



Information Session



# Youth Navigator Network



Why does it exist?



Who is it for?



What does it do?

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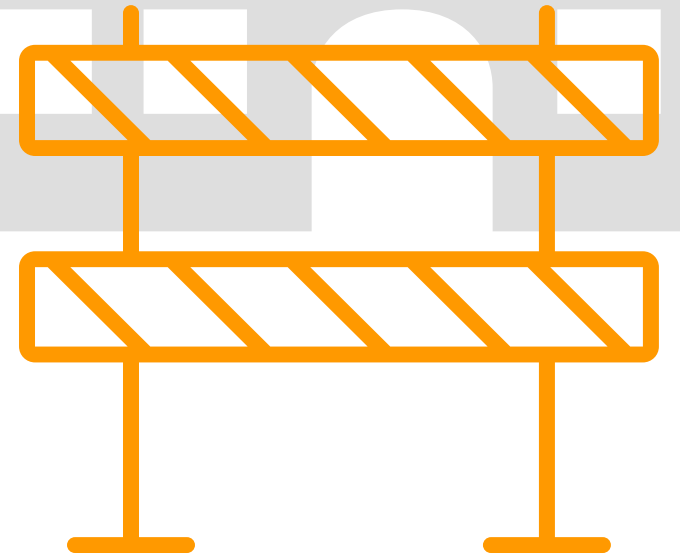
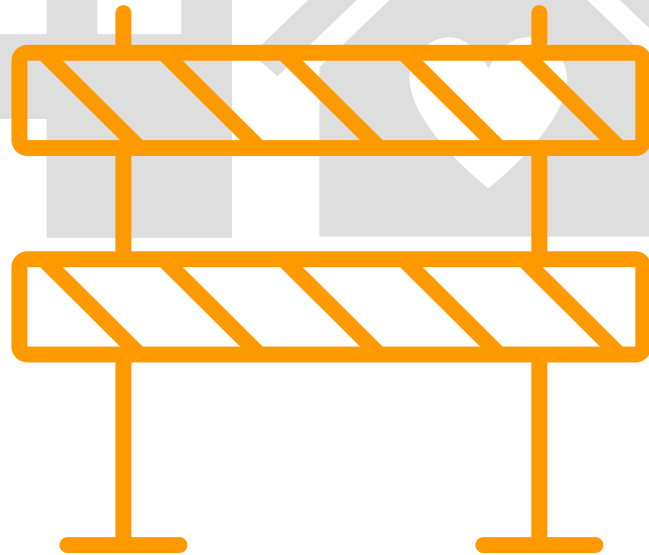
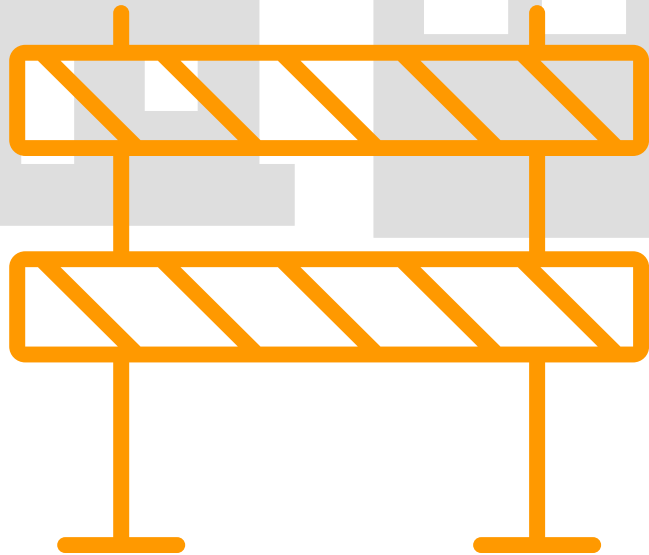


The community has **observed..**





The community has observed  
these problems are  
occurring **because...**





# Youth Navigator Network as a **response...**

November 2020, the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council released their final report, which included a recommendation for a tool to help connect youth & caregivers to resources and information.

- Youth and young adults requested a tool that could help them locate and access services in their community.
- The tool would need to be widely accessible – by phone, website and an app – and provide necessary assistance to connect with supports.

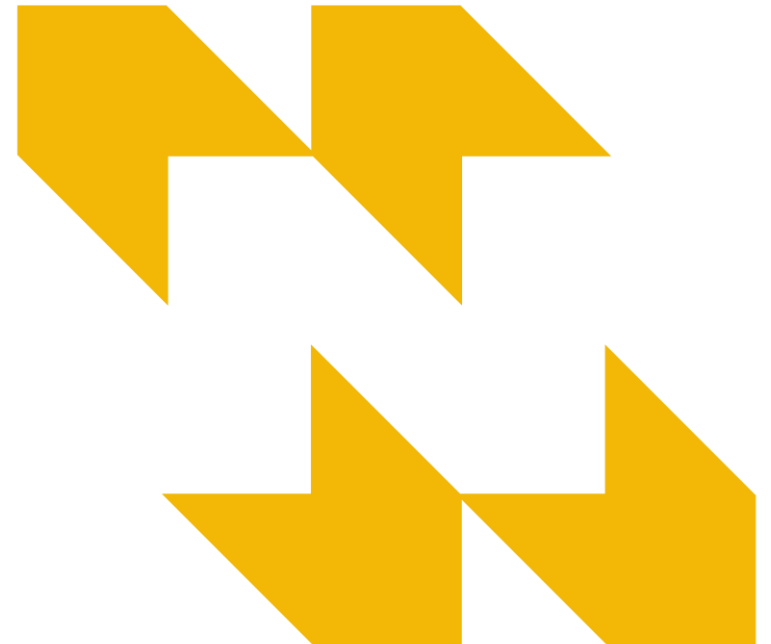
Who is Youth Navigator Network for?

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# Youth Navigator Network **serves...**

- Young persons who are ages 14 to 21.
- Young persons who are currently in foster care.
- Young persons who have aged out of foster care.
- Young persons who have had a child welfare case (including Title IV-E court cases) within the last 24 months, regardless of custody status.





What does Youth Navigator Network do?

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The Youth Navigator Network (YNN) is a flexible and responsive navigator program designed to support children and youth in foster care and the post-care transition. Building on the premise that **youth are inherently capable of finding solutions to the circumstances and challenges they face**, the YNN program will take an inclusive, engaging, and genuine approach to strengthening youth and their networks.

**We believe young people.**





# Service delivery can look like...

## **Information**

Identify supports using a curated database of youth specific resources.

## **Referral**

Share tailored e-binders of community resources specific to young person's identified needs.

## **Access**

Provide supportive guidance to navigate and access resources.



Questions or  
Comments?



## How does YNN do this **work**?



With the support of ODJFS, a project management team, evaluation partner, partnering sites & the Implementation Advisory Council, YNN learns more about the needs and existing gaps in services & resources.



YNN also receives support from our site partners and the Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC). The YAAC uses their collective power to shape and influence YNN programming, procedures & policies.



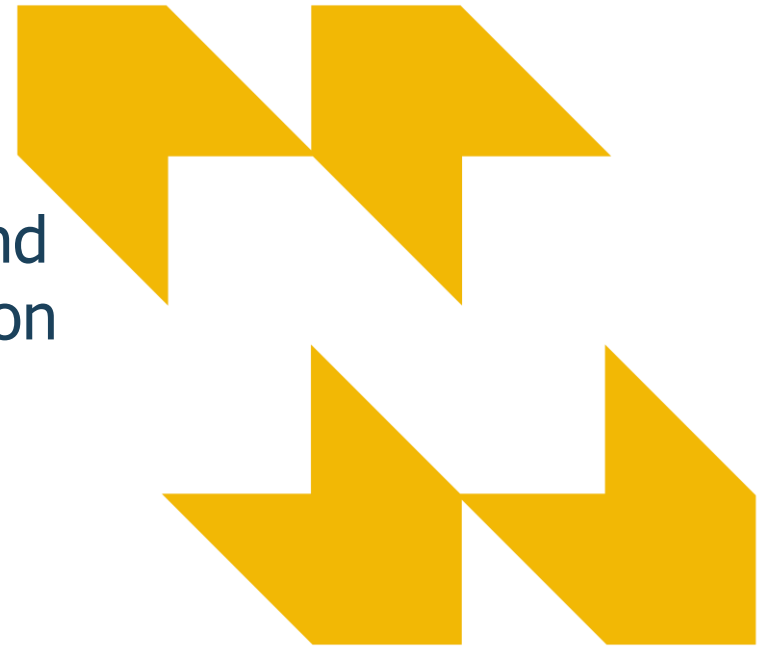
# Who are our **Site Partners?**





# What is the **Implementation Advisory Council**?

- The Implementation Advisory Council includes representatives from an array of systems and services that interact with young people who have been impacted by the child welfare system.
- Currently represented on the council are practitioners who work in the child welfare arena, youth housing and homelessness, secondary and post-secondary education and transition age youth services.
- The council meets on a quarterly basis in support of shared learning and strategizing ways for program iteration.
- If interested in serving on the council, please contact us!







# What is the **Young Adult Advisory Council**?...

- The Young Adult Advisory Council is comprised of young persons ages 14-26 who have lived experienced with the child welfare system.
- Council members share their wisdom, knowledge and expertise in support of YNN's implementation and development.
- Young people receive a stipend for their time and receive professional development support from YNN's Program Coach.
- Nominations to the council are always welcomed!





# Young people engaged with YNN will **experience...**



An increase in their ability to access community resources, experience support from their community and, in turn, feel more connected to social and concrete supports that help them achieve their goals.



Frontline workers & youth directly impacted by child welfare to **be equipped with...**

A statewide, coordinated entry/access system that can collect data on common barriers to service access, identify service gaps, and leverage data to improve accessibility across communities.

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*that meets you where you are.*

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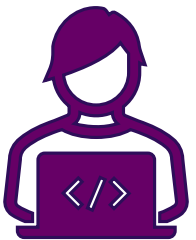


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