



Independent Living (IL) & Transition Planning Stakeholder Codesign Session Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2022- 10:30am to 12:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome, Virtual Meeting Protocols and Introductions

DCYF Adolescent Programs Co-Design Manager, Lily Cory, welcomed attendees and initiated introductions.

Co-Design Presentation

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am wondering what stands out to you as a facilitator? Anything you are surprised by or would call attention to? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I was surprised by how similar the recommendations have been. People seem to want the same thing, resulting in a lot of consensus in conversations. The most important thing is that young peoples' needs are being met, and no one is left out, with a focus on a human centered approach. • Are there any messages from youth of color or queer youth, about how this process might speak to them in a more meaningful way? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have had long conversations about whether or not youth feel safe talking to their provider about racism, etc. Most said yes, but that they would not initiate the conversations themselves. There was also conversation around the young people not being able to initiate these types of conversations in their foster homes because they don't know the space. • This may be on the provider level, but a youth I am working with has expressed concern about driving while being a Person of Color. He is concerned about what will happen when he gets pulled over. Another example was a youth participating in a cooking class and there being no culture foundation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The other topic that came up and continues to come up in Passion 2 Action and Lived Expert sessions is they really want to see a reflection of themselves in the people who are supporting them. ○ This was part of the conversation around constellation of peer group: that there is a place of common ground for these young people to have these conversations. • I have been told that some Youth of Color feel white people don't want to talk about racism, but that the Youth of Color does, because it is something they deal with on a daily basis. They don't feel comfortable bringing it up, not wanting to be viewed negatively or in an aggressive manner.
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Feedback Activity

[Discussion Question Responses](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We talked about having an oversight group with people with lived experts, to monitor implementation, how equity is showing up, and whether or not youth between inner and outer cities are receiving the same services. Have raw data for good analysis for implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have a provider in Region 6 who is not going to renew their contract this year and had to go through the RFA process to find a new provider. We had a youth on our panel to review proposals for the program. We are getting there.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We talked about something similar. Working hard to make large changes, and wanting to know what the accountability for providers and DCYF will be long term.• Allowing exiting children to become peers for other youth, and provide 1:1 time to provide feedback/recommendations to other youth before they exit the system, to receive help through the process.• Power of peer connection is important. You get what you pay for. We have underfunded providers, and it has created conditions where we have accepted the status quo situation. Will take a lot to transform mindsets about what is adequate. The request for application (RFA) process will be the first in a long time, and we need to consider what has to be true in that process to get the outcomes we want to see. How can we make the process as transparent as possible?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How do we mediate the “sticker shock”? We all have a strong desire, but how when we put all the considerations into a number, do we get rid of the question “what we can get rid of?”. I agree with you, but worry about having to continue working with what we have.• I like that point. There is work to be done before youth get to ILS, however, how can we also support ILS?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ That is what we are working towards: having tangible tasks.• Is DCYF asking for more funding for IL/transitions work?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are asking for more IL funds, but it will not be a standalone ask. The ask will be included with the In-Home Services decision package.• Do you have a number?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We do not have a number yet.• I was thinking asking for 20 million. I think it is important to ask big, even if the funds are spread out over several years, as it is easier for advocates to support, and legislature to respond to.• When is the request for proposal (RFP) scheduled to be released?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Spring of 2023.
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2022 Meetings, Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Co-Design session is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2022.
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