

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROJECT TITLE: Improving Services to Out-of-Home Care Youth

TARGET POPULATION: Current and former out-of-home care youth, including youth in foster, relative, and residential care

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Manchester, NH

FUNDING: \$27,500

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: New Hampshire will conduct a needs assessment to identify gaps in services for out-of-home care youth, including foster youth, in the Manchester area. The project will identify ways to employ the skills, knowledge, and experiences of former youth in care to assist current and former out-of-home care with adult living and transition preparation. The team will use focus groups and surveys of former out-of-home care youth, youth services providers, businesses, parents, and community-based organizations in its analysis. Following the gap analysis, the project will seek to build the capacity of the Youth Vision partner staff and community-based providers to fulfill the identified training needs, implement strategies to strengthen linkages between service providers and the Greater Manchester businesses community, and increase the utilization of the New Hampshire Works system and its pathways to high-demand occupations.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATION: New Hampshire Department of Education, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Workforce Opportunity Council

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