

2016 Convening Conference Agenda

- Track 1 Student**
Track 2 Foster Parent/Agencies
Track 3 Higher Ed: New Colleges/Programs/Liaisons
Track 4 Higher Ed: Existing Programs

Secondary Educators, please consider Track 1 or Track 3

Exhibits open at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 6, 2016

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Refreshments

Board Room

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Brighter Futures: Navigating Higher Education

Sheila Bustillos, Education REACH, President

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Welcome

Diana Barajas, El Paso TDFPS CPS Regional Director

Judge Yahara Gutierrez, 65th District Court

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Keynote Address

Dr. William Serratta, El Paso Community College

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Why We Are Here: Post-Secondary Journey of Foster Alumni

Dr. Maria Scannapieco, University of Texas at Arlington

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11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch

BOARD ROOM

1:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Track 1: Student

Advocacy & Collaboration for Foster Alumni

Tym Belseth, Texas Care for Children

Sabine Conference Room

Track 2: Foster Parent/Agencies

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION for CPAs: Becoming Familiar with Psychotropic Medications

Fred Arellano, El Paso Practitioner

Rio Grande Conference Room

Track 3: New Colleges/Programs/Liaisons

The Ins and Outs of ACH - SIL Supervised Independent Living Program

Carla Storey, ACH

Trinity Conference Room

Track 4: Existing Programs

Effectively Managing Finances and Resources

Steven Christopher, Roseanne Lahti and Angelica Canano, Austin Community College,
Campus Champions

Mississippi Conference Room

Breakout Sessions

2:10 – 3:15 p.m.

Track 1: Student

Foster Care and Student Success

Kelly Kravitz, TEA liaison

Sabine Conference Room

Track 2: Foster Parent/Agencies

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION for CPAs: Trauma Informed Practice and Managing Behaviors

Araceli Salcido, Cenpatico-STAR Health

Rio Grande Conference Room

Track 3: New Colleges/Programs/Liaisons

Getting Started 101: Accessing Grants and Services for Foster Youth

Robin Head, TWU

Trinity Conference Room

Track 4: Existing Programs

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

Sheila Bustillos, TWU FRONTIER

Vivian Dorsett, Prairie View A&M

Monica Faulkner, UT Austin

Adrian Garcia, UT Austin

Terri Jaggars, SHSU FORWARD

Christine Norton, Texas State University FACES

Brenda Sweeten, UNT PUSH

Naomi Valdez, Texas State University FACES

Mississippi Conference Room

3:15 - 3:25 p.m.

Break (Light Refreshments and Snacks)

Board Room

3:25 - 4:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Track 1: Student

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

Madeline Reedy, TRAC Director

Sabine Conference Room

Track 2: Foster Parent/Agencies

Working Relationships between Students and Coaches

Chad Price and Brittney Young, DCCD

Rio Grande Conference Room

Track 3: New Colleges/Programs/Liaisons

Myths, Assumptions of Realities of ETV

Jennifer Guerra, BCFS

Christina Tanzola, BCFS

Christopher Goldsberry, UTSA

Trinity Conference Room

Track 4: Existing Programs

Life after TG Grants Texas State University and TWU

Dr. Christine Norton, Texas State University

Sheila Bustillos, TWU

Dr. Monica Mendez Grant , TWU

Amy O'Keefe, TWU

Mississippi Conference Room

4:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up /Housekeeping/Reception/Networking

CONFERENCE ROOM

4:45 p.m.

Return to Hotels

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Exhibits open at 9:30 a.m.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Registration

8:30am – 9:00 a.m.

Refreshments

BOARD ROOM

9:00 a.m.

Speaker

Legislative Updates with Foster Alumni

Debra Emerson, TDFPS

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9:30 a.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Role of the Children's Commission with Foster Alumni

Judge Rob Hofman, 452nd Judicial District and Chair of Foster Care and Education Children's Commission

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10:20 - 11:20 a.m.

Special Sessions

Track 2:

Working with Alumni to Build a Professional Identity

Jaime Bennett, Center for Fostering Success at Western Michigan University

Rio Grande/Sabine Conference Rooms

Track 4:

Building a Successful Alumni Support System on Your Campus

Shannon Ramsey, TDFPS

Dr. Christine Norton, Texas State University

Trinity/Mississippi Conference Rooms

11:20 a.m.

Lunch Opens

BOARD ROOM

11:45 a.m.

Working Lunch

The Fostering Success Coach Model: An overview of coaching and how it differs from other roles such as casework, mentoring and therapy.

An overview of the Fostering Success Coach Model and how it can promote success among youth who identify as independent.

Jaime Bennett, Center for Fostering Success at Western Michigan

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2:30PM

ALUMNI JOURNEY

Felisha Burleson, foster care alumna

Sarah Matteson, foster care alumna

Ernesto Oliveras, foster care alumnus

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Break

2:30 p.m.

Education Reach for Texans-Past, Present, Future

Wade Bradfute, Austin Community College

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2:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Serratta, El Paso Community College

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