

Executive Summary

Our Journey Together: Building and Strengthening Partnerships to Best Serve Youth in Foster Care

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The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Division of Youth Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families' Children's Bureau hosted a joint webinar to share information about how child welfare and workforce agencies together can develop strategies that benefit youth in foster care.

May was National Foster Care Month! Taffy Compain from HHS acknowledged those working to help youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections, and shared resources to improve their outcomes. Youth in and transitioning out of foster care require various supports as they make their journey to adulthood, including quality employment, education, and career-readiness services. Sara Hastings (DOL) and Catherine Heath (HHS) walked through the newly released [MythBuster](#) on serving youth in foster care created by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor that debunks myths about serving foster care youth with WIOA funds.

The webinar also provided a state and local level example of practices and partnerships that impact the educational, employment, and well-being outcomes of foster youth being served through WIOA. Presenters Gaye Vopat and Jen Troke from the state of Texas, and Krysta Esquivel and Sara Fox from San Diego, CA shared how they are prioritizing and partnering to best serve youth in foster care.

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