

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: KANSAS

PROJECT TITLE: Kansas C.A.R.E.S. (Community, Assistance, Resources, Education, and Skills)

TARGET POPULATION: Youth aging out of foster care

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Leavenworth, Wyandotte (Kansas City), Johnson

FUNDING: \$80,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Kansas C.A.R.E.S. will focus on youth aging out of foster care in Local Area III, which includes the Greater Kansas City Area. It will pursue five goals for its pilot program: (1) ensure youth aging out of foster care have access to comprehensive services at the local level; (2) promote opportunities for foster youth to provide input on programs and services; (3) develop policies and partnerships at the local level that seamlessly connect youth-serving systems; (4) call on local business, volunteer, and philanthropic communities to sponsor work experience, mentoring, and asset development opportunities; and (5) build an interagency resource directory. The pilot project will build and strengthen the current infrastructure in the region by connecting local service providers through a resource map, which will also help identify gaps in services. The project will form a local partnership that mirrors the state youth vision partnership. A consulting firm will help implement a service strategy that integrates youth involvement and develop a youth advisory board. Services will be delivered through local One-Stops.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Housing Resource Corporation, Kansas Department of Commerce/Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services, Kansas Department of Education, Kansas Department of Juvenile Justice Authority, Kansas State Treasurer's Office, Workforce Investment Local Area I, Topeka Youth Project, Kansas University, Flint Hills Job Corp, Kansas University/Kansas Enrichment Network, Native American Workforce Investment Program, Social Security Administration of Kansas, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP/Wichita State University, Local Area V-Youth Council, University of Kansas, Heartland Works Inc, Workforce Alliance-Local Area IV, Barton County Community College, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Social Service Programs, Kansas Department of Transportation, SRS of Kansas-Additional, Kansas Department of Juvenile Justice Authority, Instructional Access-Midwest Region, Kansas Board of Regents

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