Community Youth Services Foster Care Program would like to announce that we are now licensing CPA foster homes, in addition to BRS.

What does this mean? Up until now, CYS has licensed Therapeutic Homes for youth that require Behavior Rehabilitative Services. These youth have higher than average behavior needs and generally a larger trauma history. Previously the foster homes that we recruited had to be equipped and trained differently than your traditional foster home. We are pleased to announce that now we are recruiting for ALL foster homes to serve various levels of care for adolescents - traditional foster care services and BRS!

Our program will still have a high standard of placement and licensing process. Our families will be able to continue to share their strengths and concerns with our Clinical Coordinator, who collaborates with the family, other program staff, and youth team to identify a strong placement for the home. All families will still be invited to attend our quarterly Foster Parent Roundtable trainings and any other training opportunities provided.

We know that many CYS families are out and about in the community and may receive questions about our Foster Care program. We also hired former foster parent Jamie Floch and current foster parent, Nathan LaChine as Foster Home Recruiters!

Reminder to all families, that we provide referral incentives for you!

If you refer a family that completes the licensing process, you will receive $500! Once that family accepts their first placement, you will receive an additional $500.

If you have any questions about the licensing process, please reach out to our Foster Care team and refer families to call 1-888-R-FOSTER, or email us!

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Supported Employment

ICD Department, CYS

Supported Employment is now accepting referrals! Do you know a youth who is interested in help with employment? If they are ages 16-24 on Medicaid and have had a mental health diagnosis or SUD diagnosis, a referral for services can be emailed: icd@communityyouthservices.org or call 360-918-7860.

Supported Employment: is a program designed to enhance youth engagement and support their transition into the work-force. Employment Specialists work with the youth at their pace! Whether they are on the fence about working and need information to make an informed choice about their employment opportunities, or are ready to begin looking for work now, the Employment Specialist will adapt the services provided to meet the youth’s current needs. By spending time getting to know the youth, SE Specialist will learn about their personal and work history; their strengths, needs, abilities, preferences and short and long-term work goals. With that information, the youth and the specialist will develop an initial treatment plan that will them help guide and measure the steps and progressions toward achieving employment goals.

GRuB’s Summer Program

Marisha McDowell, Recruitment & Retention Specialist

The application is open for GRuB’s summer job-training program!

What is the GRuB Summer Program?

Students who participate will earn school credit and an educational award for leading farm and community work for GRuB; all while gaining leadership and life skills. This program is designed to help students grow and succeed in future employment, their community, and their life.

Students will:

~ Earn up to $1,000 for the summer, depending on attendance and participation (Educational Award).

~ Earn 1.0 Credit in CTE Practice of Sustainable Agriculture (Elective) through New Market Vocational Skills Center. Students/families do NOT have to pay for their student to attend the summer portion.

~ Take home good fresh food from the farm every week!

Summer activities include:

Growing on the Land - Growing vegetables, fruits, and flowers organically on a 2-acre farm, learning practical gardening/farming skills through workshops and trainings, and running the flower bouquet, and veggie CSA programs.

Growing the Community - Working with community volunteers at the GRuB Farm, going on field trips to other farms/gardens that grow food for the greater community and helping them, working with families with young kids that visit the farm, and providing customer service at our market stand.

Growing your Self - Developing strong leadership and facilitation skills, practicing compassionate & safe communication tools, learning how to be successful in a team, and cooking and eating great food!

The program runs Monday-Friday 7/8-8/27. Students must be able to commit to the entire program.

The application is available at this link: tinyurl.com/GRuBSummer2019
The New Make It Happen! (MIH) is now Way To Go College Success Foundation and Treehouse, in partnership with the Washington Passport Network, are excited to announce that Make It Happen! is now Way To Go. Way To Go helps students learn about the Passport to Careers (PTC) scholarship, plan their post-secondary path, and connect with supportive adults who can open doors of possibility and provide ongoing support.

**Make it Happen → Way to Go**

**Veneza Tena, SETuP Case Manager**

Federal foster care after age 13; or experienced unaccompanied youth homelessness at some point during high school.

**Who is eligible?**

- **Young person who was in foster care** after the age of 13 and is a rising high school junior or senior or pursuing their GED. *Foster care used in this context includes any young person who was in out-of-home placement in Washington state, Federal, or Tribal Foster Care.*

- **Unaccompanied homeless youth** Any rising high school junior or senior or young person enrolled in a GED program who has experienced unaccompanied homelessness.

**What should participants expect?**

Participants should expect a day of learning about Passport to Careers (PTC) and engaging in fun activities. Workshop topics include PTC eligibility, benefits, and resources. There will also be an opportunity to meet college staff and apprenticeship representatives. This will be an active day, so participants should anticipate walking during the campus tour and for workshop transitions between campus buildings.

**What is the cost to attend?**

This event is FREE! Breakfast and lunch and transportation will be provided. Participants will also receive some cool gear!
Upcoming CYS Trainings

**APRIL**

Apr. 14, Kelso  
*As they Grow: The Drug Impacted Child*

Apr. 18, Shelton  
*Emotion Coaching*

Apr. 23, 24, Pt. Angeles  
*Verbal De-escalation*

Apr. 27, 28, 29  
*Parenting the Positive Discipline Way*

**MAY**

May 14, Shelton  
*So you have a NEW placement... Now what?*

May 15, Centralia  
*Fostering Children and Youth Through Transition: Grief and Loss, Helping Children through their feelings*

May 18, Bremerton  
*Post Traumatic Stress Disorder*

May 19, Pt. Orchard  
*Caregiving for Children with Sexual Behavior Concerns*

**To Browse More Classes and To Sign Up:**
http://alliancecatalog.org/

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

*Police Dispatch:* 911; Get Intake Number for CYS Case Manager

*National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:* 800.843.5678

*After Hours CYS On-Call Case Manager:* 360.280.9516

*Region 5 Intake (Pierce County):* 800.713.6115; Get case number

*Region 6 Intake (ALL other counties):* 866.764.2233; Get case number

*Remember to always reference your youth’s safety plan!*

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**NEXT ROUNDTABLE EVENT:**

**MAY 30th, 11am @ CYS!**

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Community Youth Services supports youth and families in achieving their needs for health, safety, security, and community.