

Transportation Task Group Charter
Transitions to Adult Living Implementation Team

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Background Supporting the Transportation Group: A youth leadership summit on “Transitions to Adult Living” was held in June 2003. At that summit youth met to determine what their top concerns were in connection with transitioning from foster care to adult living. The youth addressed needs and goals in the areas of education, employment, personal life issues and housing. These youth highlighted areas of concern and desired goals in connection with their needs. In response to the needs of youth transitioning into adulthood, task groups have been formed to accomplish goals in a timely manner. (*Year One of Utah’s Transitions to Adult Living Support Network Five Year Plan, October 2003*)

Purpose: It is acknowledged that a major issue identified by youth in foster care at the Youth Summit was access to transportation and the ability to obtain a driver’s license. Without adequate reliable transportation youth cannot live independently.

Tasks:

- Identify models for providing transportation to youth in foster care from other parts of the country and evaluate their feasibility for Utah.
- Develop options and strategies for youth in foster care ages 16-18 to obtain a driver’s license and auto insurance.
- Identify the transportation needs of former foster youth ages 18-21 and recommend strategies to address these needs.
- Determine how Utah Job Corps centers provide driver’s education and insurance coverage so participants obtain a Utah driver’s license as part of their Job Corps experience.

Authority of the Transportation Task Group - Scope of decision-making: This group will receive ongoing direction from the Implementation Team until completion of assigned tasks. Task Group will present recommendations and proposals to the Implementation Team for approval prior to implementation.

Deliverables/Reporting Requirements:

1. The Task Group is scheduled to complete tasks by August 2004.
2. The Task Group will report progress to the Implementation Team on a regular basis.

Special Provisions/Tenure: Individuals that are chosen or who volunteer to complete tasks and participate in this Task Group will be at the discretion of the agency they represent and the Implementation Team. This Task Group may solicit staff and stakeholder input and involvement as needed to complete tasks.