

Youth Focus Group

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Emphasis: Services and supports for Transition-Age Youth

What do you identify that is in place now?

- Not a lot of programs for transition age youth

Brownell- therapy
Center for Community Alternatives
Team Angels
OnPoint for College
CNY Works
Onondaga Case Management
Hillside

What do you want to see in place?

Programs for 19-24 year olds other than the small number of ones already in place.

Transition age youth would learn about:

- staying out of trouble
- Education
- employment
- health information
- Childcare
- Housing
- mental health

Social Opportunities (programs)

Outreach/programs

- Singing
- Dancing
- Talent show
- Block party
- Reading
- Arts programming
- After school and/or community groups
- Sports recreation –organized rec. sports for 18-24year olds

Traveling Tour –meet different transition age youth

Mentors – having youth guided by older adults during their transition process so they could have a positive role model.

Community Education

Resources in the community with information for Transition age youth on Mental Health

Facebook
Pamphlets/Booklets
Newspapers & Media
School
Parents
Doctor/Medical Professionals
Peers
Guest Speakers
Magazines

Best possible ways to get information to transition age youth?

Internet
Radio/TV
Propaganda- putting out messages that they want you to see
Music –lyrics that say something meaningful
Church
Advertisement-billboard/signs/information
Museums
Word of mouth

If you were part of a creative group how would you get messages out to your peers and what would they look like?

Messages of encouragement
Something to motivate peer “each one teach one “
“Programs where younger youth learn from older youth (transition age) & older youth learn from younger youth”
Education –“stay in school”, “Further your education it counts “
Stop the violence
Stop the child abuse
Bulling
Homophobia
Want to send message to older class
Messages about stereotyping and stigma
Outreach
Worldwide (national) guest speakers
Speaker to the homeless (transition age)
Make it more comfortable –because some people do not like to go to mission
Develop more transition age housing –runaway and homeless youth

Education Success

What is out there to support youth educational goals?

Hillside- work scholarship program
Boys & Girls Club
Nottingham High School – program students help disable students
Say Yes to Education
Team Angels
Center for Community Alternatives /ASA
Programs at shopping town mall
School of Hearts

If you could design any kind of program/service that will assist transition age youth in education what would it look like?

Helping people discover their interests
More tutoring help for students struggling
More help with employment assistance/volunteer experience for resume “Resume Builders”
Bring more programming like OnCare (youth leadership) into the school setting
More assistance with the dropout rate of transition age youth “that why students’ dropout because they do not understand and/or need help”
Tailor ways for students to learn more effectively
Not all students learn in the same way –individualize education
Help transition age youth who do not have an education
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