



Youth Transition Action Teams

Leveraging Community Resources to Ensure Successful Transitions for Foster Youth

Initiative Highlights

Overview

The Transition Action Teams initiative works with existing efforts to create a comprehensive, integrated, and sequenced set of services and supports to improve the likelihood that youth touched by the child welfare system will be prepared and ready to achieve success as adults.

The Youth Transition Action Team initiative supports community teams (Transition Action Teams) of leaders from child welfare, education, workforce development, philanthropy, and other systems in their efforts to leverage local resources and programs to provide an integrated continuum of services and opportunities for foster and kinship youth that will ensure their successful transitions to adulthood.

The strategy is designed to support counties statewide in meeting their systems improvement objectives and to support inter-agency collaboration at the local and state levels. Local Transition Action Teams, primarily led by leaders in county child welfare agencies, are supported by New Ways to Work with tools, materials, training, forums, and strategic planning sessions to assist in the development and implementation of local strategies and connected to approaches designed to ensure successful transitions to adulthood.

Initiative Status

- Expanded the YTAT Network to eighteen counties
- Facilitated strategic planning sessions in two regions for 10 teams during the Foster Youth Focus Series
- Planning for a late 2007 Employment and Career Development Summit and legislative hearing
- Engaged nearly 500 practitioners and leaders to create cross-system awareness and improve local collaboration between county child welfare agencies and local workforce investment areas through a series of forums conducted across the state
- Provided training and orientation to over 200 local practitioners, over half of whom are child welfare workers
- Aligned complementary efforts in the child welfare and workforce development systems
- Developed a formal relationship with CDSS, including agreements on relationships between the YTAT initiative and the State Interagency Team
- Developed Tools and frameworks, based on the All Youth-One System approach, and integrated with multiple existing frameworks for foster youth transition and permanence
- Participated as an active member in the Governor's Foster Youth Employment, Training and Housing Task Force
- Participated as an active member of the National Governor's Association Policy Academy workgroups on Employment and Independent Living Programs
- Developed YTAT website presence, including posting of relevant tools and materials and launched a listserv with 1,500 subscribers

Participating Counties

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fresno | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Mateo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sacramento | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shasta |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humboldt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tehama |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Diego | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tulare |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mendocino | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Francisco | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ventura |

