



L.A. OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Los Angeles County is home to 10,000 current and former foster youth, ages 16-24. Transition-age foster youth are resilient, resourceful, and determined. The LA OYC is building partnerships across multi-sectors to improve educational and employment outcomes for transition age foster youth.

The OYC works collaboratively with over 50 partners, including government agencies, education institutions, philanthropic and community-based organizations, and private sector employers.

Key Partners include: *Department of Children and Family Services, John Burton Advocates for Youth, iFoster, LA Area Chamber, Children's Law Center of California, Coalition for Responsible Community Development, the public workforce development system, National Center for Youth Law, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Los Angeles County Office of Education.*

OYC Strategies



Fostering Connections
Bringing together organizations that serve and interact with youth.

Promoting Awareness
Highlighting TAY needs, issues and realities and promoting resources to address those issues.



Transforming Systems and Policy

Improving the impact of agencies that serve youth by driving consensus around a common agenda, best policies and practices, and shared measurements.



Building Capacity
Providing cross training and support to help partners evolve and improve.

Elevating Foster Youth Voice
Giving them a platform to identify challenges and inform solutions.



OYC Outcomes

Education

- Improve transition from high school graduation to post-secondary school
- Increase financial aid applications
- Greater college enrollment
- Access to supports
- College persistence & completion

Work Readiness

- Work Readiness Training
- Work experience in high school
- Career exploration/preparedness
- Employment and retention