

Possible goals addressed by the youth

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Youth Transition Conference



Purpose

To celebrate a youth becoming an adult and assist him or her in planning for future independence. To prepare the youth to be a self sufficient and productive member of our community.

What is a Youth Transition Conference?

A Youth Transition Conference (YTC) is a type of Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) conference that allows youth to prepare for their independence. It is a free process that consists of a meeting where, with the help of the FGDM Coordinator, the family, friends, and other support people meet to create a plan that will assist the youth in transitioning to independence.

Youth Transition Conferences gives youth the power to use their own strengths and energy to create a plan for their successful transition rather than professionals setting up a plan for them.



Who could benefit from a Youth Transition Conference?

- Any youth between the ages of 16 and 21
- Any youth going through transition including those who are involved with Children and Youth, Juvenile Probation, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Drug and Alcohol, or other therapeutic services
- Any youth planning for a permanent living arrangement
- Any youth planning to leave their current living arrangement on or after their 18th birthday



What will happen at the Youth Transition Conference?

A Youth Transition Conference facilitator will start the conference. A meal will be shared during this process

If you choose, people who provide services may also be invited to inform you about the variety of services that are available in your community.

The youth's circle of support (family, friends, and service providers) will discuss the youth's strengths. The youth will then share his or her goals that he or she would like to accomplish. Participants will then express any concerns that they have for the youth that pertain to the purpose of the conference.

Then, your family and circle of support will meet alone to create a plan. The plan will determine who will do what and by when. When you have created a plan that everyone agrees is **LEGAL**, **ATTAINABLE**, and **ENSURES THE YOUTH'S SAFETY**, your referring worker and/or facilitator will re-enter the room. At that point, the youth will present his or her plan so that the details can be confirmed and recorded.

It is important that everyone is honest in what they are able/willing to do. Everyone needs to follow the plan on order for the conference to be successful

Goals of a Youth Transition Conference

- To celebrate the youth's journey in becoming an adult
- To prepare youth for successful transition towards independence
- Explore resources to develop a circle of support for permanent connections
- Encourage youth to explore his or her interests
- To increase the youth's confidence in pursuing and obtaining goals
- To create a youth driven plan for their future

Who may attend the conference

- Family
- Friends
- Teachers
- Employers
- Mentors
- Guardians
- Co-workers
- Spiritual Advisors
- Community Support People
- Friend's parents
- Attorneys
- Service Providers
- Others as identified by the youth

