

The House: Prevention Framework

AMAC-CW: A Model Approach for Change in Child Welfare



The Front Door

Youth are continually entering foster care through our DSS Front Door. AMAC-CW focuses on how we can work with families and community partners to prevent or reduce the number of children entering our system. We develop strategies that could prevent children from having to come into care based on lessons learned from working with youth who have received, or are currently receiving, foster care services.

Inside the House

AMAC-CW focuses on how we can provide more effective services for youth currently in our foster care system to help these youth become productive citizens. We look for ways to reduce the likelihood of our youth becoming high school dropouts, teen parents, or becoming involved with the justice system, substance abuse, homelessness, or human trafficking.

Collective Impact in Action

The belief that it takes more than one organization incorporating the same idea and working together to create long lasting, and effective social change. AMAC-CW is a Hybrid Collective Impact vision because it involves collaboration within the agency, with community partners and utilization of internal and external resources to improve outcomes for youth aging out of foster care.

The Back Door

AMAC-CW strives to help youth who experience foster care to exit our system, or the “back door” with better outcomes. We want them to possess the knowledge and skills that are needed to help them form healthy relationships and succeed in life. Researching outcomes periodically helps to identify which strategies were successful, and which ones were not, so we can continuously develop new strategies for better outcomes.

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