The Children’s Partnership

Hacking Foster Care in California

Child Welfare Council – Data Linkage and Information Sharing Committee

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Digital Opportunities Programs:
- Improve Digital Opportunity/Reduce the Digital Divide
- Enhance Care Coordination using Digital Tools

Child Welfare-Focused Initiatives:
Ventura County Foster Health Link
Health Shack Demonstration
CHHS Audacious Goal (Integrated PHR Strategic Plan)
County e-Initiatives Community of Practice
Los Angeles LANES/Child Welfare Initiative
CWS-NS Stakeholder Workgroup
Foster Care Hackathons
What is a foster care hackathon?
Major Foster Care Hackathons

- White House Foster Care & Technology Hackathon (May 2016)
- New York City Foster Care Technology and Policy Hackathon (Dec. 2016)
- Silicon Valley Hack Foster Care Summit (Feb. 2017)
- Hack Foster Care Los Angeles (April 2017)
Results

White House

- Inspired the hackathons that followed.
- Fueled a digital opportunity movement.
- Released new CCWIS rules.
- Some specific Hacks were begun - then shared a year later at the LA hackathon.
  - CoLab Resource Hub
  - Sensay “Foster Tribe”
What’s come out of the CA hackathons?

- Real energy for change
- Strong new partners
- Bold ideas

Silicon Valley
- Computers and tech internships
- Santa Clara County DFCS moving forward with demonstration project focused on goal-setting/independent living
- Some tech hacks in development - including one focused on foster home recruitment/retention

Los Angeles
- Legal Hackathon - Strong consensus that more info sharing allowable, commitment to making it happen
- LA County DCFS committed to develop some of the concepts (visitation and transition planning)
- Developed open data set for the event - and, follow-up project is under discussion
- Deep discussion between LA County and CWDS team about how county/state technology efforts can support one another

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So...

What do hackathons bring to data linkage and information sharing?
Data Analytics

Data to information: Patterns in child placement by department: compton
Data Management
Make information available

Welcome to The Starting Line!
The place to start for reliable foster care resources from around the Web.

Resource aggregation
We build our library from multiple online sources, using a combination of automated and human infused techniques. Each item in our library has been submitted by vetted curators who work to support youth in the foster care system and those who care for them. We also allow you to 'upvote' and suggest tags that might be appropriate. Our goal is to collect the best and label it so that you can quickly find what you’re looking for!

Open + crowd powered
Anyone can use it, anyone can contribute. We have an open API that we encourage you to embed in YOUR sites and apps. We allow you to link to online spreadsheets, so that you can contribute easily without programming experience. Everything is open source, Apache licensed. We are also looking for curators -- are you interested?

Technology driven
The core platform for The Starting Line is derived from a general lightweight CMS for online resource aggregation. We combine information extraction, retrieval, and analytical technologies to make the system more powerful and more timely than any manually built collection.

This collection made available as a public service to the foster family community. Developed as part of #HackFosterCareLA. Check out our API.
Bring in New Information/Partner with Youth

Think of Us Platform version 1.0 - minimal viable product

Documents:
- Bryan Smauals IM.pdf
- Think of Us Board Committee.pdf

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## Connect Care Team/Create Feedback Loop

### Referral Form
Referral form for printing (data already saved in database)

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Next Steps

- Leverage hackathons to benefit State initiatives
  - CCR
  - CWS-NS
- Share lessons learned as well as assets developed
- Evaluate and improve
- Incorporate “design thinking” into child welfare work going forward
Further Information:

The Children’s Partnership, *Hacking Child Welfare in California: Digital Innovation to Benefit Children and Youth in Foster Care*


Hackathon information hub:
www.hackfostercare.org
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