

Community Forum on Adolescent Healthcare

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Vulnerable Youth Populations

Child Welfare: 227,000 (12 and older)

Runaway & Homeless: 1.6 million

Juvenile Justice: 97,000 in detention
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The “Principal-Agent” Problem

Positive Youth Development:

Aligning incentives through the power of
ownership

Objects ==> Recipients ==> Resources



Gaps & Barriers to HC Service

Coverage

Rural Areas

Poor Coordination

Cultural Sensitivity

Parental Consent

Absence of Stability

**Special Care: Mental
health, substance
abuse, oral health**



On Their Own: Ageing Out

More than 65,000 youth ages 16+ exited foster care in FY 2005

States can extend Medicaid services for youth transitioning out (through Chafee Act and Ribicoff Option), but few states do

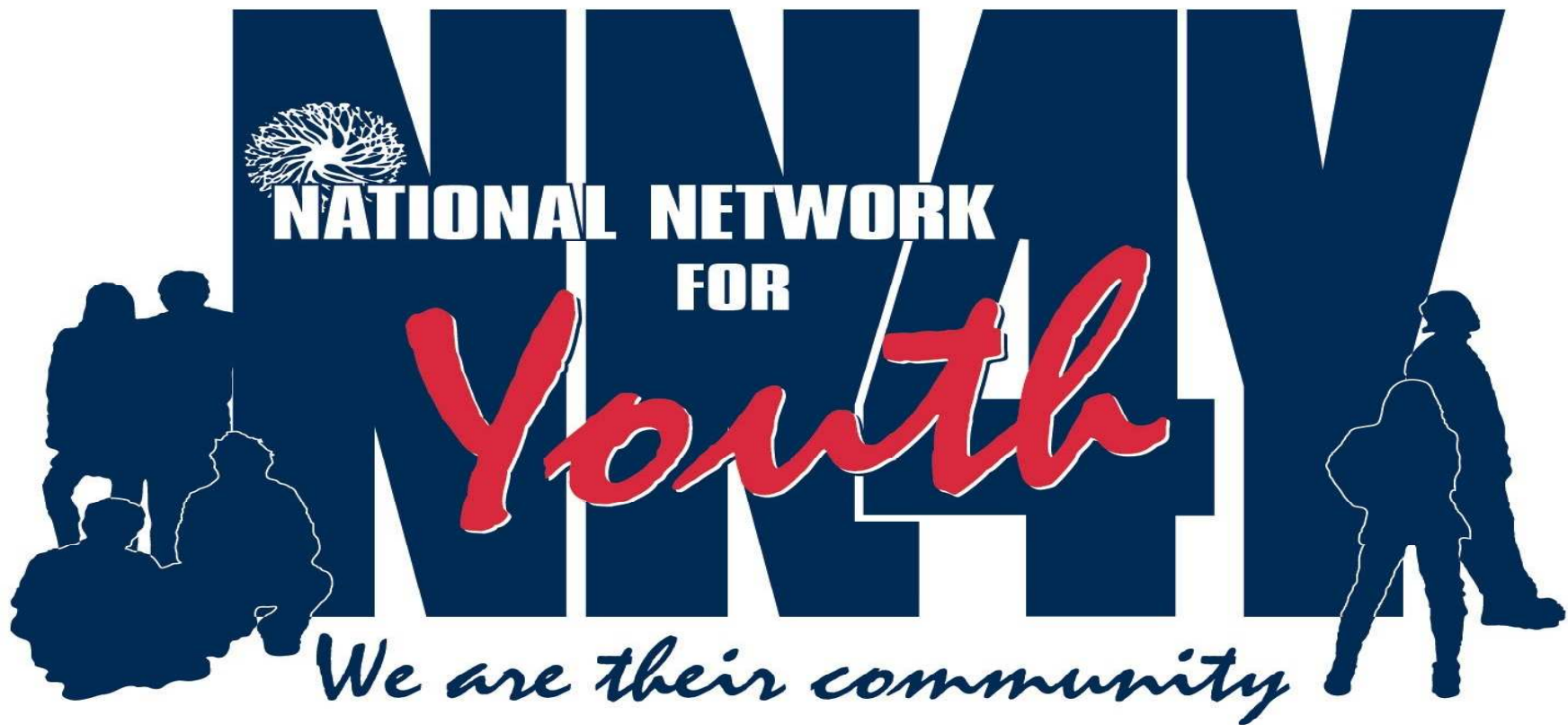
Health services for youth transitioning out of care or alarmingly scarce

Promising Initiatives

Prevention Programs
& Curricula
(e.g. Street Smart)

Mobile Health
Units (e.g. Texas)





Thank you!

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