

Monthly THP-Plus & THP+FC Conference Call

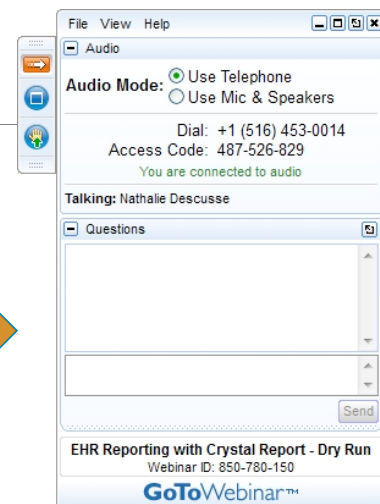
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: 10:00 TO 11:00 A.M.



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WITHOUT HOMES

Technical Details

- Call-in number is 1 (702) 489-0008 and access code is 928-441-384
- To submit questions, click on the “Questions” panel, type your question, and click “Send”
- Presentation materials will be posted at www.thplusplus.org



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. THP+FC Participant Tracking System
3. Reminder: Deadline to Submit Invoices to DSS for the Realignment Report
4. THP-Plus & THP+FC Convening at the Blueprint Conference
5. Updates on the THP-Plus and THP+FC Institute



What Was the Goal of AB 12?

Ensure young adults leave foster care with the social, emotional and practical skills to achieve their potential and succeed in life.



- High school degree
- One or more years of college or CTE
- Employment experience
- Living wage
- Connection with caring adult
- Experience paying bills and rent
- Good physical and mental health

Are We Meeting this Goal?

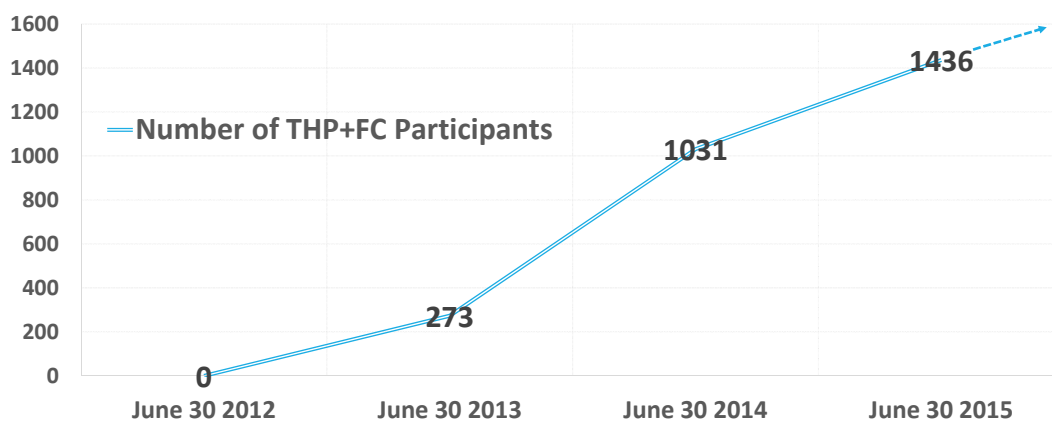
- We don't know!

With existing data, we only have the most basic information about youth in extended foster care:

- Total number of youth in EFC each quarter by county
- Basic information: age, sex, county of origin, length of time in foster care

Even CalYOUTH Study will only be a snapshot of a select cohort of youth over time.

THP+FC population is rapidly growing



What is the Participant Tracking System?

- Free and secure online database for approved providers and county users
- Currently captures demographic and outcome data for 500+ THP-Plus participants on a quarterly basis
- Developed and managed by the John Burton Foundation
- Utilized by 40 THP-Plus providers in 38 counties and county administrators in 20 counties

New Expansion to Include THP+FC

- Same log-in and password for current users of the THP-Plus Participant Tracking System
- Same user agreement form
- Same security features
- Same easy-to-use interface and reporting functions
- Same data entry methods and data entry timeline

DIFFERENT website: www.cafcddata.org

IMPORTANT:
THP-Plus
participant data
should still be
entered using
thplusdata.org
only.
**THESE ARE TWO
SEPARATE SITES.**

What Data Is Collected?

<u>Demographic</u>	<u>Income and Employment</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Education and Training</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Gender LGBTQ Status Race and ethnicity Parenting status	Employment Hourly wage Public benefits Other support	Previous & current housing Homelessness	Educational, vocational training, other training status (ex. Military)	Bank Account Permanent Connection Treatment Services at Exit Length of time in program Criminal justice status

THP+FC PTS:
 Modifications to the questions have been made to account for age eligibility and current foster youth status

Reporting Functions:

Administrative Reports

- Overdue & due report
- Overdue form counts
- Caseload report
- Caseload counts
- Invoice report/enrollment list

Participant Reports

- Entrance snapshot
- Quarterly snapshot
- Quarterly statewide comparison
- Progress report
 - Entrance to exit, exit to 6 months
- Export full participant data

Data Access Permissions:

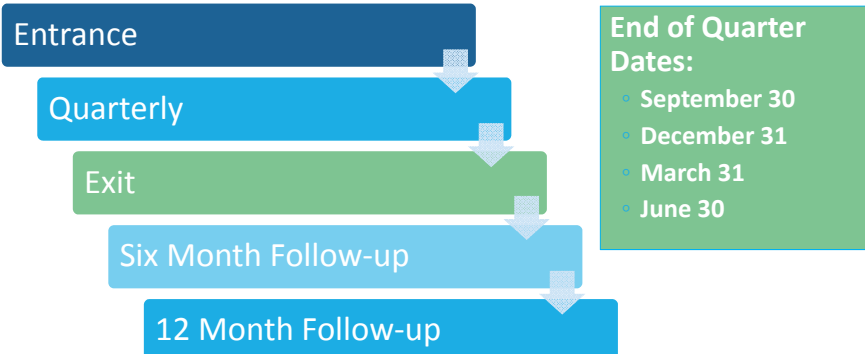
County

- Read-only access to data
- Able to view data for all THP-Plus programs in county
- Able to compare program(s) data with statewide data

Provider

- Able to input and edit participant data
- Can only view data for their program
- Able compare program data with statewide data

Data Entry Timeline



Data to be entered by the 15th of the month after each quarter ends and 15 days after entrance, exit, 6 month and 12 month mark.



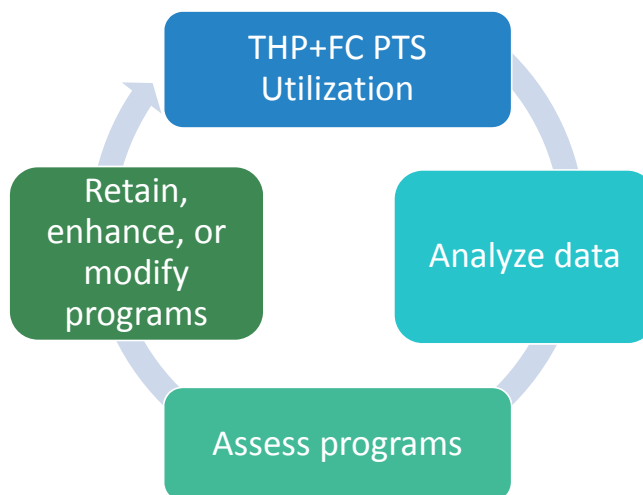
Why do we need a Participant Tracking System for THP+FC?

Getting the Answers We Need

- How many youth entering are parents? How many leave as parents?
- What are the educational and employment gains from entry to exit?
- How many youth are exiting into stable housing and remaining in stable housing?
- How many youth are exiting with permanent adult connections?
- How many have mental health needs or substance abuse issues?

What can we do with that knowledge?

I. Improve Program Quality:



- Changes in demographics
- Changes in needs
- Measure short term and long term participant outcomes

What if my program already collects data?

Individualized program data still presents an incomplete picture:

- PTS allows county representatives to access this data for all of the programs in their county.
- PTS allows you to compare your program outcomes and demographics with statewide outcomes and demographics

County questions:

"How many of the participants in my county are custodial parents? Are all providers meeting outcome goals for youth employment and education?"

Provider questions:

"Compared to other providers in the state, are our youth leaving our program prematurely? How many of these exits are involuntary?"

II. Advocate for Improvements



What we may learn:

Youth with disabilities less successful



What changes this could lead to:

Tiered-rate

High rates of pregnancy



Resources for pregnancy prevention

Low educational attainment



Education support programs

The Power of Collective Data



Strengthen advocacy tools by being able to point to statewide program data:

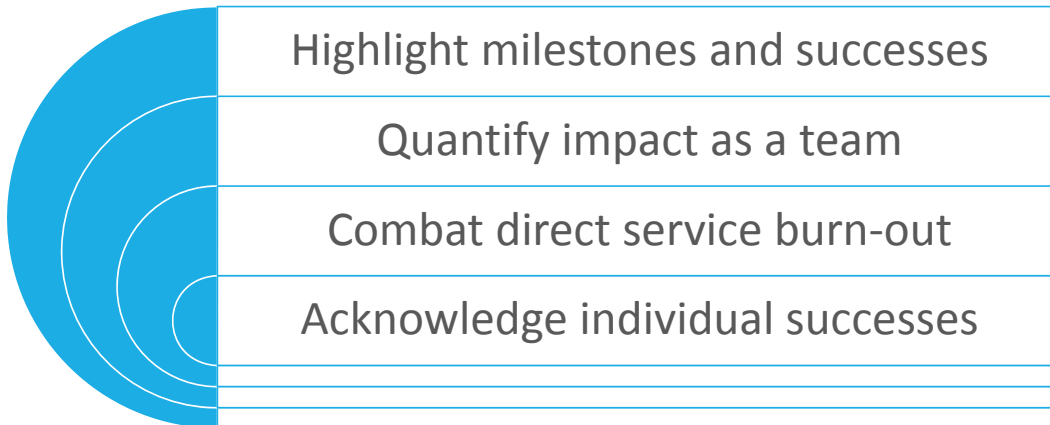
- THP-Plus and THP+FC Annual Report
- Capitol Briefings
- Lobbying on bills to benefit THP+FC providers and participants
- Guide THP+FC State Workgroup agenda and decisions

III. Make Your Case with Individual Donors and Philanthropy

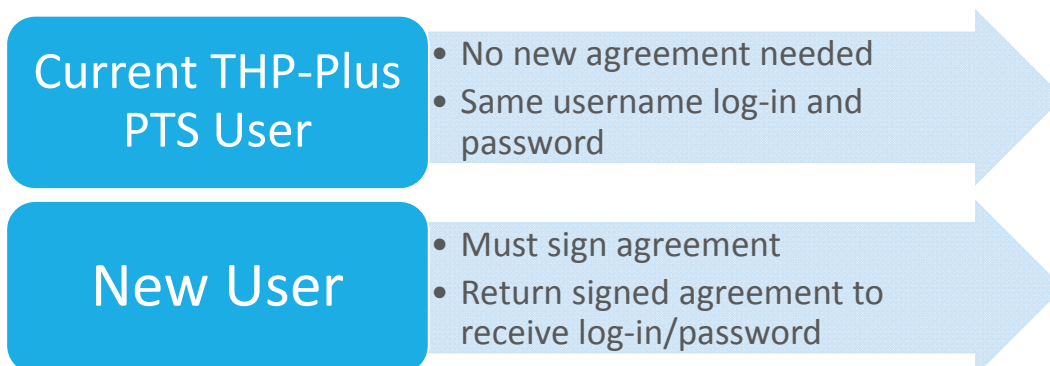
- THP-Plus Participant Tracking System users have been able to successfully incorporate participants' entry to exit progress into funder materials and reports.
- Examples of how this has been done:
 - Incorporate PTS data into grant proposals and grant reports
 - Reference successes in promotional materials and websites
 - Highlight successes at fundraising events



IV. Bolster Staff Morale



Next Steps:



Next Steps:

1. Email Cecilia at Cecilia@johnburtonfoundation.org to let us know:
 - A. If you are a current THP-Plus PTS user or a new user.
 - B. Seeking county user access or provider user access.
2. Receive username and password (if needed).
3. Request an over-the-phone tutorial if needed
4. Begin using the system and entering participant data

We will be scheduling in-person regional trainings and also presenting a training at the THP-Plus and THP+FC Institute on December 17th. Registration information for those opportunities pending.

Training and Technical Assistance

Tools and Online Resources:

- thplusplus.org → Resources → Participant Tracking System

- Online user manual
- Online PTS Data Codebook
- Archived training webinar

We will be working to update these materials.

Live Assistance:

Cecilia@johnburtonfoundation.org
(415) 693-1323

Training sessions:

- THP-Plus and THP+FC Institute December 17th in Los Angeles
- In-person sessions and over-the-phone tutorials can be arranged by contacting Cecilia

Submit Invoices to County ASAP!

CDSS stated that September 30th is deadline by which all THP-Plus invoices will be counted towards 2014-15 expenditures.

What can you do:

- If you are a county: ask your providers to submit all 2014-15 invoices
- If you are a provider: check with fiscal people to ensure all 2014-15 invoices have been submitted

Attend the Blue Print Conference: October 27th

- One-day conference on helping foster youth achieve postsecondary education success hosted by the John Burton Foundation's CA College Pathways program
- Early bird rate (\$90) is good until September 18.
- After that it goes up to \$125.
- The program website: <http://www.cacollegepathways.org/blueprint2015/>
- Respond to email for special discount code.

THP-Plus and THP+FC Institute

- Thank you for submitting your workshop proposals!
- Conference website and registration information will be up the first week of October.
- Respond to email if you would like to be on steering committee to help shape workshops and finalize speakers.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Slides and recording available on
www.thpplus.org

Next Call: November 12

Note: Effective this call, we will have program web seminars every other month