

## **FOSTERING FUTURES**

Facilitated by Jasper County CASA, Fostering Futures is a program that connects teens and young adults (ranging in age from 13-21) who are in foster care to resources and support in areas such as education, employment, health & wellness, financial literacy, transportation, and housing.

In addition to performing court advocacy and working with the case team, CASAs are provided with additional training to help teens in foster care to identify their education and career goals, develop life skills, and build social capital.

## **Examples of training & workshops include:**

- Tours of community colleges, universities, trade schools, and local businesses
- Workshops led by guest speakers from local organizations such as Educational Opportunity Center, Vocational Rehabilitation, Lafayette House, Joplin Job Center, Alliance of Southwest Missouri, Economic Security, & Joplin Public Library
- Informational interviews with professionals in the teen's field of interest
- Career exploration, resume writing, mock interviews, and job shadowing
- Interactive classes for teens and their CASAs on cooking, mindfulness/yoga, healthy relationships, and more!

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