

***Mentoring Task Group Charter***  
**Transitions to Adult Living Implementation Team**

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**Background Supporting the Mentoring Implementation Team:** A youth leadership summit on “Transitions to Adult Living” was held in June 2003. At that summit youth met to determine what their top concerns were in connection with transitioning from foster care to adult living. The youth addressed needs and goals in the areas of education, employment, personal life issues and housing. These youth highlighted areas of concern and desired goals in connection with their needs. In response to the needs of youth transitioning into adulthood, task groups have been formed to accomplish goals in a timely manner. (*Year One of Utah’s Transitions to Adult Living Support Network Five Year Plan, October 2003*)

**Purpose:**

It is acknowledged that there is a need to address the crucial component of helping foster youth and youth aging out of the foster system, by providing personal and emotional support through mentors and long-term relationships with caring adults.

**Tasks:**

- Identify the current mentoring programs available for youth in foster care ages 16-18 and former foster youth ages 18-21.
- Identify the number and type of mentoring programs needed and the organizations and resources to provide these programs.
- Develop and implement strategies to enable foster youth to develop and maintain caring and enduring relationships with adults, extended family, and peers.
- Fund and implement two pilot mentoring programs for youth in foster care utilizing recently retired seniors as mentors.

**Authority of The Mentoring Task Group - Scope of decision-making:** This group will receive ongoing direction from the Implementation Team until completion of assigned tasks. Task Group will present recommendations and proposals to the Implementation Team for approval prior to implementation.

**Deliverables/Reporting Requirements:**

1. The Mentoring Task Group is scheduled to complete tasks by June 2004.
2. The Task Group will report progress to the Implementation Team on a monthly basis.

**Special Provisions/Tenure:** Individuals that are chosen or who volunteer to complete tasks and participate in this Task Group will be at the discretion of the agency they represent and the Implementation Team. This Task Group may solicit staff and stakeholder input and involvement as needed to complete tasks.