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Bridge Program

Our Mission

The New Foster Care will show the love of Jesus Christ by making a measurable, meaningful, and transformative change in the Michigan foster care system and in the lives of those who have experienced foster care.

Transformative change across five key life domains for youth/young adults utilizing The Transition to Independence Process, Model (TIP).



Who We Serve

Bridge Program Snapshot



80
Active
participants



1.5 Years
Avg.
enrollment

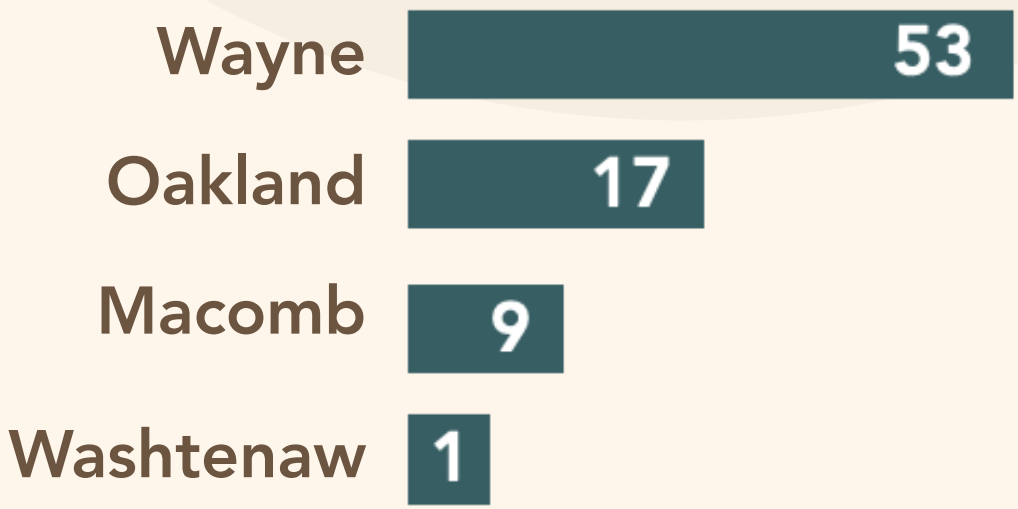
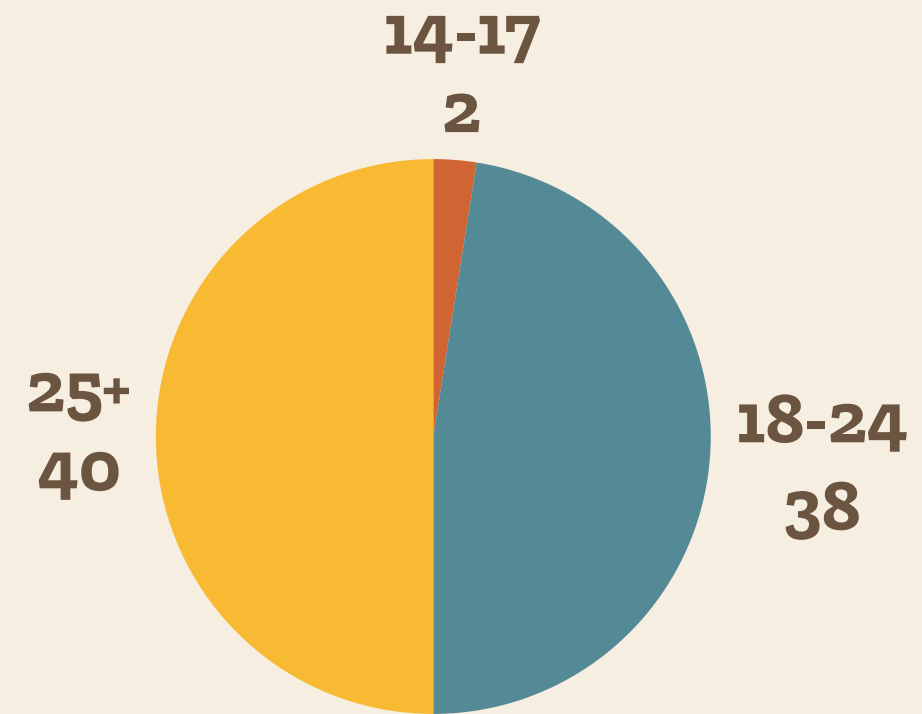


20
Male
participants



60
Female
participants

Participants by age range and county



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Statistics

A population in Crisis

Statistically, young adults with experience in foster care have faced the following challenges as they age out:



7 in 10

Report sexual abuse before or during foster care.



1 in 4

Have PTSD, 2x the rate of war veterans.

1 in 2

Do not graduate high school.

1 in 2

Are unemployed.

1 in 3

Experienced homelessness.

1 in 4

Reported having children by 21.

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Have experienced incarceration.

The Cycle Repeats



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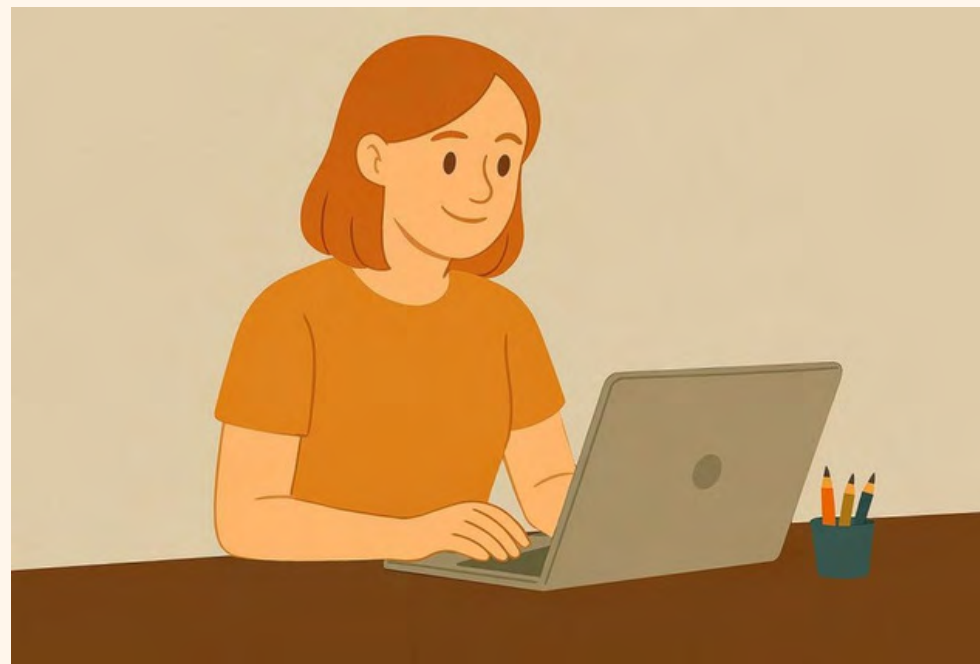
Purpose of the Bridge Program

The Bridge

Through the TIP Model: Our intensive wraparound program, developed to change the trajectory of Y/YA aging out of foster care lives in the areas of: Education, Employment/Career, Living Situation, Personal Effectiveness/Wellbeing and Community Life Functioning.

The TIP Model

The Transition to Independence Process, TIP Model is a strength-based youth driven evidence supported practice that was developed for working with Y/YA with EBD.

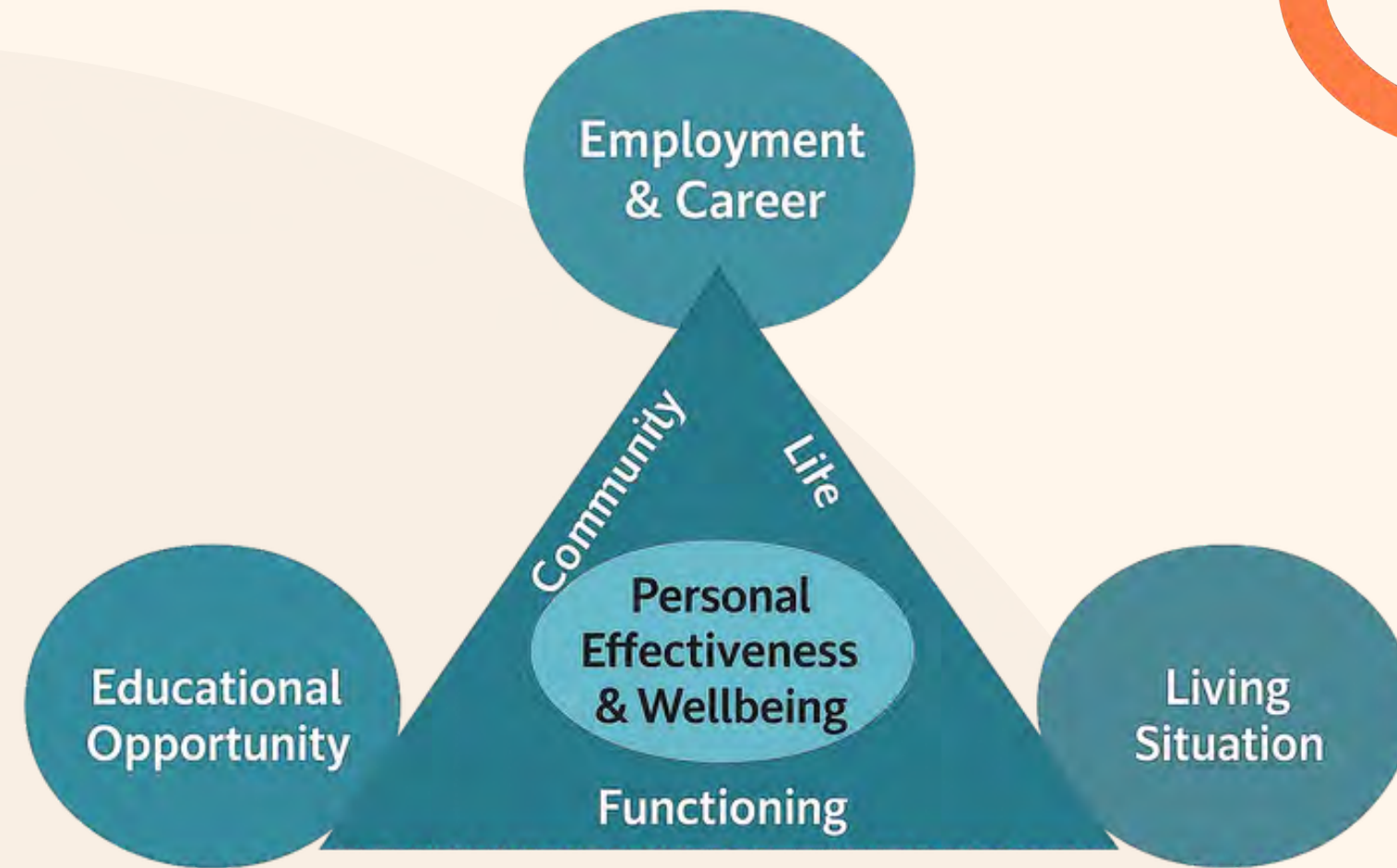


What is TIP?

Activate young adults through a developmentally appropriate, culturally competent, non-stigmatizing planning process that involves their key players, all to prioritize self sufficiency.

Young Adult Empowerment

TIP empowers young adults to take ownership of their futures through personalized planning and real-world skill development.



StarsTrainingAcademy, TIP Model Overview.

Skill Building

The model builds self-sufficiency by focusing on strengths and community connections.



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TIP Life Domains



Real Life Focus

Services align to real-life functioning across five key domains: **Living Situation**, Education, Employment/Career, Personal Effectiveness & Wellbeing.



Living Situation

Living Situation services help young adults secure and maintain safe, stable housing they transition to independence.



Housing:
32 preferred,
42 unpreferred,
5 unhoused

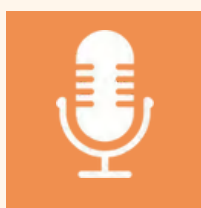


Employment:
22 full time,
23 part time,
31 unemployed,
2 career path,
2 other





TIP Core Values



Young Adult Voice

Young adults lead their own planning and decision-making, ensuring their perspectives shape every aspect of their transition journey.



Strengths Based

We build on each young adults unique talents, interests, and resilience rather than focusing on deficits or challenges.



Multidisciplinary Team



Navigator

Peer support

**Personal
wellness coach**



Transition Navigator (TN)

The primary case holder responsible for coordination, advocacy, and guiding youth through their transition journey.



Peer Support Specialist (PSS)

Brings lived experience to foster engagement, build trust, and provide relatable mentorship to youth in the program.



Personal Wellness Coach (PWC)

Supports participants in their emotional, social, and physical well-being through structured therapy, drop-in support and crisis intervention.



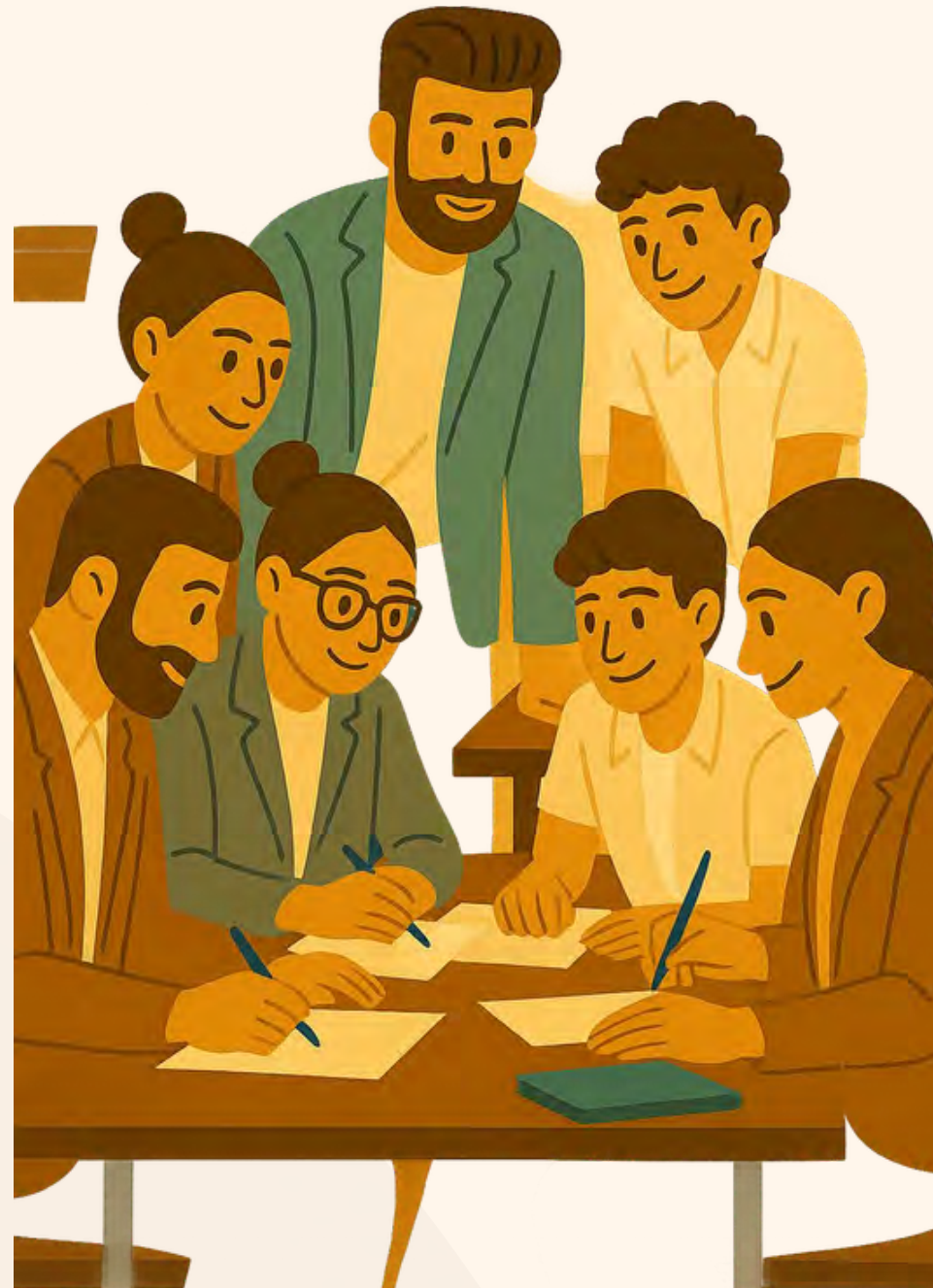


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Continuum of Care

One Coordinated Plan

- Behavioral health and housing services work together to ensure stable foundations for young adults.
- Education, workforce, and community supports align to create comprehensive pathways.



Bridge coordinates across all service areas to eliminate fragmentation.



Young adults receive one unified plan addressing all life domains simultaneously.



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Outcomes

Achieved Through
Bridge



85%

Housing stability achieved with young adults maintaining safe, stable living situations.



78%

Employment and education progress with young adults enrolled or employed.



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Housing

Whole-Life Support

Services align to real-life functioning across the life domains. For housing partners, the living situation domain connects naturally to education, employment, wellbeing, and community support.



Housing stability is supported by:

- Practical skill building in natural settings
- Coordination across service areas
- Relationships that continue beyond a single housing milestone



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Hope Apartments

Stable Housing for Young Adults

Housing is the leading critical need for many young adults with experience in foster care. To help meet that need, TNFC is developing Hope Apartments.



175

units of safe, affordable housing
for young adults by 2029.



[Transitional Housing Video](#)





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Partner Role

How Partners Contribute

- Support coordination across systems to ensure young adults receive seamless, integrated services.
- Amplify young adults voice in decision-making and advocate for their needs and goals.



System alignment
creates unified
pathways for young
adult success.

Collaborative
partnerships
strengthen the
continuum of care
and improve
outcomes.



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Join Us In Action

Together, we can reduce fragmentation, align systems, and improve outcomes for transition-aged youth. The New Foster Care's mission guides us toward a future where every young person has the support they need to thrive.



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