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OUR MISSION
Foster Forward’s mission is to empower lives impacted by foster care. We have an unwavering commitment to support children and youth, families, and the child welfare system as a whole, to grow, connect, improve and move forward.

OUR VISION
Foster Forward is a nationally and locally recognized leader committed to ensuring that all children and youth impacted by foster care have safe, healthy, and nurturing families. We continuously innovate to provide proven programs that engage natural supports and promote healthy development.
WorksWonders® Employment and Education HUB!

What is Works Wonders®?
Works Wonders® is a career development and employment engagement program that provides skills based training, one-on-one career coaching and paid work-based learning opportunities. An Employment Specialist works with youth to explore their career interests, build a CareerEd Plan, understand how to manage their finances, build foundational skills, and then put those skills to use in the real world.

The Direct Benefits to Youth

- 16 hours of Paid Workforce Training;
- 12 weeks one-on-one career coaching;
- Career Portfolio Development (resume, cover letter, etc.);
- Paid work-based learning opportunities, such as internships, job shadows and informational interviews;
- Assistance with obtaining and maintaining jobs;
- HS or GED Completion, and/or connection to vocational training, and College;
- Assistance with overcoming barriers that prevent youth from obtaining and/or maintaining employment (Child Care, Transportation, etc.).

Who Is Eligible?
Youth ages 14 - 26, who have spent one day in out of home placement after their 14th birthday. Youth who have never had a job, are underemployed, or ready for the next step in their career.

Youth Who Participate in Works Wonders®, also have access to:

**Adult Education**
Foster Forward hosts GED Prep Classes.
Enrollment is open, but space is limited.
Classes are currently being offered virtually.
Tutoring is available, as needed.

**Financial Literacy**
Youth who complete the Works Wonders® program are eligible to participate in the ASPIRE program, which empowers youth to get on the path to economic self-sufficiency through financial literacy training and support in saving toward, purchasing, and sustaining durable assets. Youth are provided with $100 to seed or open an account and are matched dollar for dollar up to $1,000 per year toward the purchase of assets (such as: cars, education expenses, housing expenses.)

Other Available Support
- Adult Mentoring
- Individual Counseling
- Housing Navigation
- Access to gently used clothing and apartment essentials

What Is A Work Experience?

- **Informational Interviews** Youth meet with professionals to help identify career paths, provide advice, support, and information necessary to be successful in the school/training and employment process.

- **Job Shadow** Youth are eligible for up to 10 hours of job shadowing, and are provided stipends by Foster Forward, to gain knowledge about specific industries and careers.

- **Paid Work Experience** Youth are eligible for 40 - 160 hours of paid work experience, paid by Foster Forward, to gain experience in a field of interest.

Don’t Miss Out On this Amazing Opportunity.
Contact Us Today!!!