

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY 07•25•2022

Governor's Proclamation

Time: 9:00 AM

Details: Join us as we have youth from our community read the Governor's Proclamation acknowledging Colorado Youth Awareness Week. After the reading we will award certificates to young people recognized in the following categories: Creative Expressions, Youth Career and Education, Youth Leadership, Youth Community Service, and Self Care.

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A Future of Their Own: Essentials for Engaging Youth- Offered by Child Welfare Training System (CWTS)

Date: Monday July 25, 2022 AND Monday August 1, 2022
Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Details: Ahh, adolescence—that unique and exciting time of your life when you are treated like a kid...but expected to act like an adult. Navigating this essential developmental stage—trying on identities, behaviors, and values in search of one's own authentic self—is challenging enough in a stable, nurturing environment. Add the trauma and history that most of the youth in the child welfare system have experienced (not to mention the stigma of being in the system) and it isn't hard to see why their outcomes are so poor.

It's time to create a different future with Colorado's youth, to intervene in ways that empower them to envision a future of their own design and allow them to write their own story. In this unique virtual course, you'll

- explore adolescent development through a contemporary lens,
- apply rules related to intake, the Roadmap to Success, and Emancipation Transition Planning with youth, and
- directly apply the skills you learn in the classroom to your actual caseload.

Register: <https://learning.coloradocwts.com/enrol/index.php?id=1709>

*Must register via Colorado CWTS Training Account (link provided above)

- will provide 12 training hours
- must attend both day to get training credit

TUESDAY 07•26•2022

Ensuring Colorado Youth Thrive- Offered by Illuminate Colorado

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Details: Of the three child welfare pillars, the well-being of children and youth is often neglected. Yet young people who have emerged from their experience in this system say it is the most crucial to them. Focusing more intentionally on the social, emotional, behavioral, physical, and spiritual health of youth requires valuing their hopes and aspirations and understanding the impact of trauma (including trauma from racism, from the rejection of an individual's sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity, or from other oppressive beliefs, policies, and practices that harm youth and families). In this Youth Thrive training, developed by a national team that includes members with lived experience in the foster system, you'll learn the Youth Thrive Framework, which helps professionals assist youth to take advantage of opportunities, pursue their interests, and find support when challenges arise. You'll encounter tools for working with youth who have high levels of traumatic stress and complex trauma, and you'll leave this learning experience confident you know what's needed to support the developmental needs of young people and how to maximize their opportunities for productive and healthy lives.

Register: <https://learning.coloradocwts.com/totara/reportbuilder/report.php?id=103&sid=369>

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- will provide 12 training hours

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WEDNESDAY 07•27•2022

Chafee, NYTD, Colorado Foster Youth Successful Transition to Adulthood Grant Program- Offered by the Division of Child Welfare (DCW)

Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM *Don't need to pre-register, just join

Details: Do you work with teens? Young adults? Is it a challenge to identify supports for the youth you support?

Have you asked yourself any of the following...

- What resources are available to provide support to youth?
- What skills do we focus on?
- What happens to youth when they are no longer in our care?
- What does Colorado offer?
- How is Colorado performing?

If you find yourself asking these types of questions, please join us to learn about the Chafee Foster Care Independent Living Program, Colorado Foster Youth Successful Transition to Adulthood Grant Program, Educational Training Voucher (ETV), and National Youth in Transition Database.

The **Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP)** is a federal grant program offered to states to assist youth most at risk of aging out of foster care to transition successfully to adulthood. Activities and programs allowable under the Chafee program include help with education, employment, financial management, housing, emotional support, and assured connections to caring adults for older youth in foster care.

Learn more about

- eligibility,
- creative programming, and
- how to connect youth with a Chafee program (within Colorado and nationally), and
- Funding sources

The **Colorado Foster Youth Successful Transition to Adulthood Grant Program** is a state funded grant program to support eligible youth to successfully transition into adulthood. Youth are eligible for services if they are between the ages of 18 and 23, were in foster care or adjudicated dependent and neglected, and are participating voluntarily.

The **Colorado Education Training Voucher (ETV)** is federally funded, state-administered program designed to help youth who were in foster care. Please join us to learn what post-secondary opportunities are funded and where to access eligibility and application materials.

The **National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)** is a tool the federal government mandates for Chafee programming. Come learn how Colorado is performing in preparing our youth for self-sufficiency—what we are doing well and areas we can enhance.

Join: <https://meet.google.com/wcu-tmtt-avf>

Phone: 208-715-5378

PIN: 881 448 174#

THURSDAY 07•28•2022

Statewide Town Hall

Time: 3:00 PM- 4:30 PM *Don't need to pre-register, just join

Details: Moderated by young adult leader, Zyshaun Jackson, we will highlight authentic, meaningful, youth-led engagement and partnership in child welfare practice.

Join us to learn about various approaches leaders (Director, Manager, Caseworkers) from Counties across Colorado use to partner with youth. You will also hear directly from youth on how these approaches contribute to stronger partnerships

Join: <https://meet.google.com/sss-nchg-aht>

Phone: 385-999-6265

PIN: 286 800 373#

OTHER RESOURCES

Youth Specific Resource/Why it Matters Video:

<https://coloradocwts.com/youth-services-resources/>

[2022 Youth Awareness Week Website](#)

Keep an open eye for a new course (and other meaningful learning opportunities offered by the Colorado Child Welfare Training System (CWTS) such as:

- Introduction to Foster Youth in Transition Program (WBT) (2 training hours)
- Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking (WBT) 21-22 (3 training hours)
- Not Too Cool for School: Collaborating With Educators for Better Outcomes (WBT and Virtual) (13 training hours)