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Foster Care Advocacy and Solutions in Education

FosterCareForward is a solutions-based working group led by Enay Coaching and hosted by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education's Rural Learning Networks. We aim to improve outcomes for youth in foster care by spotlighting and advancing effective programs and practices in education and workforce readiness.

Current Collaborators

FosterCareForward collaborators include stakeholders from GADoE, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, DFCS, Georgia Appleseed (GAA), MENTOR Georgia, Great Promise Partnership, foster youth residential services, and school districts, each exercising regional impact across the state.

2022Q3 FosterCareForward Progress

The following report is the result of the contributions and teamwork of our collaborative partners. Actions are organized according to FosterCareForward's Four Focus Issues.

Issue 1: Cultivating effective school climates for student success

- Under Georgia Appleseed's Georgia Education Climate Coalition, we have begun leadership of a working group to study and promote mediation as a resource for school climate improvement, assembling partners from across the state. We expect formal establishment of this working group in Q4.

Issue 2: Helping enable speedy academic record transfers and course credit parity between school systems

- We are in communication with other working groups in our state regarding the unification of student data and records, which will help enable efficient academic record transfers between districts, educational institutions, and other parties with need for access.

Issue 3: Helping to expand and strengthen academic remediation opportunities for foster youth with severe gaps and/or barriers to on-time graduation

- We are working with our local LEAs and other education support providers to explore sustainable solutions for youth with severe academic gaps and barriers to on-time graduation. We expect to publish a case study on this topic in Q4.

Issue 4: Building stronger pipelines from foster care to careers

- The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education selected us as a College Access Mini-Grant recipient, advancing our efforts to improve post-secondary preparation and access for youth experiencing foster care in Lowndes County. Partnered with our friends at the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce and the Valdosta State University STEAM Center, we will be engaging the youth with activities and curriculum to help them see a realistic path to careers no matter what their point and age of entry into foster care.

Join the Effort

Please complete this online form to indicate any of the Four Focus Issues to which you would like to contribute your expertise and support (see original email for the link if you are not able to click on this page).