Good morning,

Please see below for information and resources related to your work with older youth.

- Advancing Youth-Adult Partnership: A Tool Kit for Shared Leadership Across Generations
- Scholarship website (recommended by PHEAA): www.fastweb.com
- The NetSmartz Program
- Employment and Training for SNAP Recipients
- YAB Resource of the Month: The Benefits of Staying in Care: A Pathway to Success

Advancing Youth-Adult Partnership: A Tool Kit for Shared Leadership Across Generations:
https://www.aecf.org/resources/advancing-youth-adult-partnership-a-tool-kit-for-shared-leadership-across-generations
Organizations nationwide are partnering with young people to help shape programs, policies and systems impacting their lives. Youth engagement, however, can take many forms. Absent a shared framework, organizations can use similar language while still operating from very different assumptions about roles, authority and leadership. This tool kit from the Annie E. Casey Foundation provides a practical framework for creating and advancing genuine youth-adult partnership for community change work. It was developed through the Foundation's Intergenerational Learning Collaborative, a two-year process in which pilot organizations, youth leaders, adult partners and technical assistance providers tested and refined approaches to shared leadership across generations.

The NetSmartz Program: https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home
The NetSmartz program, developed by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), provides comprehensive, age-appropriate resources designed to educate youth on online safety and digital citizenship. Through engaging videos, discussion guides, lesson plans, and interactive activities, the program addresses critical topics including healthy relationships, online exploitation, sextortion, cyberbullying, privacy protection, social media use, and recognizing unsafe online interactions. These resources equip youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions, navigate digital spaces safely, and seek support when faced with potentially harmful situations.

Employment and Training for SNAP Recipients:
https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/snap/snap-employment-training
If you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, you can volunteer to participate in employment and training (E&T) programs that can help you get back to school or guide you on your career path. Employment and training programs can help you succeed. They can help you pay for childcare, transportation costs, as well as provide the steps you can take to succeed in your program. Your county assistance office (CAO) caseworker and your employment and training case manager can give you more information.

YAB Resource of the Month: The Benefits of Staying in Care: A Pathway to Success
https://www.payab.pitt.edu/files/BenefitsStayingInCare.pdf



Remaining in foster care beyond age 18 can provide young people with valuable support and stability as they transition into adulthood. Extended foster care in Pennsylvania offers access to important resources such as housing assistance, healthcare, educational support, life skills development, and guidance from caring adults. These supports can help youth focus on achieving their personal, educational, and career goals while building the confidence and independence needed for long-term success. Staying in care gives young people the opportunity to strengthen their foundation, access meaningful resources, and prepare for a successful future with continued support along the way.

Have a great weekend.

Thank you,

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