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Do you have permanency?

Do you know what permanency is?

Youth In Progress presents...

“Getting Solid” Youth Talking About Permanency



“To me, permanency is having a helping hand to count on in making a difference in my life.”
~ Erika , YIP member, Region 1

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What People Say About Permanency...

“A place or a person to call our (your) own.”
Kelly, YIP All-American, Region 3

“Getting Solid is a fun and creative way to talk about what really matters to us... finding someone to count on.”
Zhai, YIP All-American, Region 4

“We need to listen to have a better understanding of permanency.”
Troy, Youth Mentor, Region 2

“To me, it needs to be a person who is going to be with you for the rest of your life. Permanency is not the home, but the people who are in that home in your heart.”
*Mary Lee, youth member, NFYAC**

“Permanency is just a word.... Making it happen is what “Getting Solid” is about.”
Kerri Barber, OCFS Regional Director, Region 4

“It’s really wonderful to hear youth who’ve experienced foster care talk from their hearts about what matters most to them— Permanency.”

Jordan, Youth Mentor, Region 1

“Learning the Getting Solid curriculum has been very clarifying. I’ve learned the true meaning of permanency.”

Ashley, YIP All-American, Region 6

“Everyone needs a shoulder to lean on, and our young people are the best at telling us what they need. It is so affirming to see our foster care youth engaged in helping other young people understand what permanency means, and how to ensure that their voices are heard”

Gladys Carrión, Commissioner, NYS Office of Children and Family Services



This workshop is presented by the FosterClub All-Americans of Youth In Progress

*The National Foster Care Youth Advisory Council is a diverse national group of current and former foster youth and adult supporters from several states who have direct experience with the child welfare systems.

▶ What is permanency?

- * Permanency is something that everyone wants... It is a special person that supports you in ways that you need.
- * That person may be the one to bring you to school everyday, take care of you when you're sick, or has you over for the holidays.
- * Permanency is found by you and only you. No one can tell you who your permanency resource should be. This person is someone you trust and care about, and who trusts and cares about you.
- * It's different for everyone, but everyone needs permanency in their life.



◀ What is "Getting Solid?"

- * "Getting Solid" is a workshop developed to help you understand what permanency is and how to get it. As youth in care, we need permanent connections to ensure that we receive help to become the great successes that we all can be.
- * However, finding these permanent connections is only half the story. We need to be ready to have positive, lifelong relationships and accept support from people who really care about us and can help us.
- * In this workshop, we will talk about what permanency is, where to find it, and how to keep it.



▶ Who would benefit from "Getting Solid?"

- * YOU, of course! "Getting Solid" is a fun and engaging workshop that has been a positive experience to be a part of. This workshop is geared toward any youth looking for a permanent resource. Adults who work with youth are more than welcome to attend and support the youth in their care.



◀ Who presents this workshop?

- * This workshop is presented by FosterClub All-Americans who are part of Youth In Progress (YIP), the New York State Foster Care Youth Advisory Team. YIP consists of youth who are or were in foster care and their supportive adults. Our team fosters youth-adult partnerships and many of the youth in Youth In Progress have successfully found permanency.

▶ How to bring the workshop to you!

- * Each regional team has certified FosterClub All-Americans.
- * To contact your regional YIP Liaison please complete the form below, detach, and send/fax to the address/number below:

“(Insert Local ASRN address and fax here)”

Name of person requesting:

Agency/Local DSS Name:

Phone # and Address: (____) ____ - ____

No. of Participants: ____ Age Group: ____

Do you have a presentation site? (Circle)

Yes No

Do you have Technology Capabilities? (laptop, projector, etc.) Yes No

Is your agency able/willing to pay an honorarium?

Yes No