

VISION

- An innovative platform to transform service delivery systems to improve outcomes for the region's opportunity youth.

GOAL

- To catalyze collective action and provide leadership to improve the lives of opportunity youth
- Build the capacity of public and private service providers through increasing their knowledge and analytic capacity, by capturing and sharing data, identifying best practices, disseminating innovation, and fostering networks.

STRUCTURE

- An initiative of the CSU5 and headquartered at CSUN.
- A collaboration of public, private and philanthropic partners across LA County. Inclusive Advisory Board representing cross-sector Executive Leaders.
- A regional intermediary that supports policymakers, practitioners and advocates focused on improving outcomes for opportunity youth.

FOCUS

- Defines "opportunity youth" as young adults ages 16-24 who are out of school and out of work, involved in the foster or probation system, parenting, and/or have experienced homelessness.

5 PILLARS



THE RESEARCH &
EVALUATION NETWORK



THE CONSORTIUM FOR
PUBLIC POLICY EDUCATION



THE INNOVATION
HIVE



THE ACADEMY FOR
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



THE ALLIANCE FOR
ENGAGED LEARNING



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

CROSS-SECTOR SUPPORT

Foster ongoing and robust cross-disciplinary and multi-university research, special projects, curriculum development and partnerships with industries, public systems and economic and community development organizations focused on supporting opportunity youth throughout the region.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Strengthen the collective capacity of regional public and private systems, to provide wraparound services and support a transformative seamless service delivery system to improve education, employment, and social outcomes specifically for foster, homeless, out of school or youth on probation.

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

Create a long-term partnership between the CSU5 and public and private systems serving opportunity youth to support regional networks for collective engagement, collaboration and integration of existing and emerging programs and initiatives serving opportunity youth.

ADVANCING INNOVATION

Highlight regional innovative approaches and strategies that will shape and inform federal, state and philanthropic funding and initiatives that will effectively support opportunity youth.

CONNECTIVITY

Draw together expertise from the CSU5, public system and nonprofit partners that would develop new models, seek special projects funding and provide long-term research and education resources.

CREATING SOLUTIONS

Create a platform to identify pressing issues, brainstorm solutions and elicit information to aid in the development of strategies that will enhance the capacity of institutions and communities to implement effective services supporting opportunity youth.

FORTIFYING NETWORKS

Create a network for collective engagement, collaboration, and integration of existing and emerging programs initiatives serving opportunity youth.