

Engaging Church Teams to Support Youths Aging Out of Care

400,000 are in out of home care*

200,000 will enter care
200,000 will remain in care

200,000 will exit care

100,000 reunification
50,000 adopted
20,000 exit to a guardian
30,000 emancipation (age out)

* **Out of home care (OHC):** Kinship, foster families, group homes, emergency shelters, rehabilitation facilities, and others.

Compare this to:
Population of Tulsa 411,000

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

seeing, experiencing violence

physical, emotional, sexual abuse

physical, emotional neglect

caretaker's mental illness

incarceration, mother abused

substance abuse



Time, Talent, & Treasure

Safe shelter ①

Medical access

Identification

Transportation

Protein

Phone ②

Stable housing

Mentorship

GED ③

Driver's license

Skills dev.

Banking

Job ④

Money mgt

Co-signers

A computer to use

A home for holidays

A place for laundry

Accessing resources

Advocacy

Apartment help

Appointment help

Babysitting

Care packages

Career counseling

Clothing

Cooking lessons

Cultural experiences

Drug addiction help

Education

Emergency cash

Employment

Find siblings

Food & meals

Help reading forms

Home decorating

Housekeeping

How to – bank

How to – drive

How to – garden

How to – sew

How to – other

Job search

Legal troubles

Mechanical needs

Mental health

Motivation

Personal security

Recreational

Reference

Regular check-in

Relationships

Social skills

Someone to talk to

Spiritual support

Storage

Volunteerism

Voting

A safe person to talk to is as the top of the list

Research Question #1 (Interest)

1

What topmost factors would ... **garner interest** in Christian adults in the needs of emerging adults transitioning from state custody into independent living?

This question explores:

- Vision
 - Urgency
 - Coalition
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Thought Stimulators

- What would the result be if this issue were solved?
- How might that be accomplished?
- How can a sense of urgency be communicated to congregants?
- How would one know that the messages were received?
- How might an initial group be formed to explore possibilities?
- What is something that might get in the way?

Research Question #2 (Commitment)

What topmost factors would ... **garner commitment** in Christian adults to join a team to help emerging adults transition from state custody into independent living?

This question explores:

- Needed for involvement
 - Values that would help
 - Avoiding involvement
 - Rationalization
 - Major questions
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Thought Stimulators

- What would a person need before considering becoming involved?
- What personal values might help garner commitment?
- Why would people choose to not get involved?
- How would people rationalize staying distant from the needs?
- What major questions would need to be answered before committing to be involved with a solution?

Research Question #3 (Action)

3

What topmost factors would ... **garner action** in Christian adults to join a team to help emerging adults transition from state custody into independent lives?

This question explores:

- Forms of approval
 - Fulfilling service
 - Show generosity
 - Prevent action
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Thought Stimulators

- What form of approval from others would encourage a team member?
- What kind of service would be fulfilling to a team member?
- How might a team member show generosity?
- What would prevent a team member from initiating action?

Research Question #4 (Responsibilities)

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What **division of responsibilities** would be necessary within a team of Christian adults to help emerging adults transition from state custody into independent living?

This question explores:

- Decision-making
 - Responsibilities
 - Team design
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Thought Stimulators

Which form of decision-making would serve a team best?

Please put a checkmark in a choice, then explain.

Autocratic Consultative Group-based Something else

How do you think responsibilities should be divided?

Specifically defined Somewhat defined Other

Explain _____

