



April 20, 2018 ✨ 12:00-1:30pm

Monthly Meeting Agenda

12:00 **Welcome and Purpose**

12:05 **Introductions!**

12:15 **Youth Led Website** (*Camille*)

Young Adult Peer Support - ATX

- Stock with announcements, events, opportunities from the group
- Youth Art for the expression of their work

Who will maintain?

- Jimmy will lead → youth can contribute and lead

Questions?

- Familiar with Saysoinc.org

12:25 **Freedom Wheels: Drivers License Project** (*Jen & Amy*)

Workgroups - going well, believe grp is perfect place to host this

Everyone knows that these kids need DL

Not enough mobility in kids lives - especially after care

- often use the bus system

Amy - Personal experience with Teen who aged out of care - sobering b/c it would take 1.5 hours to get 20 minutes down the road. She hitched rides with people and had to depend on others

- unsafe to wait for bus sitting and waiting at midnight
- Saw her life change when she got job within walking distance, she was totally in charge of her own schedule - she was early and she was transitioned to a Settlement Home apts - she has more opp for work and more housing options now

TIER 1: GETTING DL

Overall Goal - Level the playing field. It's imp that we are giving the youth the same chances we have had - unfair to expect them to do something



Research:

- easier to get DL at 16 than 18
- at least start getting the docs together that they will need
- in order to get DL - Aceable - they will give them drivers Ed piece in donation
 - They will get the education on ap/web
 - They will be able to do that anywhere and get that checked off
 - Next they will have to get permit
 - Here a driving coach enters
 - Basically a mentor that will drive them to the DMV and help them with the gaps
 - Keeps them accountable moving forward
 - YES Mentors - will be helping. The current mentors will be able to “level up” to driving coach if they opt in
 - Simulators @ Travis Driving School → It’s a mom and pop shop with 6 kids and a big heart and he was excited to give us time with the machines for free. He does not want compensation. Computer print out on his end. It’s a 7 hour class, so the mentor would help to drive and pick up
 - Low stress way for youth to get a
 - Travis Driving School + the Austin Driving School opportunity through the contract. they can take the driving test at Austin Driving School and takes off all of the stress.
- There is a place in NC from agencies that is pulling off the DL part of things
- We were able to download her documents and work with them

TIER 2: Getting them into their own vehicles

- Movement here too - convos with people are happening
- Thinking about - insurance, maintenance, budgeting for, etc
- Potential to pull community members that are interested in cars, etc and teach people how to work on them
- Jessica is connecting Amy/Jessica → teaching aspects
- Emma - Intern → Someone that can help ID lemons and learn maintenance



DISCUSSION:

Skillpoint Alliance - Stephanie

- NPO that does car repairs for low income
- In Dallas opp to purchase reliable used vehicle for LI individuals
- Came from DC and Seattle where we have tranpo that works and now working in CM and SKillpoint - having access to DL and reliable transpo - really is imp here, it's huge

Jessica - Alot of jobs require a DL

Anyone that wants to opt in - thinking about how you fit in... everything fits in. Emotional, physical, mental health - all things are affected and a lot of things are in play here. We can make you fit if you are interested and there are a lot of pieces to consider here

- Driving to Dr is just as imp as school
- We are not turning away - we are piloting with foster youth/kids in care but want to spread the net
- Want to vet this with people that are part of the foster care transition system

Camille - these connections will bring people to the table together

Tacolya - Judge Martinez Jones → Wanted to do a program like this

Start up in CA - Uber for Kids → Skip Hop Drive (in three cities now)

- Have child care certifications, safe driving records
- Taking kids to soccer, etc

Molly - We need to invite Lonnie Stern - Community Relations Manager for Cap Metro

- Has had convos with Molly about the opportunity youth and getting them to job interviews etc
- Workers to Work → Insurance connection



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Workgroups:

- Youth Aging Out
- Homeless Youth
- Opportunity Youth
 - Molly: Focusing on building our shared resources matrix to do better job of collaborating with one another
 - Youth serving partners came together
 - Grants available
 - Openings
 - Capacity
 - Getting on the same page - what everyone is doing
 - Acknowledge the fact that AOYC is smaller than this group - want to include all of the groups
 - It's coming and it's just been slow b/c I have been wearing many hats

Resources needed:

ECHO HAS A MATRIX - they have something so I am going to align and they have fleshed out the areas of focus. This is where I am starting

Also found out that there are multiple groups - ECHO, Council of Governments are doing Workforce Development and training system that is also very similar.

All of the collaboration will take a long time.

CTOSH - <http://www.austinecho.org/ctosh-information/>

The main method of communication for local planning groups, homeless services providers, and individuals whose interests are in issues of homelessness in Austin/Travis County. "CTOSH" stands for Collaboration Technologies for Organizations Serving the Homeless. CTOSH is a research project that was created by Laurie Lewis and Craig Scott, former professors at the U.T. Dept. of Communication Studies.



This tool is used to post announcements, questions, ideas, invitations, etc. Everyone who is subscribed to the email list will receive items via e-mail from other subscribers. The list has approximately 300 subscribers. Anyone can subscribe to the email list.

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Announcements & Events

- ***NCTSN TAY Product Development Team (Camille)***
 - Joined a task force - nationwide
 - Developing Fact Sheet series → they have a lot of resources
 - NCTSN.org
 - Fact Sheets will provide info about this age group and trauma - fact sheets that will be general
 - Fact sheet for youth → Transitioning
 - IF YOU HAVE OTHER RESOURCES PLEASE SHARE WITH CAMILLE

- TCU → Accepting Full scholarships for Sept and October TCBI Training
 - Scholarship if you want to become an educator as well → we need more because of AISD needs more trained personnel

- *New events on calendar (Shannon)*
- *Open floor!*
- **Skillpoint Alliance, Stephanie**
 - *Eligibility Criteria*
 - *ESL for CMA & Basic Construction certification*
 - *Partnership with Literacy Coalition*

- ***CAN - Julia, Program Coordinator***
 - *Known for the Dashboard and if we are making things better*
 - *New Dashboard coming out in June*
 - *Language access action team*
 - *Recommendations & deliverables*



- *Molly @ Workforce*
 - *Getting young people into the college pipeline/education*
- *Tacolya - (Flyer Picture)*
 - *Girl Scouts looking for summer camp counselors - Lake Travis and Lake Belton (4 or 8 weeks) → Must be 18 years old*
 - *Transpo not to be a barrier - can help them get to camp. It's a 4-8 week camp. Place to stay on the weekends if they would like to or they could go home on Fridays*
 - *Have 14 openings here and a couple in Belton*
 - *Job opps for 16 year olds throughout the year at GS service center on Parmer and Breaker*
- **Goodwill Excel Program**
 - *Public Charter for YA 17-25*
 - *Partner with Lifeworks*
 - *Open enrollment for the 17-18 school year in about 3 weeks - anyone needing HS dip or career certification*
 - *Have accelerated schedule, classes 8a-9p, child care available, bus passes, adult model*

 - *Lifelaunch Program - not part of school but works with people with criminal history*
- *Texas Tech - Jen*
 - *Faculty member focused on mental health and social capital - people that are about you and that is how you get through life*
- *Superior Healthplan (Cedrick &*
 - *Target children in the FC system - reach out at 14 yo*
 - *Work with LW often 18-21, trying to help youth get connected to their benefits again - especially when they are out of care and don't have someone to help*
 - *Compliment the PAL program - we can also help with referrals*



- Offer A to A program - earn \$ that goes on to a card for keeping their health appointments
- Pelton U - Navid & Samantha
 - Students are primarily working FT, families
 - Community lunch next Thursday → [LINK](#)
 - 4 year full ride scholarship available - First 20 are guaranteed a spot and they can open up to additional students as well
- LifeWorks
 - Cases can go for 6-12 months
 - we have openings on our schedules right now → Valuable spots, counseling in homes or community
 - Can go to school, coffee shop, etc
 - Free up to 1 year
 - Youth at the Alternative Learning Center → Connection
- Andrew - Teach PAL Lifeskills classes
 - Relationships, employment, transportation
 - provide CM for youth in region 7 after care
 - Youth Resource Center - 30 avg coming in a day
 - Many are homeless, some are in LW programs and housing
- Gage Kemp - Youth Board
 - End Homelessness by 2020, working with HUD
 - Working on grant with Dell - focus on Youth MH
 - Want to generate sacred space - artistic, struggling humanoid forms with words that reach someone → Behind them will be meditative space made out of clay
- Austin Center for Grief and Loss - Have workshops and camps that are for youth dealing with PTSD



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Wrap up & Feedback

- **Website:** <http://www.taycollaborative.org>
 - *Resource page*
 - *Allison Brandt → Can help with gathering the info for our pages!*
 - *Calendar of events*
 - *Job Board*
 - *Any interest in adding funding opportunities?*
- **Email:** tayatxcollaborative@gmail.com
- **Next Meeting!**
 - *May 18, 2018*