




Youth-Centered PERMANENCY ROUNDTABLES

A Program of  Kinnect

YCPRTs put youth at the center of a series of important meetings that support them on their permanency journey.

This work aligns with Kinnect's strategies to build inclusive connections and intentional plans with youth for exiting foster care.

Youth deserve relationships, resources, and programs that honor their voice.

Why YCPRT?

YCPRTs support youth by putting them at the center of important meetings designed to lead to a permanent home. They are held on an ongoing basis for youth aged 12 and older who have been in foster care for 12 months or longer until relational and legal permanency is established. YCPRTs:

- » Identify and address barriers to permanency,
- » Expedite legal permanency by exploring different approaches, and
- » Support youth in building lifelong connections.

81% Described as Useful

81% of participants described YCPRTs as moderately, very, or extremely useful in supporting their work with youth.

26% Achieved Permanency

Youth receiving YCPRTs were more likely to achieve permanency, compared with 15% of youth who aged out.

3 of 4 Described Positive Impact

3 out of 4 participants described the impact of YCPRTs as somewhat or extremely positive.

75% Would Recommend

75% of survey respondents would recommend the YCPRT model to other agencies.



*"The use of YCPRT's are needed and keeps the agency focused on the end result which is permanency. So many children sit in foster care and are not asked who they want to live with or what their permanency plan is and **YCPRT gives the child a voice.**"*

— County Caseworker

In their own words:



“In the round table meetings, I feel that my voice is heard and I feel like it has power.”

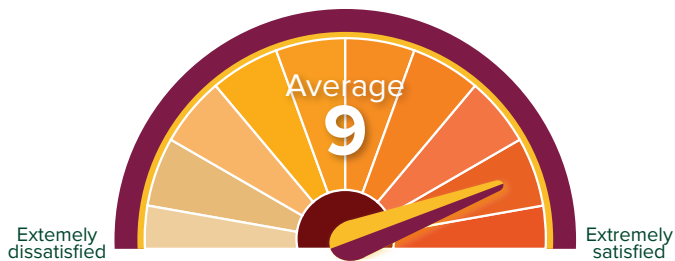
“Instead of the adult deciding what I would need or want, it’s me who’s deciding”

“It makes me more aware of my plan, not getting caught in the dark.”

Youth were invited to participate in an interview about their experience with YCPRTs. Here are the key takeaways:

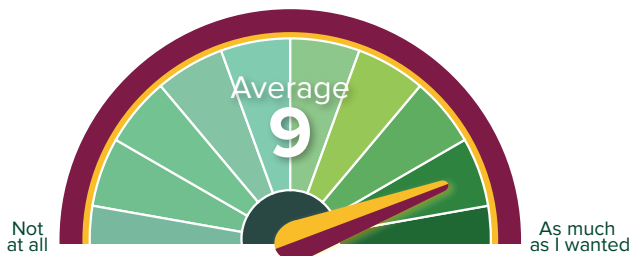
Youth reported high satisfaction with the YCPRT meetings.

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied



Youth felt like they could talk about things that are important to them at YCPRT.

Some of the time



A study of Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRTs) found that they are effective, agencies using the model would recommend them, and youth receiving YCPRTs were more likely to achieve permanency than age out of foster care.

YCPRTs Effectiveness

Participants in the study rated YCPRTs “very effective” at supporting the inclusion of youth voice in the permanency planning process and increasing youths’ relational permanency. Additionally, youth who received YCPRTs improved their legal and relational permanency rating from Fair to Good.

Elevating youth voice in the permanency planning process: **Very Effective**



Increasing youths’ relational permanency: **Effective**

