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## Youth Trainer Job Description

### **Project Summary:**

The Y.O.U.T.H. Training Project is a unique collaboration between current and former foster youth (ages 16-24), child welfare professionals, and youth-serving organizations. We empower transition-age foster youth, who are experts in navigating the foster care system, to develop and deliver best-practice training for professionals who support transition-age youth.

Since 2000, we have trained, employed, and supported more than 120 youth, who have in turn trained over 6,700 child welfare professionals on the needs of foster youth and the practices that best support transition-age youth. Many of our youth have multi-year relationships with YTP, during which they grow into exceptional trainers, advocates, and leaders—and find rewards they could not have imagined.

### **Position:**

Youth Trainers will assist with delivering and revising curricula to train social workers throughout California on the needs of transitioning foster youth and youth development principles. These are part-time, independent contractor positions, and are paid a week to two weeks after each time you work.

### **Duties include:**

- Travel to the Bay Area and other sites for trainings and meetings.
- Attend multi-day training-for-trainers workshop(s).
- Deliver professional training to child welfare workers throughout California.
- Field test curriculum; participate in the editorial process as curriculum evolves.
- Attend additional meetings as necessary.
- Return phone calls, emails and other correspondence in a timely manner.
- Discuss training progress with project staff on a regular basis.
- Work in a team and resolve conflicts in a mature, lasting way.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Must be at least 16 years of age and a current or former foster youth.
- Must be an active member of California Youth Connection—or be ready to join.
- Must be willing to travel and able to get to and from public transportation (planes, trains, buses, etc.).
- Must train at least 4 times a year.

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**Skills Required (or Willing to Learn):**

- Comfortable with and skilled in public speaking and communication.
- Interest in the foster care system and issues affecting transition-age and emancipated foster youth.
- Have an understanding of foster youth issues, culture, and development.
- Familiarity with and understanding of the goals and mission of the California Youth Connection.
- Desire to educate professionals about the struggles and needs of emancipating foster youth.
- Good organizational and planning skills.

**Pay:**

Training deliveries are paid on a progressive scale starting at \$75 per training and moving up to \$200 per training. All travel expenses and meals are paid for by the project.

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