

Educate Tomorrow's mission is to create independence for disadvantaged and foster youth through education, mentoring, and life skills training.

Values: Strengths-based, Open Door Policy, Close-knit Community, Empowerment, Common Agenda, Shared Measurement, Collective Impact

Population/Context



Strategies



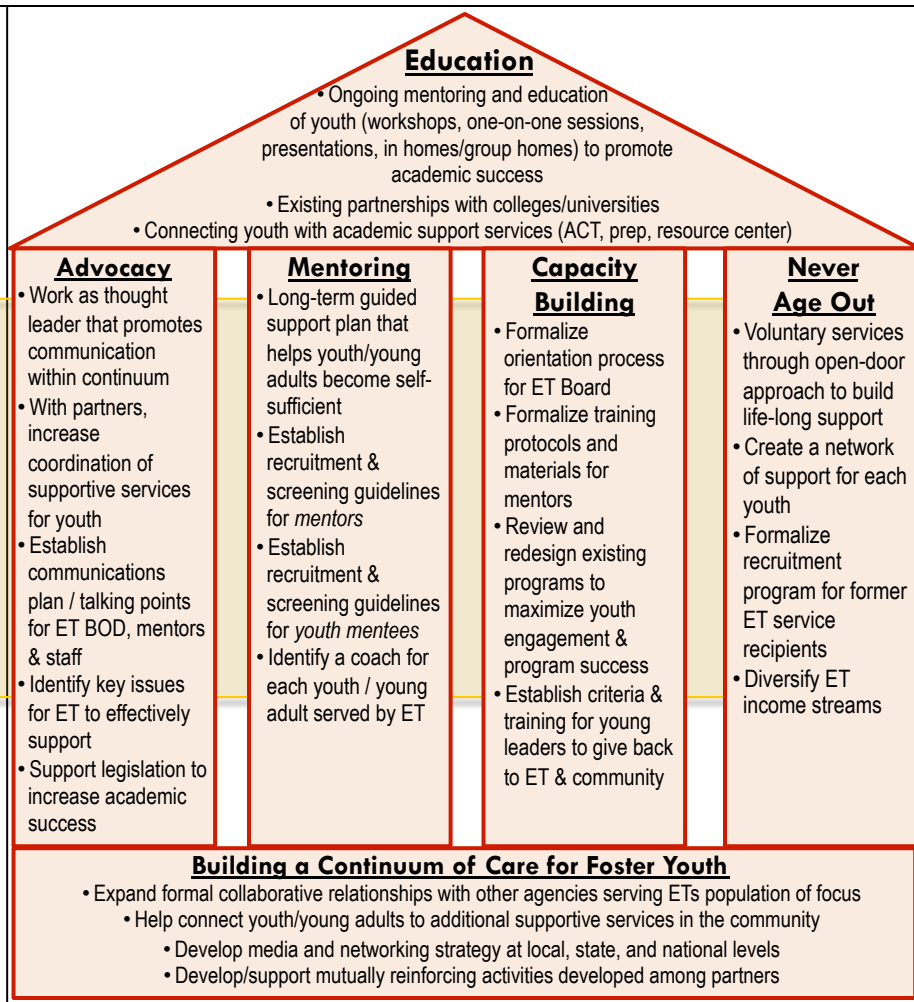
Outcomes

Population of Focus:
Youth, in their teens and twenties
 • Current or former foster youth
 • Youth experiencing the following issues: hidden homelessness; neglected youth; those transitioning out of the child welfare system

Board Members
Volunteer Mentors
System/Community Partners

Issues/Needs:
 • To raise awareness & knowledge/opportunities in higher education & service systems
 • Underutilized funds for educational programs
 • Competing life demands/ongoing challenges: lack of affordable housing, history of mal-treatment, poverty, mental illness/substance use.
 • To increase recruitment of qualified mentors
 • To raise community awareness/support for youth experiences and transition needs
 • Youth unprepared for success in higher education

Strengths:
 • Commitment on part of ET, volunteers and community partners
 • Youth are resourceful/resilient and perceptive with tenacity, street savvy
 • Florida Tuition and Fee Exemption for Foster Youth
 • Multiple entry points for youth/families
 • Child serving systems recognize ET as an expert leading with an effective model



Organization

- ET is recognized as a backbone organization for increasing college completion rates among foster youth
- Strong partnerships with youth-serving systems (i.e. M-DCPS, higher education, child welfare)
- Board is engaged and knowledgeable about ET, service use population, and continuum of care
- Staff, mentors and volunteers are knowledgeable about service use population, programs, and organization.
- Comprehensive continuum of care for foster youth is thriving
- Recognized advocate and thought leader for strengthening policies & resources that support youth success

Program

- Increased number of students served by ET
- Youth express satisfaction with quality of services received
- Mentors have adequate capacity and are successfully matched to youth
- Staff is adequately trained and able to serve youth according to program guidelines
- Success coach for foster youth at every state university

Individual

- Increased academic success among youth served
- Increased completion of post-secondary education leading to successful employment
- Youth demonstrate self-efficacy and ability to transition to independent living
- Youth have secure housing & a medical home
- Consistent utilization of and retention in services for population of focus (youth moving through continuum)
- Youth are successfully completing higher education or employment training
- Youth make use of multiple entry points in system to receive life-long support

