Research has shown that family and youth participation, partnership and leadership are the most effective factors in positive outcomes for children and youth. This has also been consistent in cross systems research. Funding has become tighter in the nonprofit world, yet the need for family and youth voice has expanded. Therefore, it has become apparent that agencies need to work in partnership with family and youth run organizations to establish and promote authentic and accountable family/youth driven practices (FYDP). The Family, Youth and Cross Systems Resources Center will provide resources to support this outcome.

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Family, Youth and Cross Systems Resource and Training Center

"Family and Youth Center of Excellence“
Our Mission
The Family, Youth and Cross Systems Resource Center will ensure ongoing access to responsive training and resources for all cross systems stakeholders through authentic family and youth driven practices and highly vetted nationally certified, senior family and youth leadership.

Vision
In an effort to reinforce the authentic voice of those with lived experience the Center will bring resources and training opportunities together as a collaborative effort to recruit and train family and youth leaders to be effective members of work groups, committees, advocacy efforts and training events.

The Center of Excellence will...
Provide direction and support as well as advocate for the funding necessary for families and youth to travel, (including gas, hotel expenses and food) as well as stipends for their participation within this movement. In addition, the Center will promote access to meetings by phone and computer in order to promote family and youth involvement at all levels of program and training planning, development, implementation, and evaluation.

Goals
1) All trainings, assistance and support will be guided by implementation science and monitored by continuous quality improvement.
   a) North Carolina will have access to highly vetted nationally certified senior family and youth leadership.
   b) North Carolina will have immediate and ongoing access to a center that responds quickly to the training and resource needs of all cross systems stakeholders through authentic family and youth driven practices.
   c) To establish a family, youth and cross systems resource center that supports the 4 Prepaid Health Plans (PHP’s) identified through the Medicaid Transformation process as well as other entities seeking resources to enhance the family and youth voice.

Focus
Family and Youth driven practices within cross systems.

The Family, Youth and Cross Systems Resource Center:
- Ensures ongoing access to responsive cross systems training and resources through authentic family and youth driven practices and highly vetted nationally certified, senior family and youth leadership;
- Builds upon and utilizes North Carolinas rich culture of family and youth leadership coupled with National resources and leaders;
- Promotes and accesses current trainings and as Systems Transform the Center will create trainings that support emerging leaders;
- Is a place of excellence for cross systems, family driven/youth guided trainings, co-trainings and family and youth centered resources.

Products & Services
Family and Youth Driven Practice
- Trainings
- Technical Assistance
- Monitoring/Evaluation
- Data Collection
- Statewide and National Resource Development