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Purpose of this conversation

1. Review process for consenting young people and their parent/guardian (if young person is 19 or younger)
2. Open Q&A about the consent process; share successes and challenges and brainstorm solutions
3. Meet and connect



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Welcome and Introductions

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation staff and consultants

- Consultants: Joyce Schmeeckle & Joan Frances
- Staff: Jason Feldhaus, Sara Riffel, Mona Tarin, Alana Pearson, Jessica Hildebrand, Claire Buddenberg, & Catherine Humphries Brown



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WestEd and UNO evaluators

- Sarah Guckenbug, Eyes of the Child Coalition (Broken Bow)
- Trevor Fronius, Families First - The Connection (North Platte)
- Sara Roberts, Norfolk Family Coalition
- Staci Wendt, Hall County Community Collaborative (Grand Island)
- Ryan Spohn, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership (Beatrice)
- Sara Roberts, Fremont Family Coalition



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Central Navigators

- Collena Laschanzky, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership
- Cherie Kluender, Eyes of the Child Coalition (Broken Bow)
- Aspen Shirley, Families First – The Connection (North Platte)
- Shayla Linn, Fremont Family Coalition
- Sierra Larson, Hall County Community Collaborative
- Donna Benson, Norfolk Family Coalition



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Consent Process: Who

- All young people age 14-24 participating in the Connected Youth Initiative (i.e. all youth who complete a CYI Common Referral Form) AND, if they are 19 or younger, their parent or legal guardian.
 - *What to do if a parent/guardian not available?*
- If 19 or younger, both the young person and the parent or legal guardian are required to go through the consent process.





Consent Process: Who

- Central Navigators' role:
 - Ensure youth consent is sought and consent forms are completed,
 - Answer any questions about the consent process and/or forms, and
 - Ensure resulting information is collected and stored appropriately (should be scanned and uploaded to Box).
 - Ensure coaches watch the achieved version of this webinar and ensure any questions they have are answered



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Consent Process: What

- Youth Consent Form/Information Use and Disclosure Authorization Form
- English and Spanish versions available in the CYI Evaluation Guidebook and on Box
 - *What to do if youth and/ or parent/ guardian does not speak English or Spanish?*
 - *What to do to ensure content of the form is understood to readers/ non-readers of all levels?*





Consent Process: When and Where

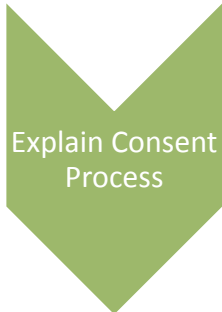
- When: Two options. Either
 - 1) At enrollment, defined as when the young person initially fills out the CYI Common Referral Form OR
 - 2) Within the first month of enrollment.
- Where: Coaches OR Central Navigators may lead the consent process with a young person, although it is ultimately the Central Navigator's responsibility to ensure the process occurs



Consent Process: How



- Describe initiative to young person and guardian (if applicable)
- Confirm eligibility
- Provide *Information Use & Disclosure Authorization Form, Common Referral Form, Transitional Services Survey*



- Why information is being collected
- Consent allows release of data for evaluation purposes
- Data remains CONFIDENTIAL
- Read consent form out loud
- Signing is voluntary and will not affect service provision
- Ask young person to review form on own and sign if they agree



- Collect authorization form, if signed. Make copy for youth to keep.
- Affirm youth agrees to fill out referral form and survey
- Monitor and wait for youth to complete referral form and survey
- Collect hard copy surveys in sealed envelope to ensure confidentiality
- Provide incentive (\$10 gift card) and obtain signature of receipt



- Transfer all paperwork to CN securely (e.g. Box)
- If consent decision was not determined at intake, follow up ASAP
- CN enters all information into database



Consent Process: Why

1. Because it's the right thing to do
2. Because we want to evaluate the CYI model and help young people in rural areas of Nebraska become contributing, independent citizens.
3. Because it's a requirement



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Consent Process: Key Takeaways

- Is a choice
- Should be signed by all
- Should be signed at intake OR within first month
- Will not be able to carry out the external evaluation of the Connected Youth Initiative (a requirement of the federal Social Innovation Fund grant) without a big enough sample of CYI participants who have agreed to share their data
- West Ed/UNO can only “see” the data from young people who have agreed to share their data (and documentation of this exists)



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Discussion and Q&A

- What to do if a parent/guardian not available?
- What to do if youth and their parent/guardian do not speak English or Spanish?
- What to do to ensure content of the form is understood to readers/non-readers of all levels?
- Other challenges and possible solutions?
- General Q & A

