



## A Decade of Impact on Transition-Age Youth

This year, we celebrate 10 years and 20,000 incredible youth reached through our NextStep Program for Transition-Age Youth. It all started with a vision in 2000 to make a difference in the lives of young people in their final years of foster care. Since that time, we have responded to changing needs such as laws extending foster care to age 21 and through initiatives like our mentoring and pregnant and parenting teen programs. We've also focused attention on the most vulnerable teens, including child victims of sex trafficking and those at high risk of dropping out of high school.

We've educated thousands of youth across the state through the launch of Know Before You Go -- a campaign to help young people make the most out of their last years of foster care support. It expanded into a smart phone application that can help youth find valuable nearby resources from anywhere in L.A. County.

We challenged ourselves to do more for this population last year when we became the lead agency for the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC). We are leveraging the strengths of 30+ entities and coordinating actions around getting more transition-age foster youth ready for school and gainful employment.

The next three years will be focused on real, tangible differences for more young adults, 14 to 24, through collaboration and innovation. They deserve our very best and we're ready to build stronger futures for the next 20,000 young people. Stay tuned this year as we announce several new and expanded projects as part of [NextStep](#) and [OYC](#).

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## NextStep Success Stories

See the work of NextStep in action by watching our 2015 Annual Dinner video. The first half focuses on an emotional adoption story and the second half shares the stories of four incredible young people who prove that anything is possible.

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## Join us for the 6th Annual RIGHT to LAUGH!

Are you ready for an entertaining evening of comedy complete with tons of laughs? Get your tickets to our 6th Annual the RIGHT to LAUGH comedy event on **Thursday, May 27** at the Avalon Hollywood. We are looking forward to a hilarious lineup of comedians, including Bob Odenkirk, Kumail Nanjiani, Rory Scovel and more to come, including a very special guest!



Enjoy top comedy acts at the RIGHT to LAUGH while supporting the Alliance. [Tables & Tickets>](#)

## A Leader in the Making

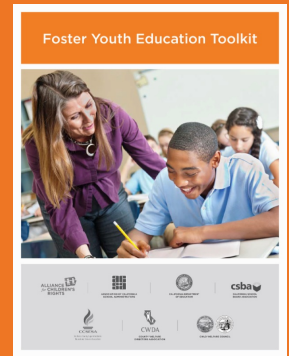
We are thrilled to share that one of our youth, Kyeisha, was selected to be a member of the Annie E. Casey Foundation Youth Advisory Council. She is one of 14 members nationwide. The council had their first meeting this month in Baltimore, and this summer she'll head to Phoenix and Washington D.C. Kyeisha will share her experience in foster care and make recommendations to our country's leaders. She is passionate about using her experience to positively impact the lives of foster youth.



Kyeisha has benefited from the Alliance's transition services and secured one of her first jobs through the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative. She'll graduate high school next month and will begin college in the fall with a focus on nursing.

## Foster Youth Education Toolkit Webinar

School district leaders are invited to a 30-minute webinar providing an overview of the new [Foster Youth Education Toolkit](#). The Toolkit walks school district personnel through steps to meet the basic education needs of foster youth and the goals of California's Local Control Funding Formula. The webinar will demonstrate the toolkit's promise to improve graduation rates and overall school success for this vulnerable student population. [More Information>](#)



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