

Humboldt Collaborative Theory of Change

PURPOSE

- ▶ Build the capacity of Humboldt County youth to engage in systems improvement.
- ▶ Engage youth in informing Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) system of care and other transition age youth-serving programs.
- ▶ Strengthen Humboldt County's system of care for transition age youth.
- ▶ Create better health outcomes for Humboldt transition age youth.

KEY STRATEGIES

- ▶ Assess current system of care available to youth through DHHS.
- ▶ Train transition age youth (TAY) to effectively inform TAY-serving system of care.
- ▶ Develop and sustain a Youth Advisory Board to inform system of care.
- ▶ Develop educational materials and training to grow DHHS' staff and broader community's awareness and understanding of TAY.
- ▶ Convene ongoing meetings with DHHS staff to obtain youth input and engagement in county services protocol.
- ▶ Publish transition age youth-driven reports identifying critical immediate and long-term needed improvements and recommendations.

SHORTER-TERM OUTCOMES (WITHIN 1- 2 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION)

YOUTH

- ▶ Increase transition age youths' knowledge, skills, capacities & opportunities to engage in decision making and policy setting within transitions age youth-serving programs.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DHHS

- ▶ Increase DHHS staff's awareness and understanding of transition age youth and their associated needs.
- ▶ Increase DHHS staff's preparedness to engage youth in decision making and policy setting.
- ▶ Identify critical areas that need immediate and long-term improvement.
- ▶ Develop ongoing mechanism & protocols for youth input into DHHS policies.

HUMBOLDT GENERAL POPULATION

- ▶ Increase Humboldt community's awareness and understanding of transition age youth.

COLLABORATION

- ▶ Increase collaboration between TAY, DHHS, nonprofit agencies serving youth, and policy-making organizations.

LONGER-TERM OUTCOMES (2+ YEARS)

YOUTH

- ▶ Effectively include youth in decision making and policy setting within Humboldt County and statewide.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY TRANSITION AGE YOUTH-SERVING PROGRAMS

- ▶ Operate an effective, responsive, and youth-informed Humboldt County TAY-serving system of care.

IMPACT

Humboldt County is a community that effectively promotes the health and well-being of its young people.