

How Philanthropy Is Working Together to Help
All of America's Youth Connect by Age 25

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Youth Transition
Funders Group

chapter 8:

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YOUTH TRANSITION FUNDERS GROUP

Our members work in partnership to support nonprofits, initiatives, and policies that include the following strategies and approaches:

- **Fostering Collaboration between Funder and Field:** Efforts by foundations and grantees to work together more effectively by sharing strategies, coordinating investments, and sharing knowledge.
- **Creating Common Communications:** Development of tools to help advocates create clear, common messages about young people in transition that can then be used to persuade policymakers to become involved in the issue.
- **Addressing Disproportionate Negative Outcomes for Youth of Color:** Efforts to confront structural racism through awareness building and careful consideration of policies and practices that disproportionately impact young people of color.
- **Seeking Systemic Reform:** Initiatives that move beyond local programs to strategies that improve policies and reform the education, justice, child welfare, and mental health systems that serve youth.
- **Promoting Youth Engagement and Advocacy:** Efforts to partner directly with young people to better understand the barriers they face and to shape strategies for improvement and reform.

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PUBLICATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

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- “Beyond the Tunnel Problem: Addressing Cross-Cutting Issues that Impact Vulnerable Youth,” Timothy Ross and Joel Miller, Vera Institute. Part of a briefing paper series, a partnership between the Youth Transition Funders Group and The Annie E. Casey Foundation.
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- “A Blueprint for Juvenile Justice Reform,” YTFG Juvenile Justice Work Group, 2005.
- “The Alternative Pathways Project: A Framework for Preparing All Students for College and Work,” J.D. Hoye and Chris Sturgis, 2003.
- “Powerful Pathways: Framing Options and Opportunities for Vulnerable Youth,” Youth Transition Funders Group, 2001.

GET CONNECTED

Youth advocates communicate with one another and keep up with the latest in youth transition issues. Here are a few ways for youth advocates, practitioners, board members, and those in public positions to connect to the latest news:

- **Funders** can find out more about YTFG membership by sending an e-mail to membershipservices@ytfg.org. Also, funders can subscribe to the YTFG e-newsletter by sending an e-mail to info@ytfg.org and placing “Newsletter” in the subject line.
- **Advocates** can join the Connected by 25 e-list sponsored by Connect for Kids at jan@connectforkids.org.
- **Local policymakers** can join the National League of Cities Municipal Network for Disconnected Youth at http://www.nlc.org/iyef/program_areas/youth_development/4627.cfm.



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