

**Youth Transition Action Teams
Leveraging Community Resources to Ensure Successful Transitions
for Foster Youth
(Foster Youth Transition Network)**

“Ensuring that youth who age out of care have the means and motivation to become successful adults requires innovative approaches to engage and prepare these youth for life on their own. **New partnerships among the state and local systems of public education, workforce development and social services that can leverage services and mobilize resources across communities must be formed.** We need to think bigger, expect more, and aim higher when we envision the futures of foster youth.” Page 2

[A4FY will put in place a simple to use system to leverage services and mobilize resources. This project is a first step toward developing comprehensive, community-wide cross systems information and collaboration tool.]

“The Transition Action Teams will address the specified outcomes for youth emancipating from care that are incorporated in the California Child and Family Services Review and those in the '04 – '05 System Improvements Plan. They also will receive support and technical assistance to implement the actions recommended in Child Welfare Services Redesign Implementation Guide of:

- **Comprehensive and integrated case planning with youth and family engagement;**
- Strong and enduring adult connections;
- **Developing a community network of services and supports; and**
- **A “Guaranteed Preparation Package” of supports, services and activities.**

This initiative seeks to bring together and leverage the approaches, strategies, and resources of a number of potentially well-aligned efforts across the state concerned with youth transition. **We expect to accelerate progress by partnering and providing a coherent and aligned set of strategies and supports for local communities seeking to redefine and improve their practice.”**

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[This project will enable the YTAT initiative to provide participating communities a strategy, infrastructure, support, and technical assistance develop a community network of services, and if desired, integrated case management and a “Guaranteed Preparation Package.]

[This project will also help provide YTAT with the following supports:]

“Supports

All Youth Transition Action Teams will be supported with:

- On site coaching and **technical assistance, focused on building effective, cross system collaborations, developing career development/transition plans for foster youth, implementing strategies for effectively partnering and leveraging services and program activities from the education and workforce development communities**, conducting effective workplace partner and employer engagement activities and utilizing work-based learning as a developmental tool..
- **Training, support** and regular networking opportunities **for identified team leaders in each implementing community** (as facilitators of change and in core content areas).
- **Assistance in connecting to workforce development, community based and career development programs.**
- **A vibrant communication and technology component, supporting on-line dialogues; the collection and sharing of promising practices, tools and ideas; collecting information; and monitoring progress.** Would include a regular electronic newsletter to update progress and communicate success to a broad audience.”

[This project will help with state-wide YTAT goals:]

“State-wide Initiative Design

Local teams will contribute to and benefit from the formation and regular convening of a state-wide, peer to peer network, facilitated and supported by:

- **Common tools and frameworks to guide and support the work.**
- **Documentation and collection of promising approaches to challenging issues.”**

[This project will put in place a system that will help to measure objectives and outcomes across communities:]

“Outcomes

For most of the variables identified, A4FY would put a comprehensive system in place to measure the success of the YTAT initiative statewide in meeting these objectives.

In addition to providing outcomes measurement tools at the individual foster youth level (i.e., education, workforce readiness, etc.), A4FY will help meet address the outcome measurement components of the stated system-wide objectives:

The initiative will also directly address the expected outcomes of the redesign efforts and develop a set of measures to gauge the impacts on local youth serving systems.

Outcomes might include measures of efficiency in cross program collaboration, resource leveraging, evidence of effective partnering, the creation of common evaluation frameworks and tools, and supportive policy development.”