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NIPFC Permanency Blast

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Greetings,

We have a great wealth of material to share with you this month! We begin with the production of the Learning Brief on the Lifelong Connections Initiative, a partnership between San Francisco Human Services Agency, and Seneca Family of Agencies. This blast further contains a release on the continuation of the RISE program in Los Angeles, the 2015 Annual Report from Families Now, and a reminder about the upcoming Innovations in Family Engagement Conference in Fort Worth, TX from November 1-4. CalYouth in the Loop is extending an invitation for youth 19 and older with lived experience in the California Child Welfare System to participate in a survey and voice their opinions, along with an announcement for a Youth Perspective Recruiter position. Finally we conclude with an update about the transition of the Family Finding Coordinator.

Happy Reading!

Learning Brief

By Robert Friend and Melissa Martin

This learning brief explores the evolution of exemplary practice, along with the elements and conditions primarily responsible for its development, in a combined Family Finding/Family Group Decision-Making model implemented by a partnership between San Francisco Human Services Agency and Seneca Family of Agencies. Core themes were synthesized from a series of individual and dyad interviews with team members who carried out the project, lifting up what worked and was learned in the process. Key reflections and recommendations are formulated to provide the reader with ideas to...

[Learning Brief: Lifelong Connections Initiative](#)

Los Angeles LGBT Center Re-opens Enrollment in RISE Services for LGBTQ Children and Youth

Greetings,

The Los Angeles LGBT Center is re-opening enrollment for the RISE care coordination team (CCT) for system-involved children and youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), gender non-conforming, or are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Enrollment in RISE is offered to children and youth ages 5 to 17, including those living at home. RISE services are based on a team approach aimed at increasing and strengthening connections for young people with their parents, extended family, and other supportive adults. This intervention follows a model of care coordination based on the Wraparound approach, integrated with Family Finding and Engagement and LGBTQ support strategies. To learn more about RISE, please visit the website: <https://lalgbtcenter.org/rise>

Families Now Annual Report for 2015

Families Now is an organization committed to opening doors to permanent families for children in foster care. To view the Annual Report, please click here: [Families Now 2015 Annual Report](#)

2016 International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement

Fort Worth, TX from November 1-4, 2016 at the Hilton Fort Worth

Update



Don't put off until tomorrow...

It turns out Mother was right! So don't delay registering for the 2016 International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement taking place November 1-4 in Fort Worth, Texas. Registration rates are discounted until September 15. To register, please visit

www.etches.com/familyengagement2016. Online registration is available for individuals and groups. We accept payment by credit card or check.

Skills Institutes

Don't forget to sign up for a pre-conference skills institute on November 1st. These sessions are only available to the first 25 participants. A full day of skill building with our experts and lunch only costs \$125. Sign up early to ensure you get a seat!

Not sure if you should attend?

Previous conferences have hosted multi-disciplinary audiences who represented numerous formal, informal, and community systems and have drawn from child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health agencies. They typically represent 35 states, numerous Tribes, many Canadian provinces, and, on average, six other countries. Independent of where you sit and what you do in relation to innovation in human service systems, you will find your niche at this one-of-a-kind event.

Visit our website for more information or to review the program: [2016 Conference on Family Engagement](#)

CalYouth in the Loop Survey and Youth Perspective Recruiter Position

Do you know a current or former foster youth in California age 18-24? CalYouth in the Loop is conducting a survey in which current and former foster youth can receive share their thoughts, opinions and lived foster care experience, and become eligible to receive a \$100 gift card! CalYouth in the Loop is also hiring a Youth Perspective Recruiter to complete a survey and refer other former foster youth to complete the survey. For more information on the survey please click [CYL Flyer](#). For more information on the Youth Perspective Recruiter position, please click [CYL Job Description](#). Please help get the word out so that current and previous foster youth can have their voices heard!

Family Finding Coordinator Transition

Jonica Little has now taken over the role of Family Finding Coordinator. Amber Nash is currently assisting Jonica in the transition. Amber's last day will be October 21st, after which Jonica will be sole coordinator for NIPFC and Family Finding.



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