

<b>Sub Committee:</b> Alumni Supports		
<b>POS Co-Chair:</b> Kara Teeple, Lawrence Hall	<b>Meeting date/time/location:</b> 08/30/16 10-12 phone conference	
<b>DCFS Co-Chair:</b> Tiffany Gholson	<b>Start Time:</b> 10am	
<b>Attach attendance list <i>In-Person; Excused/Non-Excused Absence; Via Telephone</i></b>		
Kevin Walsh, DCFS; Melissa Ludington, CHASI; Sean McGinnis, Lawrence Hall; Prestina Singleton, UCAN; Doug Braun, CYFS; Jennifer Geiger, UIC; Sharon Slover, Menta Group; April Curtis, DCFS; Jeremy Harvey, DCFS; Kim Peck, DCFS; Nora Collins-Mandeville, ICOY; Antwan Turpeau, DCFS; Derek Hobson, DCFS; Angie Bertauski-Pierce, Cunningham; Luticia Smith, Kaleidoscope; Kate Buchanan, CCA, Marc Fagan, Thresholds.		
<b>Summary of Discussion Items:</b>	<b>Required Action:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
<p><b>List each Agenda item and Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>Welcome and Introductions-</b> Everyone on the call talked about their role within their agency and their experience working with older youth.</li> <li>II. <b>Purpose of CWAC-</b> Kara gave an overview of CWAC purpose, member appointment, committees and committee purposes.</li> <li>III. <b>Purpose of Alumni Supports Committee-</b> Tiffany led the discussion of our mission being to promote stable, permanent connections for youth to caring adults, organizations, and communities to support their growth into adulthood.</li> </ul> <p>In discussion of preliminary goals, there was discussion by members about language we use and we then decided to move to term emerging adults or young adults. Also term self-sufficiency and more to call inter-dependency. Group talked about importance of vocational connections. Engagement with family and re-engagement with family to build healthier connections being critical. Importance to help the young adult to nurture their relationships. Importance of mentors and Antwan shared what DCFS is working on around mentoring programs. Also the current ILO/TLP system needing to change given struggles of finding affordable living situations and the normalcy we want to give our young people when often each of us had roommates. Group talked about difference in creating seamless service delivery when access to resources an issue. Youth leave ILO/TLP often with more resources than kids leaving foster care settings. Discussion about importance of promoting public awareness of emerging adults doing well to reduce stigma.</p> <p>The goals the group started with are going to be changed based on the discussion above. Initial goals were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To provide older youth a voice in ownership and involvement in their cases as they become older youth.</li> </ul>		

<p>2) To develop and establish partnerships with other state agencies to create seamless service connections for youth leaving DCFS.</p> <p>3) To establish mechanisms to encourage mentorship and positive support systems for our youth aging out of the system.</p> <p>4) To review/amend/create rules, policies, and best practices to support older youth.</p> <p>April Curtis gave some brief remarks on the 18-21 workgroup she is leading given the group talked about duplication of discussion given many of members are same across the two groups. Tiffany and Kara shared they were going to be meeting with April to further discuss.</p> <p><b>IV. Action Items:</b> We reviewed the Committee grid listing current members and discussion started on who should be added: Courts/ CASA, Illinois State Police, LAF, Foster Parent rep, employer representation, City colleges, HUD.</p> <p><b>V. Housekeeping Items:</b> Addressed we would rotate minute taker for meetings. Also that we would put a shared folder together for people to submit articles for group review and discussion.</p>		
<p><b>Note Any Formal Written Recommendations that have been made to Full CWAC:</b></p>	<p><b>Status Update. New/Pending/Response from DCFS Received:</b></p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b></p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b></p>		
<p><b>Adjourn Time: 11:50 am</b></p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting Date/location: 09/26/16 Joliet Field Office</b></p>		
<p><b>Date Minutes Submitted: 09/26/16</b></p>		