

Report on Teen Conference

- The Train the Trainer Event took place on July 31, 2007.
- 120 professionals from across the state were in attendance and represented a broad variety of fields.
- Five Curriculum sessions were held covering; Brain Development, Building Relationships, Cultural Considerations, Unique Needs, and Transitions.
- Evaluations were completed on each session using a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating.
- Participants reported very high satisfaction with the conference event. All sessions received an evaluation rating of 4 or 5.
- Highlight of the training reported by most participants was the involvement of the Foster Club All-Stars.

Sustainability Plan:

- Increased awareness and empathy by conference participants who work with adolescents.
- Future use of curriculum by youth serving organizations to train other staff.
- Video taped interviews with Foster Club All Stars. Permanency was featured in the interviews and the video will be used as a training tool with caseworkers.
- Brain Development curriculum is being redesigned as a NetLink training for Child Welfare Staff.
- Video clips from expert presenters will be available for future use.

Future Planning:

- Are we done?
- Is there an interest in sponsoring additional Training events and/or evaluating longer term impact of project by determining if the curriculum is being used in practice?