



## About the Youth Transition Funders Group

The **Youth Transition Funders Group** (YTFG) is a national network of funders that works together to support the well-being and economic success of vulnerable young people ages 14 to 25. We seek to ensure that all young people have lifelong family, personal, and community connections and the opportunities and tools to succeed throughout adulthood.

YTFG provides a **vibrant and active community** for approximately 75 national, regional, and community funders to learn from each other and other experts in the field, stay abreast of new research and key policy developments, inform and influence policy and practice, and foster collaborative approaches to grantmaking. We support peer networking and sharing, create key partnerships with leaders in the field, and provide strategic opportunities to leverage and extend the efforts of individual members.

YTFG members meet semi-annually and communicate regularly regarding how they can leverage their investments to help build the capacity of states and communities to effectively support young people transitioning to adulthood. Members seek to strengthen federal and state policies to support and improve outcomes for older youth and young adults; and raise public awareness of the needs of these young people.

Our network provides a unique space for diverse funders to come together to explore **cross-cutting issues** affecting all high risk youth. Our members' interests and expertise span a wide range of content areas, including education, workforce development, child welfare, juvenile and youth justice, housing, health and mental health. We seek to expand beyond narrow and often siloed dialogue to build a collective understanding of how a multi-systems approach can produce improved youth outcomes. YTFG works to highlight critical overlaps and intersections of youth-serving systems and identify creative approaches to design cross-system strategies and solutions.

In addition to our cross-systems efforts, YTFG operates three dedicated **workgroups** for members desiring to connect with colleagues to address the unique needs of particularly vulnerable youth populations: those disconnected from work or school and those currently experiencing the child welfare or justice systems.

**FOSTER CARE WORK GROUP:** The Foster Care Work Group seeks to ensure that youth currently in and transitioning from foster care have lifelong connections, skills, and opportunities to become effective adults.

**MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION WORK GROUP:** The Multiple Pathways to Graduation Work Group seeks to expand education and employment options for young people who are struggling to stay in school despite the poor quality of their educational experience, as well as for young people who have been pushed out or have dropped out of school.

**YOUTH JUSTICE WORK GROUP:** The Youth Justice Work Group seeks to improve systems, policies, and programs to better serve justice-involved youth, seizing opportunities to reduce harm to victims and offenders, promote fair and equal treatment regardless of race, age, gender or ethnicity, and protect public safety.