


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Develop Public/Private strategies and investments to impact system(S) change



Transitioning Youth:
 Technical Assistance & Training
“Policy to Practice” Training Academy
 Program Design & Development

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“Connected by 25” : Foster Care

- Youth Transitions Funders Group was formed in 1995
www.youthtransitions.org
- 2002 - Foster Care Work Group

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A Young Person who is
"Connected by 25"



has obtained three critical outcomes:

1. Preparation for Economic Success
2. Connection to an ongoing & committed support system
3. The ability to contribute economically & socially

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CONNECTED BY 25

In 2005 Eckerd Family Foundation invests in Hillsborough County to establish a "Connected by 25" pilot site

2006: Connected by 25 in Florida became the 1st Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative co-investment site

www.eckerdfamilyfoundation.org www.jimcaseyyouth.org

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Community Based Care
*Florida Department of
Children & Families*

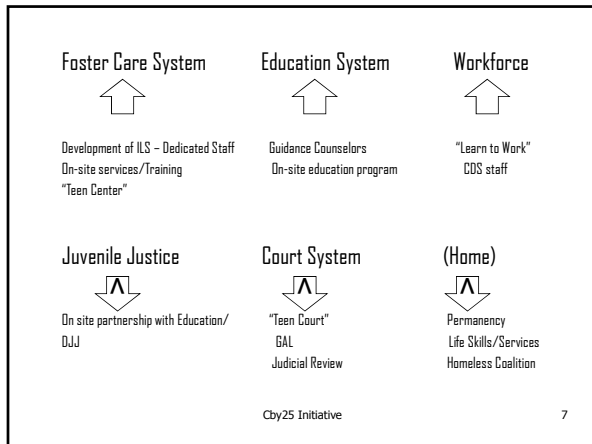
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*Child Welfare
Case
Management*

*Independent
Living
Services*

*Foster
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Placements*


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Florida: Comprehensive Services in Law

- 1- Mandatory Planning/Training from age 13
- 2- Judicial Reviews (Independent Living Services)
- 3- Education Plans
- 4- "Normalcy" Plans
- 5- Training in Financial Literacy, Parenting, Career Planning
- 6- "Targeted" Judicial Review at age 17
- 7- Extended Jurisdiction for *Services* to age 19

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CONNECTED BY 25

The Honorable Herbert J. Baumann
 Unified Family/Dependency Crossover/Independent
 Living Transitional Services/Administrative Judge
 13th Judicial Circuit Hillsborough County, Florida

Peer Services Project: Youth who aged out of care

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Objectives:

- 1) Youth in licensed foster care would attend & participate in court
- 2) Individualized to the youth – receiving appropriate and mandated services
- 3) Legal Representation for the youth
- 4) Cross System: One Judge – *delinquency impacts permanency permanency impacts delinquency*

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- Legal forms modified
- Youth "friendly" - *in language the youth understands*
- Youth Signature on all plans
- Looking at services – aligned, not duplicative
- Successful completion of JJ sanctions

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From June 2006 – December 2008

- 487 youth 164 Cross System
- Most "severe" charge:
53% received dispositions or outcomes that diverted the youth from the JJ system

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From June 2006 – December 2008

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Most "severe" charge:

39% charges were dismissed or not processed

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From June 2006 – December 2008

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"Cost" Savings

Savings: impact of not having a juvenile record/serious record

Savings/Impact: Stability of home/education

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Looking Forward

Youth remain out of the system

"Place" of arrest: Type of foster care placement/School

Relationship with "family" outside of foster care vs. lack of personal connections

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Looking Forward

Involving the foster care placement in the success of the youth

"Placement" in Juvenile Justice vs. treatment

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A look at the Court

Thank You

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