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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.

2022Q2 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

- We have partnered with the Mediation Center of Savannah to deliver the Ambassadors of Peace program to local foster care group homes, empowering students to positively affect school climates and beyond.
- 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.

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

- This quarter we will at least double our client base for our professional development curriculum for care providers: *Optimal Educational Support for Youth in Care*. We aim to launch our content online by 2022Q3.

Issue 4: Building stronger pipelines from foster care to careers

- We are continuing to work with local Work-Based Learning programs to assemble partners who will give special consideration to youth in foster care.
- \$1.5M in grants funding academics and workforce readiness for at-risk youth in the South Georgia region remain in pending status, with award announcements expected in 2022Q3.

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).