

Life Skills Task Group Charter
Transitions to Adult Living Implementation Team

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Background Supporting the Mentoring Implementation Team: A youth leadership summit on “Transitions to Adult Living” was held in June 2003. At that summit youth met to determine what their top concerns were in connection with transitioning from foster care to adult living. The youth addressed needs and goals in the areas of education, employment, personal life issues and housing. These youth highlighted areas of concern and desired goals in connection with their needs. In response to the needs of youth transitioning into adulthood, task groups have been formed to accomplish goals in a timely manner. *(Year One of Utah’s Transitions to Adult Living Support Network Five Year Plan, October 2003)*

Purpose: It is acknowledged that youth in foster care and youth aging out of the foster care system, need life skills training that is hands-on and experiential in order to function as self-sufficient adults.

Tasks:

- Identify a validated life skills assessment tool and outline the steps necessary to implement the tool. (The Project RECONNECT group has discussed an assessment tool that seems to be focused on the needs of these youth. Jane Lewis or Ming Wang could provide details.)
- Conduct assessment tool training for IL Coordinators.
- Conduct assessments with all youth in foster care ages 16-18.
- Identify and implement strategies and opportunities for youth in foster care and group homes to practice life skills in “real world” situations.

Authority of The Life Skills Task Group - Scope of decision-making: This group will receive ongoing direction from the Implementation Team until completion of assigned tasks. Task Group will present recommendations and proposals to the Implementation Team for approval prior to implementation.

Deliverables/Reporting Requirements:

1. The Life Skills Implementation team is scheduled to complete tasks by July 2004.
2. The Task Group will report progress to the Implementation Team on a monthly basis.

Special Provisions/Tenure: Individuals that are chosen or who volunteer to complete tasks and participate in this Task Group will be at the discretion of the agency they represent and the Implementation Team. This Task Group may solicit staff and stakeholder input and involvement as needed to complete tasks.