

# Young Voices

## What we do

- ➔ Advocate and support other youth.
- ➔ Educate legislators, foster parents, the public, Child Protective Services, the juvenile justice system and other placement resources about the youth perspective.
- ➔ Plan, lead, and complete teen conferences and workshops.
- ➔ Build positive relationship with similar youth around the state.
- ➔ Gain life skills necessary to become independent adults.
- ➔ Share ideas and develop new methods of creating a positive image.
- ➔ Share their lived experiences, insights, and success stories related to their journey through the foster care system.
- ➔ Contribute to the recruitment of more foster families for teens.

## Famous Foster Care Alumni

- Alonzo Mourning, NBA superstar
- Daunte Culpepper, NFL quarterback
- Babe Ruth, baseball legend

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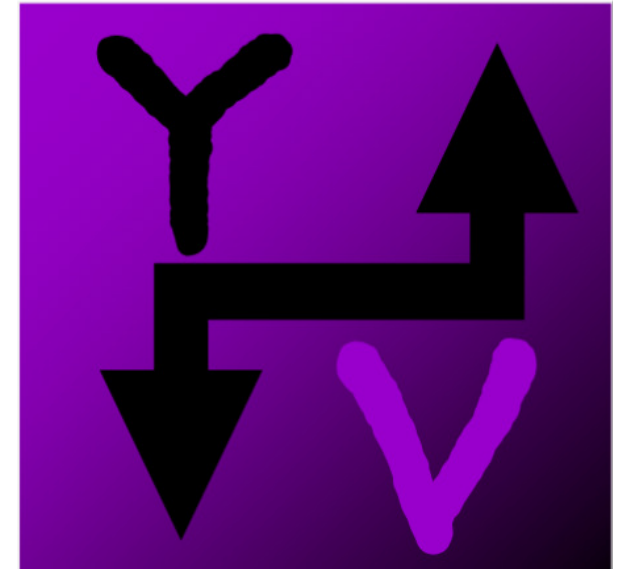


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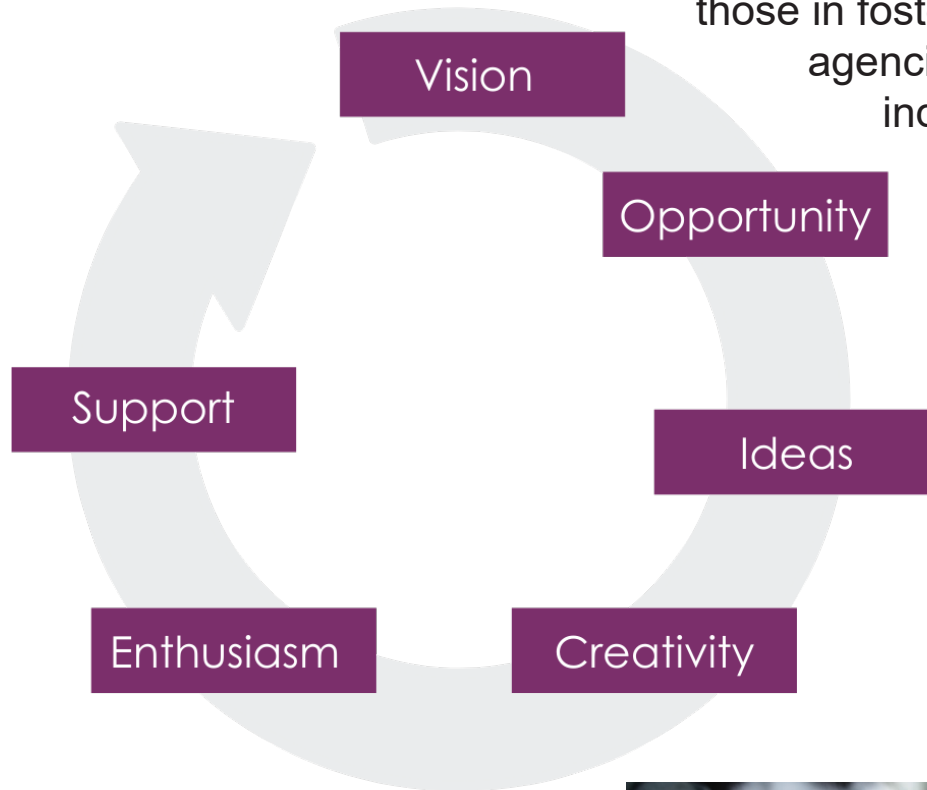
Vision  
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 Enthusiasm  
 Support



Youth want to help youth become independent adults who can successfully educate others about the child welfare system and take an active role in making life better for themselves and others in state care.

## Who are we?

Young Voices is a youth-led statewide group that seeks motivated individuals to provide (VOICES) Vision, Opportunities, Ideas, Creativity, Enthusiasm, and Support to those in foster homes, agencies, or independent living arrangements.



We help make life better by using our VOICES to invoke positive change.

## How can you help?

**Listen**...to our stories

**Engage**...in our experiences

**Hear**...our recommendations

**Advocate**...for positive change

