

Child Welfare Program Logic Model

Our Purpose/Values

Our work in child welfare provides additional sets of support needed by foster youth to achieve the Foundation's overarching goal for all youth to be **well-educated, self-sustaining, responsible, and contributing members of their communities and society.**

We believe:

The dreams and aspirations for foster youth are no different than those we have for our own children.

Child welfare systems can be reformed with the right resources, tools, and leadership.

Every child in foster care needs a lifelong connection to a caring, committed adult.

Vibrant educational opportunities are critical for foster youth to successfully transition to adulthood.

Extraordinary outcomes can only occur in the context of vibrant, authentic partnerships.

Inputs

Foundation Board.
Foundation staff.

Public sector partners (executive, legislative, and judicial).

Private philanthropic partners (individual and institutional donors).

Reputation as thoughtful, effective funder and funding partner.

Strategies/Activities

Powerful Partnerships with Implementers, Investors, Decision Makers, Advocates

Analysis and Action: Grantmaking informed by current knowledge, strong vision and clear goals, potential for replication and commitment to systems change.

Energize, Educate & Execute

Irresistible Information

Near-Term Outcomes

Increased resources (public and private) targeted to child welfare. Child welfare investments are more effective.

Infants and toddlers in foster care get the supports they need to promote healthy brain development and secure attachments.

Youth aging out of foster care receive a comprehensive array of services and supports.

CW systems adopt a team decision-making process. More community systems and stakeholder groups involved in CW. Improved processes for recruiting and supporting foster families.

Enhanced understanding among policy makers and practitioners of the importance of a lifelong permanent connection; reflected in CW practice.

Enhanced coordination and integration and more supportive infrastructure and policy and fiscal environments.

Foster youth in grades K-12 have the supports and services needed to improve the quality and outcomes of their primary and secondary school experiences.

Former foster youth have the supports and services needed to facilitate enrollment and graduation from college.

Increased understanding among child welfare practitioners, funders, policy makers, advocates, etc. about how data can inform practice.

Interim Outcomes

Growing consensus in the belief that targeted investment will result in **improved outcomes for foster youth.**

The frame of child welfare practice has shifted from **survival to thriving.**

Continuous improvement of practice/new practices become **standard operating procedure** in counties.

Youth, families, and communities are **engaged in meaningful efforts** to improve the child welfare system.

Practices and decision making increasingly **influenced by data and evidence.**

Long-Term Outcomes

Foster youth are **safe.**

Foster youth have a **permanent** lifelong connection to a caring and committed adult.

Well being of foster children and youth is improved.

Foster youth engage, learn and achieve in vibrant **educational** settings.

Impact

Transform the lives and expand opportunities available to children and families involved in the child welfare system