



Youth Transition Action Teams

Leveraging Community Resources to Ensure Successful Transitions for Foster Youth

2005-2006 Proposed Network Activities & Calendar

YTAT Network Activities

Youth Transition Action Teams will be supported by the following networking activities in 2006:

- ❑ **Site Lead Meetings, Trainings, and Peer-to-Peer Networking:** Identified Site Leads from each community are supported by training and regular networking opportunities. During meetings, Site Leads will discuss issues important to the Network and identify areas of common concern to guide network activities. They will meet via conference call every other month and face-to-face meetings and trainings at least twice annually.
- ❑ **Network Content Conference Calls:** All members of the YTAT listserv are invited to participate in Network Content Conference Calls every other month, in key areas identified as high need by the participating communities.
- ❑ **YTAT Network Workgroups:** YTAT staff will facilitate and support workgroups focusing on areas of common concern, potentially organized into the content areas identified by the functions and activities of the teams. Network identified workgroups will meet at a frequency defined by the participating members (generally one a month or every two months).
- ❑ **Network Regional Workshops:** All YTAT Network members are invited to participate in regional content-based workshops in key areas identified as high need by the participating communities. Frequency of workshops is dependent upon resources supporting the initiative. Potential topics include the following issues:
 - Understanding and Building the Elements of a Comprehensive Youth-Serving System
 - Coordinating Youth Services within Your Community
 - Promoting What You Do: Effective Marketing, Sales, and Customer Service
 - Developing Partnerships to Reduce Duplication, Enhance Efficiency, and Leverage Resources
 - Partnering with Education, Social Services, and/or Workforce Agencies
 - Engaging Employers and Workplace Partners to Better Serve Youth
 - Supporting Students and Youth with Quality Work-Based Learning
 - Applying Youth Development Principles in Your Program
 - Involving Youth in Organizational Planning, Policy, and Decision-Making
 - Youth Resource Mapping: Demographics, Public Opinion, Funding, Activities, and Services
 - Using Data and Evaluation to Improve Programs and Services for Youth
- ❑ **YTAT Team Institutes:** The Network will host an Annual Team Institute, designed to deliver critical content, support peer networking, and allow for focused strategic planning time – perhaps in conjunction with already scheduled forums.
- ❑ **Communication and Resource Support:** A vibrant communication and technology component, supporting on-line dialogues; the collection and sharing of promising practices, tools, and ideas; the dissemination of relevant information; and the monitoring of progress. This also includes a quarterly electronic newsletter to share updates on progress and communicate success to a broad audience.