

Breakout Group Options

SOGIE Wellness for Youth in Foster Care

Presenter: Regina Navas

Participants will learn about and be able to define sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression (SOGIE). In addition, participants will identify and understand the Foster Youth Rights related to SOGIE.

Transition Age Youth: Creating Your Own Path

Presenters: Anthony Bennett, Amparo (PAO) Camacho, Jelena Bilandzich, Michael Budahn

Participants will learn about extended foster care (AB 12). Participants will learn about other resources/ programs available as they get ready to transition.

ICWA and the Foster Youth Bill of Rights

Presenters: Geneva Shaw & Mica Llerandi

Participants will learn about the importance of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Participants will understand how ICWA plays a role in case planning, placement decisions, family finding efforts and court proceedings. Participants will identify and understand the Foster Youth Rights related to ICWA.

CFTs and Case Plans

Presenters: Robin Palmer, Johnny Cuestas, Rebekah Cox, Manuel Lua, Lisa Clark

Participants will learn about the importance of Child and Family Team meetings (CFTs) and Case Plans. Participants will identify and understand the Foster Youth Rights related to case planning and CFTs. Participants will learn best practices on how to engage youth in case planning and CFTs.

Dependency Court Process: Foster Children's Rights in Court

Presenter: Roger Coffman

Participants will learn the Dependency Court Process and the value of being present at Court. Participants will identify and understand Foster Youth Rights related to Court. Participants will learn the parties (main participants) and their role in a Dependency case.

OFCO Overview

Presenters: Kendra Jackson & Alana Dussell

Participants will learn the role and duties of the California Office of the Foster Care Ombuds-person (OFCO). Participants will also learn the function of the OFCO.

(iFoster) Bridging the Digital Divide for CA Youth in Care

Presenters: Serita Cox & Kristine Schneller

Participants will learn the history of iFoster and what services they offer. Participants will learn the importance of technology during the pandemic and iFoster's efforts in bridging the digital divide.



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