

# Continuum of Care Reform

Table Discussions: Please choose one of the three topics below to discuss as a table. Please elect one person to report back on your discussion...

#1 Think of a case you've had or worked on in which you had an older youth (11-14) who bounced around from foster home to foster home after reunification failed, and ultimately stayed in care until aging out or becoming a nonminor dependent. What happened in that case that contributed to this outcome? What could/should have happened differently? What happened at the beginning of the case with concurrent planning, reunification and FFE? Were reasonable efforts made to finalize the permanent placement of that child?

#2 Think of a case you've had or worked on in which a child had a non-offending parent or relative come forward with whom the child was not ultimately placed. What were the reasons the child could not be placed? Could those factors have been mitigated? Could supports or services made placement possible? What ended up happening? Was family finding continued? Could those relatives have been supports and connections? Was the ultimate outcome better than had the child been placed with that parent or relative?

#3 Think of a case you've had or worked on with an older youth (16+) who wasn't able and didn't want to reunify with parents. That youth stayed in care to become a nonminor dependent. What were the other possible permanent plans for the youth? What were the barriers to achieving those permanent plans? Was family finding and engagement ongoing to locate other potential placements, supports and lifelong connections? What were the services provided to that youth to prepare for successful adulthood?