

## **TAY | ATX | Meeting Notes**

### **January 19, 2018**

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#### **Welcome and Purpose**

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#### **Introductions**

*Welcome New Members!*

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#### **Summary of TAY ATX Planning Session with Upbring**

December 5th workshop: how to make the group data driven with specific goals around Austin community for transition age youth (16-24) focusing on subgroups:

- 1- Aging Out Youth
- 2- Opportunity Youth (youth not currently engaged in school or work),
- 3- Youth Homelessness

For above subgroups, focus on the tangible goals we want to set (i.e. 10 fewer youth aging out in next year) & utilize workgroups and start to discuss strategy & external factors - come up with goals & action items for each subgroup

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#### **Youth Voice**

#### **EMAIL OUT TEXAS TRIBUNE ARTICLE**

[Gage Kemp:](#)

Austin Youth Collective to end homelessness (fb page - send out)

<https://www.facebook.com/AYCTEH/>

-Working on recruitment and project planning. Working on a Podcast to feature stories with youth nationally

-Youth Empowerment Showcase (YES) - talent showcase to let youth show off their talents (silent art auction, culinary, music, etc) event to showcase Transition Aged Youth talents

-Gage got to go to DC to perform speak and learn in DC with amazing social workers, recruiting members

-HUD Grant - 5.2 million awarded to austin over 3 years, leading city on ending youth homelessness. ECHO is spearheading - "Community Coordinators" (relatively objective 3rd party to determine where the funding should go). Youth driven - helped submit the application, and giving suggestions/advice/perspective

-Goal: End youth homelessness by 2020 (November marked 1 year)

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**Workgroups** (*reminder notes attached*)

- **Youth Aging Out**

- For those of you in this group, the task was to identify an aging out teen issue that is most pressing to you and take one baby step toward an actionable solution. Please e-mail this step to [erin@partnershipforchildren.org](mailto:erin@partnershipforchildren.org) to be included in upcoming meeting information

- **Homeless Youth**

- Please e-mail workgroup objectives to [erin@partnershipsforchildren.org](mailto:erin@partnershipsforchildren.org) to be included in upcoming meeting information
- Looking into Casey representatives coming to meet with youth in the LifeWorks Youth Resource Center. Or possibly coming to share information on their services to a group of youth.
- Recommending “warm handoffs” between LifeWorks ACTS Caseworkers and Casey workers to assist in the rapport and trust building process.
- Investigate money for basic needs for YAT (Young Adults in Transition) youth. There is money available for CPS youth but not YAT youth. Why not?
- Create a “warning signs” to homelessness tool – or indicators that may predict homelessness in the near future
- Working in collaboration with the Austin Youth Collective to End Homelessness.

- **Opportunity Youth -16-24**, youth not engaged in edu or employed

- **Jelina Tunstill** - Community Advancement Network, **Carmen Gattis** - Kids in a New Groove (ages 5-22), **Molly Young** - Austin Opportunity Youth Collaborative, **Katie Hansen** - Goodwill - for the WIOA grant, serving youth 16-24 that have significant barriers to education - intensive

case management and follow up services (income requirements, disability, criminal background, working to GED, etc). Targeting foster youth for recruitment, **Sam Endress** Peloton U - working adults going back to school, average age is 28, not currently on the WIOA list but working toward, disruptive education model, 16% at ACC part time graduate, **Jessica Murry Zellers** Goodwill Excel Center - Transitions Life Coach - funded through Texas Workforce Commission, small caseload, looking to be larger, good outcomes with the intense case management, **Erin Argue** Partnerships for Children YES Mentoring Program Coordinator,

- o How to not replicate something already in existence
- o Austin opportunity youth collaborative - 22 community organizations - focused on youth or systems that service youth -Receive WIOA funding (goodwill, lifeworks, CIS, etc) Surrounded by ACC, texas state, etc, skillpoint alliance, etc Community based organizations - i.e. Peloton Funders group
- o Connecting 16 - 24 to education and employment pathways with upskilling along the way
- o If \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_ (dream) - categorization (GED resources, Higher Education resources, mentoring services, etc)
- o Opportunity Youth - not being addressed as a whole
- o One pager for each person at the table
  - What we do (include a categorization)can
  - What we need
  - How we might overlap
  - What would you LIKE to see happen

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**The Bridge Project (Dr. Christine Norton, Texas State University)  
Associate Prof of Social Work**

FACES - Foster Care Alumni Creating Educational Success - Campus based support program at Texas State

Board of Director for Education Reach - non profit - all 2 year and 4 year colleges in texas to yearly look at best practices for supporting FFY in higher education

Tx State has really great retention and grad rates - were 56% on par with non foster youth (opposed to 2-3% national level)

Adopted youth lost tuition and fee waivers if went below 2.0 and Fed Financial Aid - then the graduation rate decreased

Worked to build a bridge vs waiting for youth to come to them.

- The Bridge Project: creates intentional collaboration between higher education K12 liaisons, child welfare agencies, and service providers

**Right now** - *SB1220 looking at addressing the state of education among current and former foster youth in texas, looking at education and vocation*

Tony Watt- Researcher at Texas State - using DFPS & Higher education board - cross tabulate the data about tuition and fee waiver e- they found - 18-24 - 96.5% of former foster youth in that study had no post secondary education credentials by the age of 24. IN texas, 51% of foster youth completing high school - call to action for all of us.

Post secondary enrollment rates are surprisingly high - 32% that is fantastic, BUT there is a huge discrepancy (unpublished) that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of those enrolled (i.e. 31.5% of the 32%) are using the tuition and fee waiver. The Bridge Project is designed for everyone to work together to do better.

All 2/4 year colleges MUST have a foster care liason. Dr. Norton is this individual for Texas State. NOW, all k-12 campuses are going to have a foster care liaison as well (i.e. build the bridge).

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### **Announcements**

- Goodwill - position open - GED instructor - south office - apply <https://www.goodwillcentraltexas.org/education-job-training/jobs-at-goodwill-central-texas>

- **Collective Impact Convening:** National collective impact conference in Austin april 3rd - 5th, Molly happy to share the code for a small discount

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-collective-impact-convening/event-summary-91583df8dc2146309631862cfd59b165.aspx>

MIECHV: Maternal Infant Early Child Home Visiting

Hi again. Please contact your Senators, Congressmen and women again TODAY to urge them to re-authorize funding for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program at its current level of \$400 million per year for Fiscal Years (FY) 2018-2022.

How to find members of the U.S. Congress using your address here:

Reach out with a Phone Call: <http://www.congressweb.com/texprotects/48/>  
Reach out with an Email: <http://www.congressweb.com/TexProtects/49/>

*Home visiting programs have demonstrated significant and positive outcomes for youth and their families including:*

- improved health of mothers and their babies
- children who are better prepared for school
- reductions in child maltreatment
- families that are more self-sufficient
- cost savings

[\*Child and Family Research Partnership\*](#)

Today is a DAY OF ACTION urging Congress to renew the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, the federal funding mechanism for home visiting. Congressional inaction allowed it to expire more than 100 days ago, and now the clock is ticking for these programs and the families they serve.

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**Wrap up:**

Next meeting: February 16, 2018

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**Adjourn**