

Foster Care and Child Welfare Workgroup August 2014 Session				
Priority Level	Problem/Challenge To Address	Proposed Solution(s)	Desired Outcome	Strategic Goal
	Lack of awareness for resources around family reunification	Increase current resources		
	Transitional resource centers	increase current resources		
	TAP cards for population	Available through IOP ages 10-22		
	List new/updated and current resources	Need an organization to facilitate information	Enhance 211 Foster Care directory (if applicable)	
	Need a user friendly database of resources for foster care youth	24x7 hotline? [website with a knowledgebase + media campaign]	Reach out to funders (politicians, etc), organization collaboratives (law enforcement, schools, etc.)	
	Supportive Services	Mentors, Mentorships	Retention, Followup, followthrough (?)	
	DCFS was not intended to raise children			
	Not enough market resources within the community	Social Media Word of Mouth: Rely on TAY for TAY Youth focus groups to lead the collaborative		
	Not enough training and leadership	Getting buy-in from the TAY/Teens to participate Start in Juv Hall, Detention Centers, etc.		
	Youth repeating the same mistakes of their predecessors	Collocated agencies and satellite offices		
	Better communication between DCFS and other agencies	Annual or a semi-annual conference bridging collaborative efforts		
		Web based application of the community		
	"Know before you go" app	Alliance for Childrens Rights		
	Marketing of messages	email blast		
	Multi-disciplinary teams not limited to DCFS	Better relationship(s) with DCFS		
	There is no "wrap-around" when cases close Teams no longer work together	Retention Prep Reduction prior to case close		
	Agencies take ownership of case with no follow through of case			
	Evaluation of assessments	Better tracking and implementation Training curriculum, tests School and teacher involvement		
	Mentor programs need improvement	Follow through with development and transitions Education about transitions		
	Change vs. Transition	Know your stage Who are your providers Who are your supporters How do we achieve growth Linkages to active community involvement Teach how to learn from one another		

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	Mental Health Challenges	Communication Over-medicating (self-medicating?) over-diagnosing Stigmas Need services and phycho-education Increase awareness..What is not being said		
	There is no feedback loop from treated or supported clients (mid- and post- service)	Provide a client involved 360 evaluation of treatment and services performance		
	There is a lack of training for staff and treatment professionals	Implement an ongoing training program to deal with TAY/youth Offer mental services to the treatment professionals Provide ongoing improvement educatoin		
	There is no standardized training for contractors and subcontractors serving TAY/youth	Develop and provide standardized traning(s) across all contractors and subcontractors		
	There is little data-driven care	Professionals should concentrate on outcomes and treatment accountability with treatment of TAY/youth		
	THP programs rules are highly inconsistent from LA county to other locations	THP programs rules should be harmonized from location to location, regardless of service point THP rules should not affect a client mid-treatment with a change of location (grandfathered services)		
	There is little life-skills training during the transition services	Teach budgeting, money management Teach hygiene, proper wardrobe choices (professional attire) Teach work relationship management (professional attitude, stress management) Teaching professional punctuality.		