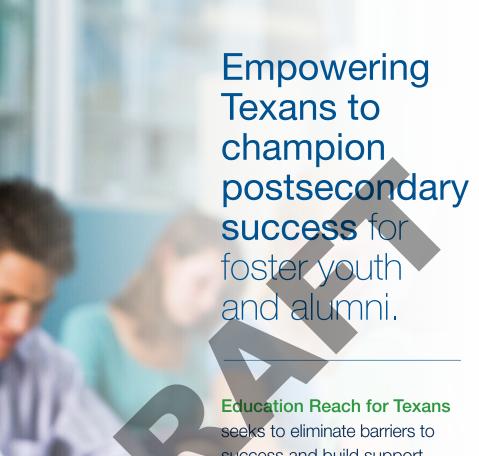


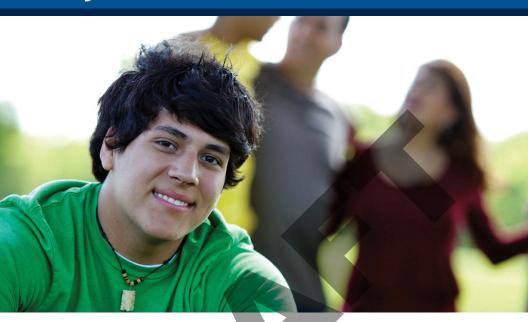
Fostering Success: Partnering Pathways





seeks to eliminate barriers to success and build support programs for alumni of care attending public colleges and universities in the state of Texas. We are part of an emerging network of organizations across the nation seeking to improve the success of former foster youth in postsecondary education.

Day One



8:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**

Lobby

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

-9:30 a.m. 1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

9:30 a.m. Exhibits Open
- 4:15 p.m. Second Floor Foyer

9:30 a.m. **Opening: Fostering Success: Partnering Pathways**

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room Wade Bradfute, Education Reach and Austin Community College

10:00 a.m. Welcome

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Gregg Williams, Dallas Community College

10:10 a.m. Keynote Speaker

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Dr. Joe D. May, Chancellor, Dallas Community College

10:25 a.m. Plenary Session – Why We Are Here

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Youth Leadership Panel

11:45 a.m. **Networking Lunch**

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

1:15 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

STUDENT

Advocacy and Collaboration for Foster Care Alumni

Room 1210

Ashley Harris, Texans Care for Children

FOSTER PARENT/AGENCIES

Training/Certification for CPAs

Room 1215

Becoming Familiar with Psychotrophic Medications

Sandra Galindo, CPS Region 3 Nurse Consultant

Day One

NEW COLLEGES PROGRAMS

Trauma Informed Care/Practice with Alumni

Room 2200

Mark Ditloff, LPC, Denton County Counseling Center

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Effectively Managing Finances and Resources

Room 2002

Loretta Edelen, Austin Community College

Chris Owens, Austin Community College

Kathy James, Austin Community College

2:10 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

STUDENT

How to Be Successful in College

Room 1210

Resources and Opportunities Panel Discussion

Mr. Warren, FosterAdoptive Parent

Jarvis Warren, Alumni

Barbara Wells, Texas Department

of Family and Protective Services

Reneka Akins. Alumni

Felicia Burleson. Alumni

Jackie Davis, Alumni

Mr. & Mrs. Davis, Adoptive Family



FOSTER PARENT/AGENCIES

Training/Certification for CPAs

Room 1215

The Working Relationship Between a Student and a Transition Coach
Chad Price, Dallas County Community College
Brittney Young, Dallas County Community College

NEW COLLEGES PROGRAMS

Getting Started: Accessing Grants and Services for Foster Youth

Room 2200

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Jenny Achilles, Texas Guaranteed Loan Robin Head, Texas Woman's University

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Techniques and Best Practices to Identify, Track and Retain Students in Your Program

Room 2002

Naomi Valdez, Texas State University — FACES

Sheila Bustillos, Texas Woman's University — FRONTIER

Brenda Sweeten, University of North Texas — PUSH

Terri Jaggers, Sam Houston State University — FORWARD

3:15 p.m.

Break

Lobby Area Upstairs

Day One

3:25 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

STUDENT

Life Without a Safety Net: Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Room 1210

Tameka Caldwell, Transition Resource Action Center

FOSTER PARENT/AGENCIES

Trio/Early College

Room 1215

Dr. Monica Faulkner, University of Texas at Austin

Kelly Kravitz, Texas Education Agency

NEW COLLEGES PROGRAMS

Myths, Assumptions and Realities of Education Training Vouchers

Room 2200

Marisol Lopez, ETV

EXISTING PROGRAMS

E Studios: A System to Track Foster Care Alumni Success

Room 2002

Cassie Bennett, Dallas County Community College

Deitra Craig, Dallas County Community College

Misherlae Pace, Dallas County Community College

4:30 p.m. Wrap-up and Housekeeping

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room



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Day Two



8:00 a.m. **Registration**

Lobby

`8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

- 9:00 a.m. 1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Exhibits Open
- 3:00 p.m. Second Floor Foyer

9:00 a.m. **Legislative Updates and CPS Overview**

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Lisa Black, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Department

of Family and Protective Services

9:30 a.m. **Keynote Address**

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Marva Hammons. MSW

Executive Vice President, Child and Family Services,

Casey Family Programs

11:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**

STUDENT

Foster Care and Student Success

Room 1210

Kelly Kravitz, Texas Education Agency

FOSTER PARENT/AGENCIES

The Impact of College Entrance Exams, Testing and FASFA

Room 1215

Norma Davila, Baptist Child and Family Services

SPECIAL TOPIC

Creating a Foster Alumni Program on Your Campus Room 2200

Dr. Monica Faulkner, University of Texas at Austin

Ashley Payne, University of Texas at Austin

Adrian Garcia, University of Texas at Austin

SPECIAL TOPIC

All Church Home, Child & Family Services, Supervised Independent Living Programs: the Ins and Outs

Room 2002

Carla Storey, All Church Home

Day Two

12:00 p.m. Working Lunch

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Alumni Journey

Facilitator: Tym Belseth, Texas Department

of Family and Protective Services

Davina Hollin, Alumni

Valerie Harkins-Humes, Alumnia

Jackie Davis, Alumni

1:15 p.m. **Education REACH for Texans:**

Past, Present and Future

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Sheila Bustillos, Board of Directors, Education REACH for Texans

2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

1530 Hoblitzle Conference Room

Gregg Williams, Dallas Community College

Please note:

CEU, LPC and MFT certificates provided through Texas Woman's University.

Please complete the conference evaluations online; info to be provided via email.



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In Memorium

Jerry Don Sullivan, Jr. April 29, 1970 – March 24, 2015



Jerry Don Sullivan, Jr. completed the remarkable life God gave him on March 24, 2015. He was 44 years old. His love of humanity paved a career path that impacted hundreds of lives of children in foster care, those who emancipated from foster care, and countless numbers of at-risk youth in the North Texas area and beyond.

Jerry began his career as a teacher and program leader at the Fourth Street Project (Arlington, TX), where he worked with developmentally delayed children through play therapy and group education sessions. In 2000, he joined the Arrow Project as a treatment coordinator and later became the State Director of foster care within the agency. Jerry joined the team at CitySquare as the Assistant Director of the TRAC (Transition Resource Action Center) program in 2008, and became its Director in 2012. TRAC is a "one stop assessment/intake and referral facility for transitional living services for youth exiting foster and juvenile care in North Texas."

Jerry was a leader in helping foster children make the difficult transition to adulthood after their time in foster care ended. Over his short life, he was instrumental in fundamentally changing the course of so many children's lives for the better.

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