Foster Care Consortium

Office of School Improvement, Accountability and Compliance
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Mission
To serve educators, students, and parents by providing cutting-edge professional development, customized technical assistance, innovative products, and excellent services to improve student outcomes, enable districts to operate efficiently and economically, and implement state initiatives.

Vision
Region One ESC will be the premier partner, providing leadership and innovation, transforming learning communities toward excellence.
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Values

Commitment: consistently delivering what we promise every time and focusing on excellence in student success

Excellence providing the very best service possible while exceeding expectations

Integrity demonstrating honesty, sincerity and truthfulness at all times

Respect building strong relationships by honoring each other’s works and ideas

Service caring and responding to the needs of our customers.
“Growing up in foster care wasn’t the best experience for me, but it was definitely more bearable knowing that I had a constant support system from the day I entered at five years old until I aged out at 18. Too many times, children and youth in foster care are stigmatized because they are in the system. Oftentimes, they are discouraged from participating in extracurricular activities and encouraged to graduate on the minimum plan, which leads to several barriers for alumni who want to attend college. However, I consider myself truly blessed because my foster parents, caseworkers, judge, attorney, therapist, community personnel, teachers, counselors, and so many other advocates refused to allow my status as a child in foster care to prevent me from being successful.”

- An alumna of the Texas foster care system
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Rationale:

- Approximately 746 foster care students in Region One across 37 school districts and 10 charter systems
- Foster care students are at risk of dropping out of school (TEC 29.081)
- Foster care students are served by foster parents, CPS caseworkers, judges, attorneys, therapists, teachers, counselors, CASA advocates, administrators and clergy each seeing through a different lens, with the best interests of students in mind, but little opportunity to collaborate across agencies
- Provide updates on educational laws, policies and procedures regarding placement, attendance, and intervention
- Provide a forum for agencies to share informational presentations on mental health, special education, and strategies for meeting students’ needs
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Our Purpose:
The Foster Care Consortium, a collaboration between Region One, Child Protective Services, and key stakeholders, exists to best meet the educational and social needs of students in foster care.
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