvest.
  - Students can call Food Connection at 1-800-984-3663, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, to learn about available food resources (pick up, delivery, meals, etc.).

# Medical, dental, and counseling resources



# Medical insurance

- Medi-Cal is available for all children regardless of immigration status.
- Medi-Cal is available for documented adults with anticipated yearly income at or below 138 percent Federal Poverty Level.
- ACE (Access and Care for Everyone): All San Mateo County adult residents (max. payment is \$360 a year with small deductible).

# Medical insurance

- Where to sign up
  - Fair Oaks community center, (650) 780-7500
  - Job Train benefits counselor, (650) 330-6428
  - Coastside Hope, (650) 726-9071
- Or go in person!

# Free medical, dental. and counseling services

- Cañada College students can use the Health Center (free flu shots, pregnancy tests, first aide, reduced prices on birth control pills, etc.).
- Cañada College has counselors available.
- See “Immigration Gateway to Resources” for other options.

# Computer literacy resources



# Computer literacy resources

## Free laptops

- To own, from Upward Scholars
- To borrow, from Cañada College Learning Center (TLC program)

## Classes

- At community college
- At Sequoia Adult School
- At Building Skills Partners in Mountain View (Sat., 11:30)
- At ProjectRead in Menlo Park
- At Job Train in Menlo Park
- From an Upward Scholars tutor
- One-time help from Tania

# Housing resources





# Housing resources

- Check out “Immigrants Gateway to Resources”.
- Persistent students can put their names on low-income housing waiting lists. (One person in the household must be documented.)
- HIP Housing has a shared housing program for single parents as well as other options.

# Conversation Clubs



# Conversation resources

## Upward Scholars English Conversation Club

- Speed dating model
- Friday nights
- Virtual

# Conversation resources

## Conversation Clubs at Cañada College

- Contact Meg Brosnan for more information ([margaretbrosnan@my.smccd.edu](mailto:margaretbrosnan@my.smccd.edu)).

# Resources for students' kids

- Charter schools (in EPA and Redwood City)
- College access programs (Peninsula Bridge, Foundation for a College Education, College Track and more!)
- Summer programs (Hidden Villa, Boys and Girls Club, Y Camp and more!)

# Resources for tutors

- Upward Scholars Tutor Web page has lots of resources for tutors

<https://www.upwardscholars.org/for-tutors/>