



CLASP's Policy Advancing Transformation and Healing (PATH) Technical Assistance Project and Learning Community

Through our Policy Advancing Transformation and Healing (PATH) initiative, CLASP is collaborating with partners to advance systems and policy changes that support well-being for transition-age youth (ages 16-17) and young adults (ages 18-24). The PATH initiative will focus on expanding the concept of "health care" to include key approaches (prevention, addressing social determinants of health, physical/behavioural health integration, clinical treatment, and wellness promotion including strengths, assets, and safety) supported by essential systems-change strategies (effective adult-child system collaboration, authentic youth engagement, effective cross-sector partnership, and a racial equity/cultural relevance lens). PATH includes both technical assistance and an online learning community.

PATH Technical Assistance Project

PATH's Technical Assistance Project includes a cohort with two partners: The State of Utah and Prince George's County, Maryland. Each partner has set its own unique goals to help transition-age youth and young adults gain better access to quality mental health services. The jurisdictions were selected because of their commitment to bridging infrastructures across child- and adult-serving systems, addressing social determinants of health, and improving cross-system collaboration.

Jurisdictions will receive technical assistance from CLASP through CLASP staff, the organization's **Mental Health Advisory Board Members**, in-person convenings, and written materials. They'll also have peer-to-peer learning opportunities to strengthen young adult mental health policies and systems through in-person sharing of best practices, opportunities, and challenges, and joint calls and webinars to address shared issues and problem-solving with CLASP staff/consultants.

YASS Online Learning Community

CLASP is helping to support the **Young Adult Supports and Services (YASS)** online learning community organized by the **TA Network at the University of Maryland**. YASS brings together individuals who share a concern and passion for age-appropriate and culturally appealing system and supports for young adults. It provides a forum to discuss and learn about important and emerging trends to create better outcomes during the transition into adulthood. The goal of YASS partners is to build a more effective support system while successfully working toward sustainable positive program, systems, and policy change.