

**FOSTERING PROMISE OCTOBER 11TH 2024 STRATEGY SESSION
KEY TAKEAWAYS**

SUMMARY THEME:

An overall theme emerged from the entire day: **Bring people together!** Key to our success will be to bring the related but disparate systems together: child welfare, TAY service providers, housing authorities, housing developers, behavioral health, legal aid, advocacy and public policy makers.

So over the coming months and certainly throughout 2025, we intend to create and provide forums for shared learnings and innovative collaborations. In fact, since we met, we have begun working on our 2025 TAY Housing Summit. Stay tuned!

BREAKOUT 1 HIGHLIGHTS:

Policies 1 and 3: Housing Readiness Plans / Mentors:

Recommended Actions:

- As a starting point for readying for the Housing Services Plan, explore the work, tools, and resources of [One Degree](#), [iFoster](#), and [Think of Us](#). Additionally:
 - Explore what is already in place with programs such as Transitional ILP and the responsibilities of people in positions such as the ILP case worker role.
 - Define the scope of the housing readiness plan (what it should include).
 - Before the launch of the Pilot Program, develop an implementation plan with training / guidance and accountability measures for what is expected of participants, SWers, providers, CASA, etc.
- As a starting point for the online repository of critical youth documents, explore the work, tools, and resources of [iFoster](#)'s digital document locker.
 - Also, focus on exploring with Counties how AB718 & AB674 are implemented: who is responsible, how implementation happens (focusing on what works and what needs to be improved / strengthened in implementation).
- For the Priority of securing a committed mentor for every emerging adult, form a collaboration across San Francisco Bay Area CASA program directors and/or their designees.
 - As part of this process, consider the model of [Score.org](#), a- free peer consulting / crowdsourcing answers to questions.

- Funding is needed to support mentors who are not CASAs (CASAs receive reimbursement for expenses associated with supporting youth). Budget along the lines of \$50,000-\$100,000 per year (\$1,000 per youth per year) for the Pilot.
- The group also talked a lot about identifying "natural supports" in young people's lives who could serve in a more formal mentorship role -- and that these folks should be provided resources (e.g., reimbursement for expenses) as is the case in the CASA model.

Possible Resources:

- [One Degree](#)
- [iFoster](#)
- [Think of Us](#)
- [Score.org](#)

BREAKOUT 2: HIGHLIGHTS

Policies 2 and 4: More Housing / Reforming Adult Systems:

Recommended Actions:

- Focus on a robust 2025 TAY Housing Summit to provide a forum to move all of Fostering Promise's policy priorities forward.
 - Make sure that we have several proof of concepts and/or best practice models to highlight. (i.e. faith-based housing community, etc.)
- Include input from Continuum of Care providers in our plans. Involve key leaders.
- Develop a clear roadmap that stitches together all available subsidies in a way that provides the longest housing ramp for TAY (up to 9 – 10 years of continuous housing stability)
- Find a way to incentivize developers to build housing for TAY, above and beyond current incentives. Evaluate ways to guarantee rent and operating subsidies.
- Focus efforts on decreasing the stigma FYI voucher holders often experience among property owners.

Possible Funding or other Resources:

- [CYBHI](#) (Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative) part of a \$4 Billion investment from the state budget. A significant but untapped resource.
 - [PATH CITED](#) funds for infrastructure and housing development
 - **CalAIM**
 - **Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool** ([FHSP](#)) may help provide financial guarantees for developers
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- **HCD** – talk to the person overseeing TAY housing specifically
- **Tipping Point** – their housing initiative
- **Tech partners** to help host / provide funding for the TAY Housing Summit. Cisco, Microsoft, Google -- investing in the city of San Jose ServiceNow Also consider creating a sponsorship package
- David Ambrose / **Amazon** \$1.2 Billion pool

NEXT STEPS:

The activities and resources identified during our session will be pursued and evaluated over the coming weeks. We will present findings and discuss them at upcoming Fostering Promise workgroup sessions.