# We provide a space for youth in foster care to share their stories. You provide opportunities for success.

While our focus remains on hearing the stories of youth in and formerly in foster care through the NYTD survey, we think it's important to respond when youth speak up about their challenges. Let us know how you're supporting the success of young people between the ages of 13-25.

Together, we share the responsibility of ensuring the success of SC youth in foster care.



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#### **About Us**

The SC NYTD team at the Center for Child and Family Studies partners with SCDSS to administer the survey portion of the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD).

Our team listens to youth stories to bring their crucial perspective to our foster care system.

#### **Ways You Can Help**

Access to developmentally appropriate opportunities continues to be a significant barrier to the success of youth in foster care. Inform us about opportunities to engage and empower young people ages 13-25 in education, workforce training, and other enrichment activities.

#### **Contact Us**

Connect with us through our website www.nytdstayconnected.com or scan the QR code on this brochure. And please connect us with your partners who share our mutual goals!

The transition to adulthood is tough. Here are some challenges youth in foster care have shared with us.

#### **CHALLENGES**

#### Housing

- Homelessness
- Access/awareness to housing services

#### TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- Transportation for school, work, or while job searching
- Creating and maintaining enduring support systems during and after care

#### **EDUCATION**

- Graduating high school on time
- Preparation/funding for higher education

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- Job training/readiness
- Access to living wage jobs
- Networking

