

Bridge to Independence Challenges

1. No mechanism to determine how successful Bridge to Independence Program is after the young adult graduates from the program. Did Bridge to Independence Program effectively build a foundation in which the young adult could be successful as they exit the program? Follow the young adult at age 22, 23, etc.
2. The Program eligibility for "Promoting and Removing Barriers to Employment", remains a difficult eligibility category. Consistently we have seen this stay in the 20-28% participation rate.
3. Number of young adults living outside of the State is at an all-time high.
4. Travel time to visit young adults is significantly high.
5. Medicaid coverage for those young adults living out of State of Nebraska, who are non IV-E and live in states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid.
6. Low IV-E penetration rate.
7. NYTD survey is not the most effective survey for this population. Majority if the NYTD survey questions we already have documented within NFOCUS or on the supervisor spread sheet. This population is also being surveyed through Connected Youth Initiative.
8. The challenge to document growth among young adults within Bridge to Independence. Every young adult describes success and their personal goals differently, for data purposes, it is difficult to measure.