

Youth Employment and Cross-Systems Engagement

- ▶ Child welfare, educational, and employment systems should work collaboratively in developing policies and programs
- ▶ Importance of assessing youths' skills and interests, & highlighting options (college, training, internships, etc.)
- ▶ Hands-on experiences (e.g., college tour or bridge program, summer apprenticeship) are valuable in helping youth finding their path
- ▶ States should have a liaison that has expertise related to education and employment
- ▶ Programs for youth should begin early while youth are engaged in child welfare and continue throughout the transition to early adulthood