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TO: LA's Workforce Development System

FROM: Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Director Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 19-08  
L.A. FOSTER YOUTH NEED YOU! TAY AMERICORPS WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY

EFFECTIVE DATE  
This bulletin is effective upon date of issue.

PURPOSE  
The purpose of this bulletin is to advise the WorkSource Centers and YouthSource Centers of the opportunity available through AmeriCorps for current or former LA foster youth living in LA County.

BACKGROUND  
The Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) is partnering with iFoster, Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, and AmeriCorps to provide TAY Foster Youth with a new opportunity to gain workforce experience and training. This program will be targeting current or former foster youth, ages 18 to 24, who are interested in becoming part of the TAY AmeriCorps team.

These youths will earn income and scholarships for college, while helping their peers in foster care graduate high school, pursue higher education, and pave their way to self-sufficiency.

- A year-long paid internship requires a 900-hour commitment
- Earn the youth over $16,000 within that first year of service if 900-hour commitment is achieved.

Eligibility requirements:

- Current or former LA foster youth living in LA County, 18 to 23 years of age,
- currently in AB12 or transitional housing, and a
o senior in high school,
o high school graduate,
o college student, or
o college graduate.

OYC is in need of Host Sites. They are seeking to include agencies that already engage in providing services supporting TAY in the areas of educational attainment (high school or college), employment, and/or independent living skill development. Host sites will provide the space and supervision for two AmeriCorps volunteers to connect and guide foster youth at their particular sites.

OYC is currently accepting requests for agencies that are interested in jumping on board and becoming Host Sites. Up to 50 Host Sites will be accepted. Deadline for acceptance will be December 14, 2018. However, the acceptance process will be on a rolling basis.

If interested in becoming a Host Site, please contact Serita Cox, iFoster CEO, at Serita@ifoster.org or at (530) 550-9645.

**WDS CONTACT**
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Attachment 2: TAY AmeriCorps Flyer2