

Prince George's County Foster Care Task Force

Planning Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, June 5th

Time: 12pm

Location: Virtual

Meeting Purpose

To continue planning for the Foster Care Task Force's inaugural community event, **Fostering the Future: Strengthening Families, Empowering Youth**, by identifying key partners, activities, and event components that will create an engaging and impactful experience for families, youth, caregivers, and community stakeholders.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Meeting Overview

- Brief recap of decisions made during the previous meeting
- Review goals and objectives for the event

2. Event Location

- Review venue options
- Confirm preferred site and logistics considerations

3. Vendor & Community Partner Brainstorm

Discussion of organizations and businesses to invite, including:

- Child welfare and family support agencies
- Foster parent recruitment organizations
- Youth-serving nonprofits
- Educational institutions
- Mental health and wellness providers
- Community resource organizations
- Local businesses and sponsors

4. Panel Discussion Topics

Identify key discussion areas, such as:

- Foster parent recruitment and retention
- Youth voices and lived experiences
- Kinship care and family reunification
- Mental health and trauma-informed support
- Education and workforce opportunities for youth
- Community partnerships and advocacy

5. Entertainment & Family Engagement Activities

Brainstorm activities that will create a fun, family-friendly atmosphere:

- DJ and music
- Moon bounce/inflatables
- Live performances
- Youth talent showcase
- Face painting
- Interactive games
- Food trucks and food vendors
- Community giveaways
- Children’s activity stations
 - **“Future Me” Inspiration Station** – A creative space where children can write, draw, or share their dreams and aspirations for the future. Their artwork and messages can be displayed throughout the event as a visual representation of hope, possibility, and the impact of community support.

Additional Interactive Ideas for Discussion

- **Wall of Encouragement** – Guests write uplifting messages to foster youth.
- **Community Resource Passport** – Attendees visit vendor tables to collect stamps and enter a prize drawing.
- **Photo Booth: “I Am the Future”** – Family-friendly photo station with empowering props and signs.
- **Community Champion Recognition** – Brief recognition of foster parents, kinship caregivers, advocates, and youth leaders.
- **Dream Tree** – Attendees write wishes for children and families on paper leaves that are displayed on a decorative tree throughout the event.

6. Additional Ideas & Open Discussion

- Marketing and outreach strategies
- Sponsorship opportunities

- Volunteer recruitment
- Community engagement activities
- Additional suggestions from Task Force members

7. Next Steps & Action Items

- Assign follow-up responsibilities
- Establish planning timeline
- Confirm date of next meeting