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Positively Engaging Youth in the CFSR



Benefits To Engaging Youth In The CFSR Process:



- Unique perspective
- How services can best be provided
- System change
- What works, what does not, and their service needs
- Opportunity to consider new strategies
- Empowerment
- Speak on behalf of Agency

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Engaging Youth in The CFSR Process:

State child welfare agencies can engage youth currently being or those that have been served by the child welfare system

by identifying and then working with existing youth organizations and advisory boards



States can engage youth in the

Statewide Assessment

process by:

- Identify existing statewide youth organizations willing to assist with youth engagement
- Work with State or local foster youth ombudspersons
- Train staff on working collaboratively with youth



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States can engage youth in the

Onsite Review

process by:

- Prep youth to participate
- Conduct stakeholder interviews with youth
- Invite youth to the State's exit conference



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States can engage youth in the PIP or

Program Improvement Plan

process by:

- Include on the PIP team & work groups
- Invite youth from Chafee State Plan team to participate in PIP to address overlapping areas of improvement
- Engage in reviewing PIP progress quarterly



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Putting Youth in the Game: Things to Consider

- Scheduling
- Transportation & logistics
- Compensation
- Other \$ issues
- Staffing
- Professionalism
- Finding “Best Use of Skills”



Putting Youth in the Game: Rules for Play

- Know the rules
- No practice/no play
- Defense is just as important as offense
- Fouls happen
- Go to the tape
- Don't play injured
- It's no fun sitting on the bench
- Communicate success



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Web Resources



California Youth Connection

www.calyouthconn.org

Youth Leadership Advisory Team – Maine

www.ylat.org

FosterClub

www.fosterclub.org

Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative –
Michigan Recommendations

http://www.jimcaseyyouth.org/docs/michigan_voice.pdf

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Youth Development

<http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd>

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