

## TAY MEETING NOTES:

### **SMALL GROUP FEEDBACK ON TAY (from June Meeting):**

- Jessica - good momentum but it was a few people doing alot of the work
- Getting more buy in and narrowing down the work
  
- Amy - Interested in collaboration and working together
  
- General consensus from the YAO group
- Camille - Not a clear mission from Homeless youth workgroup
  - Also wanted to talk about youth engagement
    - Youth run facebook page
      - Can communicate all the things that we are working on as a group
      - Young Adult Peer Support (YAPS ATX)

## **Welcome & Intros**

### GOALS:

- Stable housing?
  - *Does a couch count?*
- Engaged with school/work
  - *Does taking a class but dropping or not passing count?*
- Socially Connected
  - To peers? Adults

WHAT DO THESE LOOK LIKE???

WHAT DO WE WANT TO TRACK AS A GROUP?

## **Homeless Workgroup & Youth Aging Out**

- Merged as Freedom Wheels
- Ultimate goal to get DL and cars for kids

- Using program from North Carolina funded 75K each year for 2 years to estab system for kids to get DL in foster care
- We are focused on extended foster care b/c they are in supported systems
- Want to be specific to start b/c we want to put them in successful positions
- WHAT IS NEEDED
  - Difficult spots
  - Getting them into cars - issues around that
  - Process for the NC team and what the model looks like
- Funding possibilities for Topfer and other options

### **Where does that leave opportunity youth?**

AYOC - Coordinating together to help everyone coordinate w/ each other better

Came up b/c case managers were not really engaged with people in other programs - looking to talk more about funding and who is covering what areas

All of this has been dumped into a huge messy spreadsheet for the AYOC Collaborative and ACAN

- At point now that we can start adding other orgs:
  - Email MOLLY YOUNG: [texmolly@gmail.com](mailto:texmolly@gmail.com)
- Working with partners to put it in a database
  - Key Up
  - Aunt Bertha

### **BARRIERS/ISSUES that people would like to address?**

- Getting kids to work
  - Register volunteers to take them?
  - Emoji's →
- Bus passes - Orgs and people are paying. Possible to get discount?
  - Goodwill and LifeWorks has passes
  - Cap Metro is \$20 for the monthly pass
- CTOSH → Listserv with UT
  - San Antonio - Bexar Necessities → Check with two places first and then you can post (through United Way)
- Amy - Pushing out more standards for orgs that we can bring back to standards and push
  - What is important and what we want to have as standard across the standards of care

- More of a broad influence & thinking about systemic impacts
- What are more policy and systemic things to push
  
- Standard changes from 21 to 24
  - Ready by 25?
  - Policy changes that might need to be happening
  - Scaffolding of services possible?
    - Info and training push
  - Where does this fit into your organization?
    - Example LifeWorks works with 16-26 with some programs but many programs are to 21 and that is based on DFPS contract
- Could push this through group

#### Alumni Program - SAFE Alliance

- Angel
  - Drop in center (4800 Manor Road, ATX)
  - No age limit, can help with really anything
    - Donations needed:
      - Food Pantry (Central Texas Food Bank)
      - Clothing would be great - Only have men's right now
      - TV Needed

#### **Texas AppleSeed - Report: Young Alone and Homeless (Link to blog)**

- All of the interactions that the youth have
- If there are things that you are seeing that match up in that report
- True definitions - Changing what it means to be homeless

#### Homeless and need ID - No address

- What about areas that have no orgs available
- Couchsurfing that does not count as being homeless - would not be able to fill out application for someone that didn't have an address

#### TICC - Needs Assessment

- Collaborative and progressive
- Next TICC Meeting is Aug 8th

#### What is Trauma Informed Care?

- Sharing resources
- Would like to hone skills & training to relate to youth
  - Send info to Emoji's contact

**EVENT: → Add to Calendar & Updates email**

***SAVE THE DATE!***

***Sept 26th - Working in Austin (3-5pm)***

- Career Exploration & Job Shadow Event
- 45-50 employers
- 100 youth will attend (ages 16-24)
- Flyer included from Allison Brandt
- Transportation available
- Swag bags - Sponsorship opps are available
- Child care available
  
- Allison - Would love to have more feedback and ideas too
  - Getting the kids info about transportation and people that they can get rides with
  - COA has a program that comes out to bring info about buses and schedules
  
- Background, combo two methods:
  - ***LifeWorks Supported Employment*** (wrap around employment support -- people stay longer and are engaged)
  - ***American YouthWorks (Professional Networking)*** - helped the students get past the fear of the unknown. Getting them phased into the roles - job shadowing and mock interviews) ... This event is attempt to blend these events together to help youth that might not be in a program especially
  
- That moment that they are going to the job shadow or the job - someone that works there picks them up. At least one person that they know when they get there

**Announcements!**

- August Meeting 8/17

Going over email listserv

- Who is missing?
- Who can be removed
- Absent Members

Jelina - CAN

- Dashboard updated and indicators
- Report is ready to go

Updating the Ready by 21 → Going to ask about Ready by 25

Amy K (Unbring) - Keep conceptualizing what we can do as a larger group

Central Texas Table of Grace - Wanted to learn to help kids, mostly kids up to 17 and we stay connected after they have aged out

- Round Rock
- Tried to google things and didn't find what we needed
- Implementing ed programs

### **Through Project: Mentoring Program**

Terry Avery - really like the collab and learning so much

- Advancing a mentoring program for youth aging out

Elaine & Chris

- NPO in San Antonio
- Provide mentoring services for foster youth, adopted, kinship, guidance
- Want to be able to help all aspects of the FC system
  - Match mentor w/ common interests
  - Give interest sheet to give starting place
  - 1 year commitment from mentors but many give more
  - Bus passes to young adults (6 month pass)
  - We pay for cell phone for a year - the communication is key
    - That is an issue and it's big - you need it to talk to mentor and get jobs
  - Highland Commercial Prop - have 10 youth that have a place to live for a year
    - Have to be involved in the mentor program and follow through
  - We have requirements - saving account at Frost Bank (\$250 month and each quarter it goes up \$150 and last month they save \$700 and at end they get \$6K to take with them in the program)
    - Many have paid off alot of debt and have a car
    - Response has been great
  - Require them to take lifeskills classes
    - Support network to be successful on their own
  - Age 16+
- Funded - 2 fundraisers a year, board member is newscaster and we get on news alot
- Private Funding

Jessica M - Settlement Home will get visit from DFPS Commissioner

- Will have update at the next meeting

Peloton U - 10 spots for DACA recipients available now

- Go to connectors for other programs, working with students that work w/ PU or not
- Equip the students with the right things (Avian)

Jenn - 2-6 Consortium of downtown churches that serve food to homeless youth at the end homelessness

- Health Fair on either Sept 23 or 30th
- Would like to have partners available there
  - PPH, Skillpoint, Texas Legal Advocacy, etc. The kids need all the services and supports so if you are interested and available

Jenn - tomorrow Texas Mission of Mercy at William B Travis HS - need to be there super early and there are like 40 dentists in the mobile van

- Reducing pain, fillings, extractions, cleaning
- Foundation Library - Ellen Motos Lee → St David's foundation mentioned the event

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches - We don't sell the ends of the bread but we make hoagie sandwiches and we try to pass them out to homeless (Usually have 50-60 day)

Requests to share story - develop a life skills training (trauma informed)

- I need practice you could get a talk and I could get some feedback and I would appreciate that

**TAY ADMIN TO DO:**

**Amy - Will create listserv**

**Shannon - Will tag the articles to search on website**