

Safe Passage

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

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Advocates & Public Managers

Online Website Toolkits for Advocates

[Youth Policy Action Center](#)

[National Youth Employment Coalition](#)

[A City Platform for Youth Advocates - National League of Cities](#)

Online Toolkit for Public Managers, Professionals, and Youth-Serving Organizations

Tools for Child Welfare Professionals

[It's My Life: An Integrated Practice Framework for Transition Services and Accompanying Guides](#) (Casey Family Programs)

This holistic, integrated practice framework for transition services outlines practice guidelines and ways to measure outcomes in transition services. The accompanying resource guides provide strategies and tips in the areas of employment, housing, and postsecondary education and training.

- [It's My Life: Employment](#) - career-development guide for youth.
- [It's My Life: Housing](#) - guide to prepare young people to find, get, and keep housing.
- [It's My Life: Postsecondary Education and Training](#) - guide to prepare young people from foster care for financial and academic success after high school.

Tools for Educators and School Administrators

[What Teachers and Educators Can Do to Help in Foster Care](#) (www.fostercaremonth.org)

Things teachers can do to support good educational outcomes for students in out-of-home care.

[Educational Needs Index \(ENI\)](#) (Lumina Foundation)

This is a county-level study of educational, economic, and population pressures that influence educational policy and planning at local, regional, and state levels.

[Alternative Pathways Project](#) (Gates Foundation 2005)

This report and accompanying appendix outlines alternative education options for vulnerable youth.

[Getting Out of the Red Zone](#) (Youth Law Center 2003)

This report uses the youth perspective to detail obstacles to completing education for youth impacted by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Tools for Nonprofits (Technical Assistance)

National Center on Youth Transition

[Transition Services Worksheet](#) (National Center on Youth Transition)

A worksheet that evaluates transition-related services provided by various agencies in the community

[Theory of Change and Logic Models](#)

(National Technical Assistance Center for Youth in Transition)

An HTML presentation written by Sharon Hodges and Mario Hernandez for a Teleconference for the National Technical Assistance Center For Youth in Transition (2003)

[Personnel Training Modules for Working with Transition-Aged Youth and Young Adults](#) (National Technical Assistance for Youth in Transition)

The Training Modules have been developed to enhance the competencies of those who work with transition-aged youth and young adults.

Access to Statistics and Data for Your State

- [Education](#)
- [Foster Care](#)
- [Juvenile Justice](#)
- [Children & Youth](#)

Community Tools (National League of Cities)

[Institute for Youth, Education & Families](#)

Social Messaging and PR Toolkits

[Communications Toolkit for Nonprofits](#) (Cause Communications)

[Foster Care Month](#) (www.fostercaremonth.org)

Resource Directory

The following list provides links to government, nonprofit, and consulting resources to which YTFG members turn regularly for information, advice and assistance.

Foster Care Resources

Casey Family Programs

www.casey.org

Casey Family Programs' mission is to provide and improve—and ultimately to prevent the need for—foster care.

Chapin Hall Center for Children

www.chapinhall.org

Chapin Hall is a research and development center that brings the highest standards of scholarship to the real challenges of policymakers and service providers struggling to ensure that children grow, thrive, and take their place in a formidable world.

Child Welfare League of America

www.cwla.org

CWLA is an association of more than 900 public and private nonprofit agencies that assist more than 3.5 million abused and neglected children and their families each year with a range of services.

Youth Law Center

www.ylc.org

The goal of the Youth Law Center's work is to ensure that vulnerable children are provided with the conditions and services they need to grow into healthy, productive adults.

Juvenile Justice Resources

Criminal Justice Reform - [Resource Kit](#)

This toolkit links to the "Evolving Standards of Decency" Resource Kit, which provides more information on the juvenile death penalty, including an overview, facts and figures, the latest science, and national and international policy statements.

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative

<http://www.aecf.org/initiatives/jdai/>

The Annie E. Casey Foundation established the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in 1992 to demonstrate that jurisdictions can establish more effective and efficient systems to accomplish the purposes of juvenile detention.

Juvenile Law Center

www.jlc.org

Founded in 1975 as a non-profit legal service, Juvenile Law Center (JLC) is one of the oldest children's rights organizations in the United States. We work on behalf of children who have come within the purview of public agencies— for example, abused or neglected children placed in foster homes, delinquent youth sent to residential treatment facilities or adult prisons, or children in placement with specialized services needs.

Missouri Department of Youth Services

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/dys/>

The mission of the Division of Youth Services is to enable youth to fulfill their needs in a responsible manner within the context of and with respect for the needs of the family and the community.

National Juvenile Defender Center

www.njdc.info

The National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) works to ensure that all jurisdictions honor their constitutional obligation to provide counsel to indigent youth.

W. Haywood Burns Institute for Juvenile Justice, Fairness and Equity www.burnsinstitute.org

The W. Haywood Burns Institute is a leading national organization working to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color in the juvenile justice system.

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Out-of-School Youth/Struggling Students Resources

Advancement Project

www.advancementproject.org

Advancement Project is a democracy and justice action group. We work with communities seeking to build a fair and just multi-racial democracy in America. Using law, public policy and strategic communications, Advancement Project acts in partnership with local communities to advance universal opportunity, equity and access for those left behind in America.

Alternative High School Initiative

<http://www.mott.org/news/detail.asp?newsid=185>

The Alternative High School Initiative seeks to support the creation of a nationwide network of alternative schools and is supported by the Gates Foundation, the Mott Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Walter S. Johnson Foundation.

American Youth Policy Forum

www.aypf.org

American Youth Policy Forum provides learning experiences for national, state and local policymakers and practitioners to improve opportunities, services and life prospects for youth.

Jobs for the Future

www.jff.org

Jobs for the Future believes that all young people should have a quality high school and postsecondary education, and that all adults should have the skills needed to hold jobs that pay enough to support a family. As a non-profit research, consulting, and advocacy organization, JFF works to strengthen our society by creating educational and economic opportunity for those who need it most.

Stand Up

www.standup.org

The STAND UP Coalition includes more than 50 community-based schools, education organizations, and others from throughout the country that have joined forces to address a common goal: demanding a solution our education crisis.

Cross-Cutting Resources

American Youth Policy Forum

www.aypf.org

Aspen Institute Roundtable for Community Change

www.aspeninstitute.org

Center for Law and Social Policy

www.clasp.org

Finance Project
www.financeproject.org

Forum for Youth Investment
www.forumforyouthinvestment.org

National League of Cities – Institute for Youth, Education & Families
www.nlc.org

NGA Center for Best Practices
www.nga.org/center

Also make sure to visit the [YTFG Knowledge webpage](#).