



CWVE 2022

Child Welfare Virtual Expo

Power in Partnerships: Prioritizing Lived Expertise in Child Welfare

Engaging Expecting and Parenting Teens in Child Welfare

Resources

1. [ACYF-CB-IM-19-03: Engaging, Empowering, and Utilizing Family and Youth Voice in all Aspects of Child Welfare to Drive Case Planning and System Improvement](#)
The purpose of this Information Memorandum is to demonstrate that family and youth voice are critical to a well-functioning child welfare system and to strongly encourage all public child welfare agencies, dependency courts, and Court Improvement Programs to work together to ensure that family and youth voice are central in child welfare program planning and improvement efforts.
2. [Child and Family Services Review \(CFSR\) Round 4 Resources](#)
These resources provide information on planning for, conducting, and participating in the CFSR process. This includes the CFSR Procedure Manual, which provides information on logistics, recruitment, and state planning.
3. [Engaging Young People With Lived Experience in the Child and Family Services Reviews](#)
This document highlights critical steps toward engaging young people in the CFSR, including methods of recruitment, engagement, support, and retainment in all aspects of the CFSR process. It addresses key considerations, roles, and recommendations around intentionality, authenticity, equal partnership, early and ongoing engagement opportunities, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.
4. [National Policy Platform Centering Girls, Young Women, and Gender-Expansive Young People](#)
The Girls @ the Margin National Alliance (G@TM) Policy Platform was written by current and former members of the steering committee of the G@TM National Alliance and reviewed by advocates, including young people, who were critical in ensuring that the facts and recommendations truly represent the issues faced by girls and gender-expansive youth impacted by many of the systems described therein.
5. [Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Teens](#)
Pregnant and parenting teens often face challenges balancing their school, work, and home lives with being a new parent. Teen parents are at increased risk for dropping out of school, unemployment, poverty, mental health issues, and child care concerns. Ensuring that adolescent parents receive adequate social, emotional, medical, and academic support is essential to the parent's and the baby's future. This page offers information on expectant and parenting teens in out-of-home care and ways to support them.