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Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions Committee

# SUPPORTING HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

## -WORK GROUP UPDATE-

December 9, 2015

YOUTH VOICE

*A Youth  
tells his story*

# IMPLEMENTING THE NEW REASONABLE & PRUDENT PARENTING STANDARD

- **Community Care Licensing Regulations**
  - Includes opportunities for stakeholder input

# WHAT FOSTER PARENTS SAY

At an October 23, 2015 Workshop, highly experienced Resource Parents told the HSDFY Work Group that they:

- Welcome the opportunity to discuss the topic openly and wanted more information on how to support the healthy sexual development of youth in their care
- Experience discomfort with the topic and would appreciate help in how to best engage in conversations with youth in their care

# NARROWING OUR FOCUS

Taking our cue from the youth and foster parents, the work group plans to focus on:

- Training Resource Parents on supporting healthy sexual development of LGBTQ foster youth
- Incorporating the Foster Youth Bill of Rights into training materials

# NEXT STEPS

- Prepare issue brief including problem statement, literature review, current policies, and best practices
- Work with representatives from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to review opportunities for enhancing Resource Parent training curricula

# DISCUSSION

Comments

Questions

Suggestions