

Quarterly Report • Jan-Mar 2022

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.

2022Q1 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've been engaged in collaboration with GAA to increase awareness & implementation of HB855 (Assessing Foster Care Youth for Trauma).
- Enay Coaching presented to the South Georgia Workforce Development Board on Jan 12, discussing the state of foster care in GA and encouraging fellow members to follow up on HB855 implementation.
- We are members of GAA's Georgia Education Climate Coalition; as of Q2 we will be leading a working group to study and promote mediation as a resource for school climate improvement statewide.

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

- We maintain ongoing collaboration with stakeholders to examine best practices for student records transfers, especially youth in foster care.

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

- Enay Coaching launched our two-part professional development curriculum for care providers: *Optimal Educational Support for Youth in Care*.

Issue 4: Building stronger pipelines from foster care to careers

- We've partnered on over \$1.5M in grants (pending) to increase career-focused academic support for at-risk youth in the South Georgia region.

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).