

Youth Transition Funders Group

About the Youth Transition Funders Group

The **Youth Transition Funders Group** (YTFG) is a national network of funders who work together to support the well-being and economic success of vulnerable young people ages 14 to 25. We seek to ensure that all young people have lifelong family, personal, and community connections and the opportunities and tools to succeed throughout adulthood.

YTFG provides a **vibrant and active community** for approximately 100 national, regional, and community funders to learn from each other and other experts in the field, stay abreast of new research and key policy developments, inform and influence policy and practice, and foster collaborative approaches to grantmaking. We support peer networking and sharing, create key partnerships with leaders in the field, and provide strategic opportunities to leverage and extend the efforts of individual members.

YTFG members meet semi-annually and communicate regularly regarding how they can leverage their investments to help build the capacity of states and communities to effectively support young people transitioning to adulthood. Members seek to strengthen federal and state policies to support and improve outcomes for older youth and young adults; and raise public awareness of the needs of these young people.

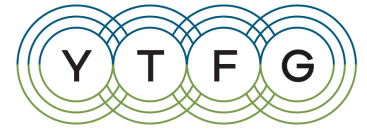
Our network provides a unique space for diverse funders to come together to explore **cross-cutting issues** affecting all high risk youth. Our members' interests and expertise span a wide range of content areas, including education, workforce development, child welfare, juvenile and youth justice, housing, health and mental health. We seek to expand beyond narrow and often siloed dialogue to build a collective understanding of how a multi-systems approach can produce improved youth outcomes. YTFG works to highlight critical overlaps and intersections of youth-serving systems and identify creative approaches to design cross-system strategies and solutions.

In addition to our cross-systems efforts, YTFG operates three dedicated **workgroups** for members desiring to connect with colleagues to address the unique needs of particularly vulnerable youth populations: those disconnected from work or school and those currently experiencing the child welfare or justice systems.

FOSTER CARE WORK GROUP: The Foster Care Work Group seeks to ensure that youth currently in and transitioning from foster care have lifelong connections, skills, and opportunities to become effective adults.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING WORK GROUP: The Economic Well-Being Work Group seeks to improve education and employment outcomes for opportunity youth and identifies and supports effective programming and policies to provide pathways for vulnerable youth to achieve high school graduation and postsecondary success.

YOUTH JUSTICE WORK GROUP: The Youth Justice Work Group seeks to improve systems, policies, and programs to better serve justice-involved youth, seizing opportunities to reduce harm to victims and offenders, promote fair and equal treatment regardless of race, age, gender or ethnicity, and protect public safety.



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Membership in the Youth Transition Funders Group

All of YTFG's efforts are supported through the contributions of our members. Membership in YTFG includes the following benefits:

- Opportunity to connect with and learn from your peers in philanthropy
- Opportunity to learn from experts in the field
- Access to cutting-edge updates to stay abreast of policy developments related to vulnerable youth
- Complimentary registration for network meetings, typically held in the spring and fall
- Member-only access to YTFG knowledge base and peer learning opportunities
- Invitation to attend YTFG site tours and grantmaker briefings on high-priority issues affecting older youth
- Opportunity to actively participate in at least one YTFG work group
- Subscriptions to regular communications from YTFG, including monthly newsletters and policy alerts for grantmakers
- Invitations to events and briefings held by partner organizations
- Advance copies of YTFG and partner publications

Suggested Membership Contributions

Below are suggested contribution levels based on your foundation's annual grantmaking.

Up to \$5 million:	\$2500 - \$5000
\$5 million – \$50 million:	\$5000 - \$15,000
\$50 million - \$100 million:	\$15,000 - \$50,000
Over \$100 million:	\$50,000 and up

To learn more about membership opportunities, or if you have questions about suggested membership contributions, please contact YTFG's Director, Barbara Langford at Barbara@ytf.org



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YTFG Membership Form (for new members or to update information)

Organization_____

Primary Representative_____

Title_____

E-Mail Address_____

Address_____

Interest_____

Contribution Amount:_____

Please include the following additional colleagues at my foundation as part of this membership request.

Additional Representative_____

Title_____

E-Mail Address_____

Address_____

Telephone Number_____

Workgroup Interest_____

Additional Representative _____

Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Workgroup Interest _____

Please return the completed form to Barbara Langford, Director, at Barbara@ytfq.org. Payment should be made out to our fiscal agent, Foster Forward, with "Youth Transition Funders Group" in the memo line. Please return payment to the following address:

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c/o Foster Forward
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