

## PROJECT SUMMARY

# Implementation Grants to Develop A Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults With Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness (YARH 2)



## PROJECT TITLE

## Alameda County Youth Transitions Partnership (YTP)

**GRANTEE**

Alameda County Social Services Agency

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA(S) SERVED**

Alameda County, CA

**POPULATION APPLICABILITY**

Youth in foster care ages 14 to 20 with multiple risk factors for experiencing homelessness

**GRANT PERIOD ENDING**

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### Project Description

Although Alameda County, CA, offers a rich array of services to youth in foster care, many transition-age youth in foster care in the county still experience, or are at risk for, homelessness. During the YARH planning phase, the Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) learned there is a disconnect between the needs of youth in foster care and the services they receive. This disconnect is due to (1) a lack of service coordination, (2) inconsistent service pathways, and (3) barriers to engagement and persistence in services due, in part, to youths' complex trauma.

### Intervention

To address these factors, SSA, in collaboration with community partners, developed the Youth Transitions Partnership (YTP), a model that blends service coordination, intensive case management, and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) to help youth in foster care engage with available support systems and improve their outcomes. What makes YTP unique is the pairing of support from YTP coaches with skill development through DBT. Youth leverage the strong relationship they develop with their coaches to access services, achieve their goals, and gain the skills needed to persist in these endeavors even after their YTP participation ends. YTP currently serves youth ages 14 to 20 with multiple risk factors for experiencing homelessness who are currently placed in out-of-home care in Alameda County.

\*Project services will continue after grant funding ends.