

Dare to Dream Program

25,000 YOUTH AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE EVERY YEAR, OFTEN WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND FAMILY TIES.

Young people who have grown up within the foster care system have experienced instability in their lives and often disproportionately suffer with learning disabilities, limited life skills, health issues, and emotional and behavioral struggles. Youth who age out of foster care without having been adopted or reunified with their families have less financial, emotional, and social support than their peers, yet they are often expected to be as self-sufficient as those who have familial support and guidance. This lack of assistance and resources combined with the various traumas these youth have experienced negatively affects their success and overall well being.

OUR PROGRAM

The Dare to Dream Program focuses on one-on-one mentoring for youth (ages 11-22) who are in care, at-risk to age out, or have aged-out. Mentors serve as positive role models who meet with their youth to build relationships and empower them to accomplish their goals. Our tailored developmental milestone model equips youth to succeed and be prepared for adulthood.

A mentor commits to initiating hangouts with the youth twice monthly to build a relationship, set and accomplish goals, and help them achieve their dreams. The program commitment is one year, but these connections will hopefully last a lifetime.

GOALS & MILESTONES INCLUDE:



Healthy Relationships



Self Esteem



Academics & Career



Interview & Resume Skills

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