



MISSION

Our mission is to connect young people aging out of foster care in Wake County with the resources and support they need for a successful transition to adulthood.

With your help, we create a supportive environment for each young person we serve.

Thank you for investing in these critical programs for our young people and helping ensure that they become productive members of our community.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- 17 youth participated in our Internship Program, working 1,258.5 hours and earning \$10,068. They gained critical workplace contacts and mentors, job experience in an area of their interest, and motivation to continue school and pursue their career goals.
- 53 young people and their families worked with Hope Center Transition Specialists to move towards self-sufficiency.
- To further our mission, we welcomed Jennifer Weiss as our new Executive Director. Jennifer is a lawyer, former state legislator, and children's advocate.

WE CONNECT: The Hope Center at Pullen connects young people aging out of foster care to the critical support and resources they need. Our staff and volunteers help our participants access a variety of housing options, further their education, explore career options and secure employment, build critical life skills, and take care of their mental and physical health. We also assist each of them in building a personal, comprehensive network of community support.

WE NURTURE: We work with our young people to create a flexible, youth-centered plan that is unique to the individual. Our young people work with us to chart their own life course. As one young person said, "This is the first time in my life someone has ever asked me what I want to do with my life. I feel supported and heard. I feel like I can do it and reach my dreams."

WE PARTNER: We are proud to be a member of Fostering Wellness, a regional collaborative funded by GSK. Together with the Interfaith Food Shuttle, Dress for Success, SaySo, and Life Skills Foundation, we help young people increase their employability, strengthen their support systems, and improve their physical well-being through nutrition and exercise.

OUR PROGRAMS ARE WORKING: The percentages below compare Hope Center participants' outcomes to the national statistics for young people with a history of foster care.

HOMELESSNESS

30% of our participants experienced homelessness in 2016

36% is the national figure for young people with a history of foster care

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

28% of our participants pursued higher education in 2016

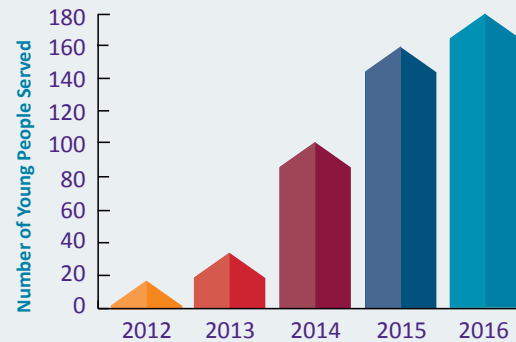
20% of young people with a history of foster care nationally pursue post-secondary education

INCARCERATION

2% of our participants were incarcerated in 2016

24% is the national figure of incarceration for young people with a history of foster care

WHO WE ARE IMPACTING



CASE MANAGEMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER: **74%** are female; **26%** are male

RACE: **83%** are African-American; **12%** are Caucasian
4% are Bi-racial; **1%** are Hispanic

AGE: **34%** are 0 to 8 years old; **1%** are 9 to 15;
39% are 16 to 21; **26%** are 22 to 30 years old

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2016 Support & Revenue

Individuals:	158,266
Foundations:	81,473
Special Events:	38,341
United Way:	153,058
Government:	72,493
In Kind Goods:	4,430
In Kind:	1,500
Other (corporate, faith groups, etc.):	73,311
Total Revenue:	\$582,872

2016 Operating Expenses

Programs & Participant Support:	413,188
Development:	15,404
Facilities:	34,000 (donated)
Administrative:	68,654
Other (depreciation, miscellaneous):	1,340
Total Operating Expenses:	\$532,586

FOSTERING FAMILY SUCCESS

Without support, young parents with a history of foster care are more likely to have Child Protective Services intervene in their households, potentially resulting in the placement of their children in foster care. To break this cycle, we work closely with our young people with children ages 0 to 8 to prevent intergenerational abuse and neglect and build stronger families. With funding from the United Way of the Greater Triangle and in collaboration with SAFEchild (parenting) and Families Together (housing), we served 47 individuals from 17 households.



- We offered support and parenting enrichment instruction to these young families, resulting in 94% of participants increasing their knowledge of positive parenting techniques.
- We helped 11 families achieve more stable housing.
- We provided funding for high-quality childcare to parents who are returning to work and school.