

<b>Challenges and Problems</b>	<b>Solutions</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
<i>Shelters</i>		
	Overcrowded, too expensive, not enough room, not safe	
<i>Sex Trafficking</i>		
	Gangs, Family members trafficking youth	Youth victims are eligible for victims services
<i>Communication</i>		
	Lack of Resources. Identifying Agencies that are not connected to Probation and Gov't agencies with Resources	
<i>CBO</i>		
	Not receiving funding	
<i>Resources</i>		
	Not enough \$\$, too many TAY in system	
<i>Obstacles</i>		
	Mental Health, too many TAY are affected, mental health dept. are overwhelmed, takes too long to get eligibility paperwork complete.	
<i>Jobs</i>		
	Lack thereof; self-motivating; substructure abuse - promethazine (cough medicine), meth, Heroin. the usage of drugs drives TAY to develop mental health issues	
<i>Gaps</i>		
	Lack of Jobs, lack of funds to carry youth from taining to placement; Lack of transportation or funds for transportation; lack of motivation (TAY), lack of knowledge (TAY), lack of self-esteem	
<i>Support System</i>		

	<p>Do you have a stable home?  Someone who cares?; TAY have lack of relationship with social worker, social worker can not/does not relate, not culturally competent, social worker therapists</p>	<p>Create an Independent Living Program. DCFS and Probation collaborate to provide life coaches to teach life skills &amp; Independent Living skills. Each TAY should be required to have a life coach. Collaboration of agencies contracts should require collaboration of larger agencies with CBO and NBO's cross training Agencies and Services (must be in placement on 18th birthday);</p>
	<p>Lack of trust to system; youth want help - who do they get it from?  Trafficking being done by youth (young women); lack of parenting; gang affiliated (acts as a family); contact with gang members in jail</p>	<p>AB-12 TAY (18-19) redesigned how youth can remain in Foster Care. New placement (THP &amp; FC); can stay in Foster Transition Housing Placement care; must have a social worker and have students work or be in school or get a GED. Ok, if they have significant mental health issues. They must actively be doing something to eliminate barriers.</p>
<p><i>Siblings of Foster Care &amp; TAY</i></p>		
	<p>How often do we work to keep families together - It is allowed to do so whenever possible; Keep the relationship; we hinder our youth by doing too much for them; identify problems in youth early; Negative attitudes of providers</p>	<p>Education of Community; PREA.org (Prison Rate Elimination Act); LAKids.org</p>