



Monthly Meeting and Onboarding
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Meeting: 1:30 – 2:30 (EST)

- Welcome and Overview
 - DCF Update: Eric Wetzel, DCF Youth and Young Adults Transitions Specialist
 - Funding Expansion
- Positive Pathways Conference Update
 - Feedback from participants: Good, Bad, Suggestions?
- New Participant Introductions
- Next meeting: Wednesday July 6, 2022

Monthly New Member Onboarding
2:30 – 3:00 p.m. (EST)

During our new on-boarding, you can learn about our program and have your questions answered by staff and other network members.



The Positive Pathways program is funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families and Educate Tomorrow, which administers the program and oversees the network for DCF. It is directed by Dr. Steve J. Rios, who can be reached at Pathways@EducateTomorrow.org. Join us today at www.PositivePathwaysFlorida.org.



Chafee Funding Expansion

Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act



Positive Pathways Quarterly Webinar Meeting
Thursday, June 2, 2022: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.



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The Impact of COVID-19 on Campus-Based Support Programs Serving Students with Foster Care Experience: Findings from Focus Groups with Administrators and Students

Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act

Division X of the law provides supplemental and enhanced funding for title IV-E programs that protect and support young adults currently or formerly in foster care.

Funding is available to serve children, youth, and young adults ages 14-23 years old. The department has developed an Expansion of the Division X Chafee Funds.



Listed below are the updated changes:


- Transportation increase for youth and young adults.
- Increase in additional funding to support the needs of young adults in EFC, PESS, and Aftercare that were impacted by the pandemic.
- Employment and Educational incentives for youth ages 14-17 and young adults in EFC, PESS, and Aftercare.
- Life Skills incentive for completion of an assessment and enrolling into a life skills program for youth ages 14-17 and young adults in EFC, PESS, and Aftercare.
- Driver's license incentive upon enrollment for youth ages 14-17 and young adults in EFC, PESS, and Aftercare



Youth and young adults eligible for the Chafee Division X funding:

- Youth ages 14-17 years old who are currently in out-of-home care, including relative, non-relative, and level one licensure.
- Young adults ages 18-23 years old who aged out in the legal custody of the department, are currently enrolled or are eligible to enroll in Extend Foster Care, PESS, and Aftercare Program

EFC Educational Incentive:

- \$1,500.00 incentive for EFC young adults who achieved academic progress for the Spring 2022 semester.
 - The maximum amount allotted for a young adult is \$2,000.00
 - Paid directly to the young adult.
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PESS Educational Incentive:

- \$1,500.00 incentive for young adults participating in PESS who achieved academic progress for the Spring 2022 semester.
- The maximum amount allotted for a young adult is \$2,000.00.
- Paid directly to the young adult.

Aftercare Educational Incentive:

- One-time \$500.00 incentive per semester for young adults participating in Aftercare who achieved academic progress for the Fall 2021 semester and Spring 2022 semester.
- The maximum amount allotted for a young adult is \$2,000.00
- Paid directly to the young adult.

2021-2022 Division X Chafee Spending Activities Expansion

Eligibility	14/15-17 R/NR	14/5-17 OHC	EFC	PESS	Aftercare
Transportation Assistance	\$500	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Transportation Expansion Max Total	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Additional Assistance	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500
Additional Assistance Expansion Max Total	N/A	N/A	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
Employment Incentive	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Employment Expansion Max Total	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Educational Incentive	N/A	N/A	\$500/semester	\$500/semester	\$500/semester
Educational Expansion Max Total	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Life Skills Assessment Incentive	\$200	\$200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Life Skills Assessment Expansion Max Total	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Life Skills Program Incentive	\$500	\$500	N/A	N/A	N/A
Life Skills Program Expansion Max Total	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Keys Incentive	\$100	\$100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Keys Incentive Expansion Max Total	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200

Funds Expire September 30th 2022, or when funds are exhausted

Funding and allocations were not amended. Expansion of amounts and ages were included for the incentive activities and additional assistance. There is no expansion to stimulus payments. Effective date of expansion for incentives is 4/1/22.

Additional flexibilities include:

- *\$3,000 towards any Life Skills assessment and Life Skills program

- *allowance for verbal signature or agreement by youth or young adult

- *including gift card as allowable payment

Results of 2022 Positive Pathways Conference Survey



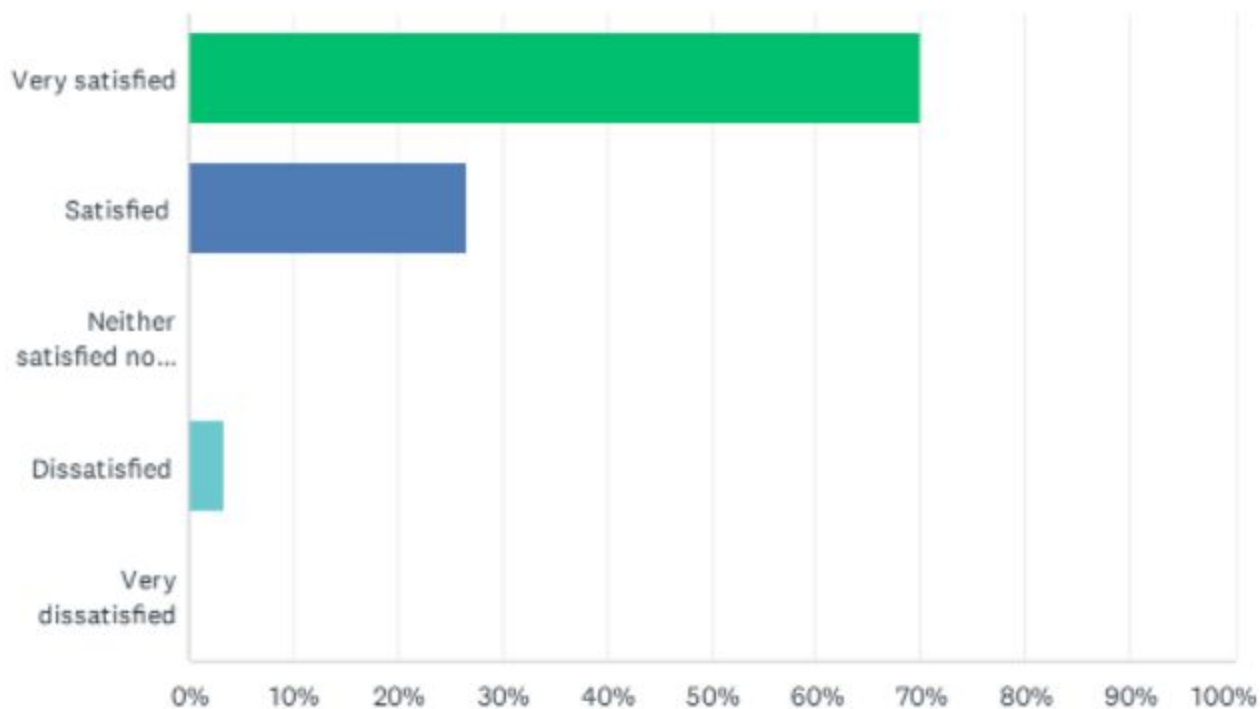
**The Power of Positive
Partnerships**

**7th Annual Positive Pathways
Conference**

Together, We Enjoyed
A Great Conference!

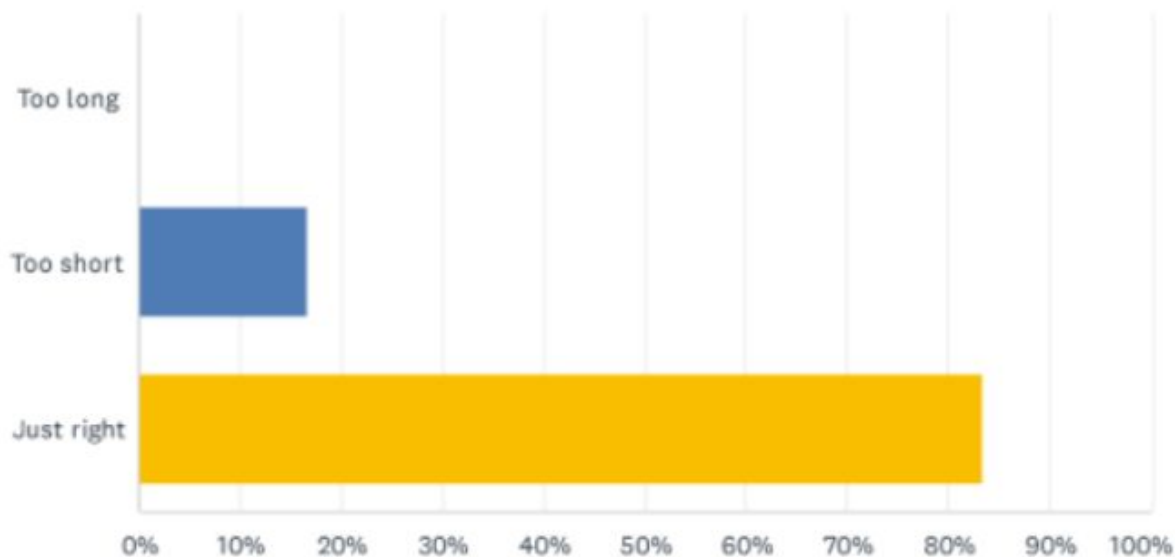
Q1 Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the Positive Pathways conference?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



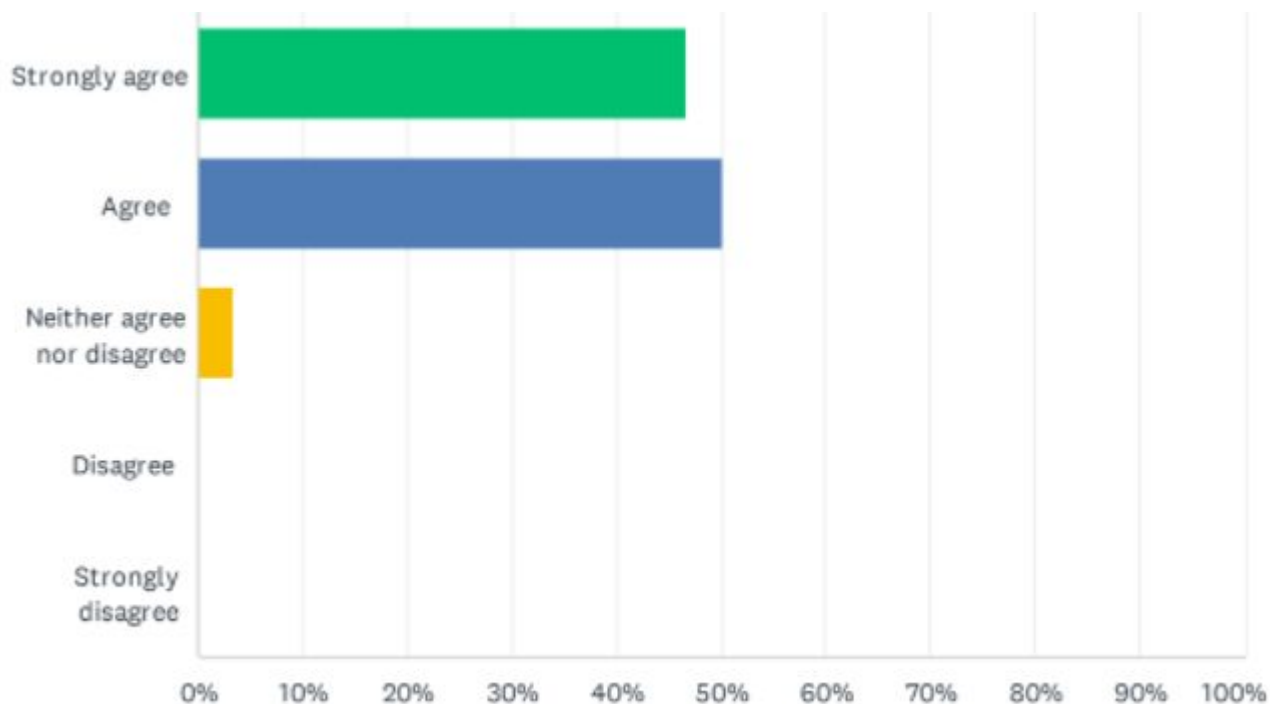
Was the Positive Pathways conference too long, too short or just right?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



As a result of the conference, I have a better understanding of effective ways to support students from foster care and homelessness.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



What aspects of the conference were most beneficial?

RESPONSES

The networking opportunities and ability to ask questions on the panel discussions.

Being involved in the panel discussion!

Loved the information panels and DCF Legislative updates presentations

Legislative updates; circles of sharing

The regional table discussion was helpful.

Great resources

Opportunities to connect with colleagues, legislative updates, time with our region.

meeting others from across the different stakeholders

The speaker from DCF.

all aspects!!!

Meeting the individuals and how we can all help each other

Good presentations and sharing of ideas. Lots of opportunities to ask questions.

Networking/relationship building... Legislative updates... Question and answer... loved the chapters idea for the Brevard panel.

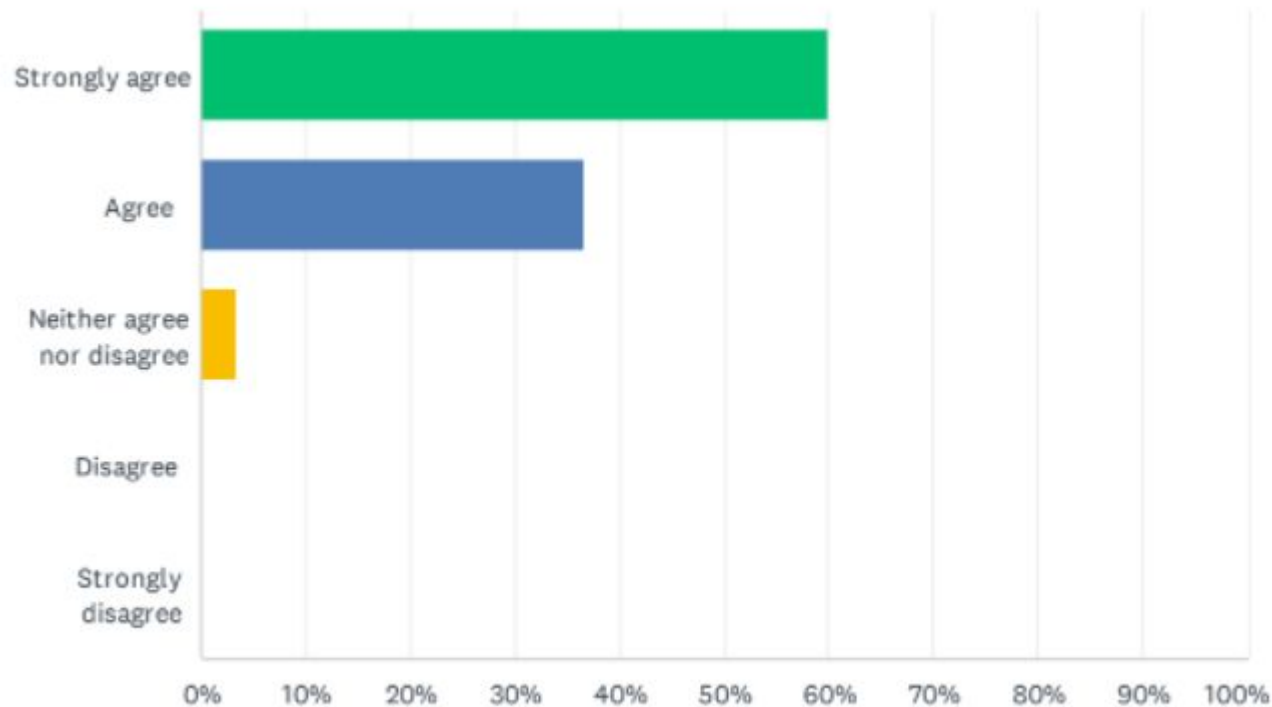
Networking

Networking opportunities

DCF collaboration with Colleges and universities staff

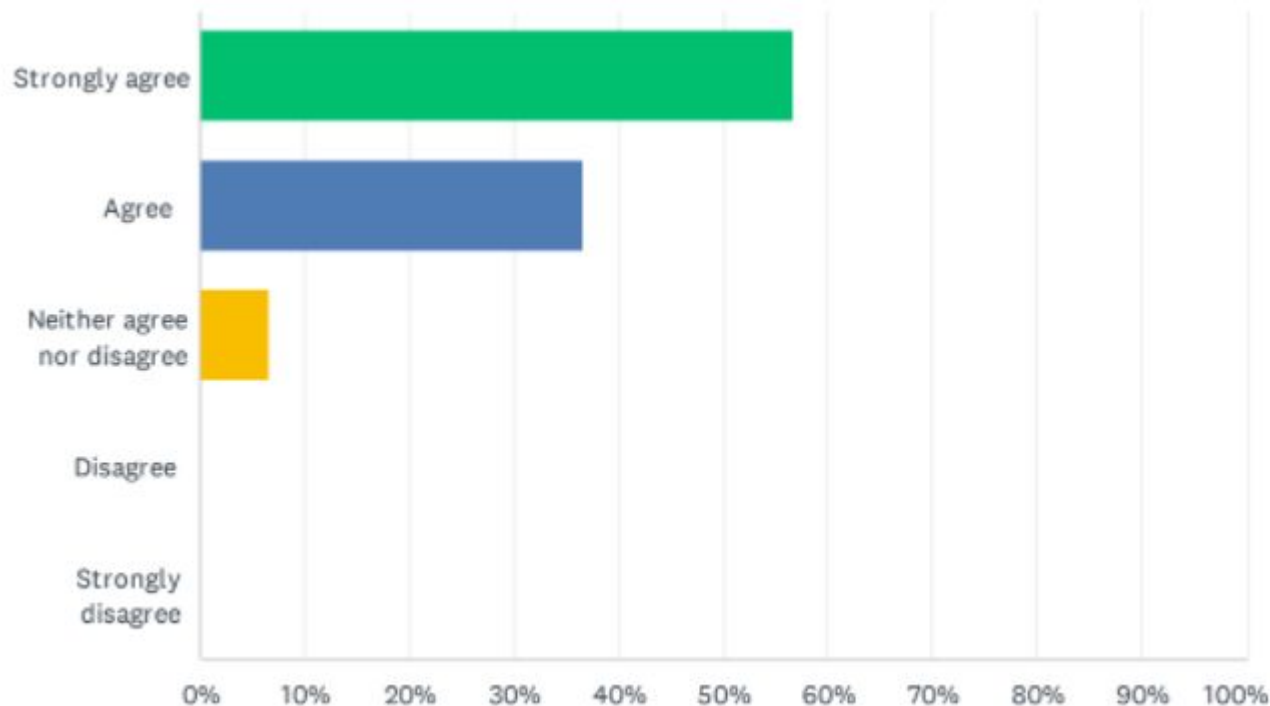
As a result of the conference, I expanded my professional network.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



As a result of the conference, my knowledge of resources has increased.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 0



What aspects of the conference were most beneficial?

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| 5 | Visual aids of areas of interest, having the ability to ask questions to each other and DCF officials about policy and legislative changes, and having the youth voice incorporated |
| 6 | Everything was well thought out and the information shared was very relevant. |
| 7 | loved the ability to network |
| 8 | legislative changes, hearing from students |
| 9 | Networking and meeting people the generally care about the child welfare system. DCF acts like they care but that don't |
| 10 | Networking |
| 11 | Networking and meeting other people and hearing what they do to support their students. |
| 12 | Networking. |
| 13 | meeting people and learning their roles learning the latest in legislation from Cal healthy dialogue among attendees especially with Cal |
| 14 | Networking ... and seeing what the rest are doing |
| 15 | Networking and open discussions. |
| 16 | Networking opportunities |

In what ways could the conference be improved upon?

RESPONSES

Keeping to a timed schedule.

N/A

More workshops and presenters!!

NA

Would have liked to have mingled more with CBC's and community partners from different regions instead of with our same areas.

I think you all did a great job.

This was my first one so, it was good for me!

The success stories were nice but need more substance on the second day.

The breakout session was good the first day. Suggest a second one on day 2. Many people only attended day 1. Suggest expanded content to have them attend both days.

Addition of a youth panel.

More networking time

More student voices

more engagement between colleges and universities.

Perhaps with the legal changes, we could have had the time for different groups to discuss how to address the change going forward and discuss current and future infrastructure that is needed to accommodate the shift

It was helpful that the hotel provided breakfast. Monday I wasn't a fan how the young people had to pay for their own food especially since I had to pay for gas (I was okay paying for gas just not for dinner).

Clear communication

Coffee in the afternoon and snacks.

The session descriptions didn't exactly match the presentations.

establish task forces of like minded people who want to create or change something to improve outcomes for our youth

Good format ... I thought the intro phase was very positive for the shy ones especially ... getting the correct spelling would help, although I enjoyed the chocolate

Slightly longer.

More time to discuss legislative updates and possibly incorporate CBC representatives. While Cal was helpful, he didn't have answers to a lot of questions and seemed to get defensive by many questions. Perhaps if CBC representatives could also be a part of the conversation it can help with translating legislation into real life practice.

Reduce conference attendee intro time by half to allow for more time for group discussion or problem solving.

Larger room