

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: UTAH

PROJECT TITLE: Utah's At-Risk Youth Transition to Adult Living

TARGET POPULATION: Youth parolees, ages 14 to 21

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Salt Lake and Weber counties

FUNDING: \$115,511

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Utah's Youth Vision Team (YVT) seeks to engage partners from youth-serving agencies throughout the state in an effort to enhance the lives of the youth by identifying creative ways to help youth overcome barriers, streamlining services by aligning policies across programs, eliminating duplication and seeking opportunities for collaboration for cost effectiveness, and improving services and outcomes. It will expand the Transition to Adult Living (TAL) initiative model by targeting integrated services for the juvenile parolee population. The project will establish a means for gathering data for analysis, outcomes, and evaluation and conduct focus groups with youth to identify service needs and service delivery success models. Focus groups with case managers from youth-serving agencies will also be used to aid gap analysis and resource mapping. The team will analyze policies and procedures across agencies and work with the business industry to expand the Door-Openers programs. The project will seek to develop a model that can be implemented, replicated, and sustained across the state for at-risk youth.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Utah Department of Human Services, Division of Juvenile Justice Service, Utah State Office of Education, Youth in Custody, Utah Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Work Incentive Planning and Assistance, Utah Department of Community and Culture, Division of Housing and Community Development

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