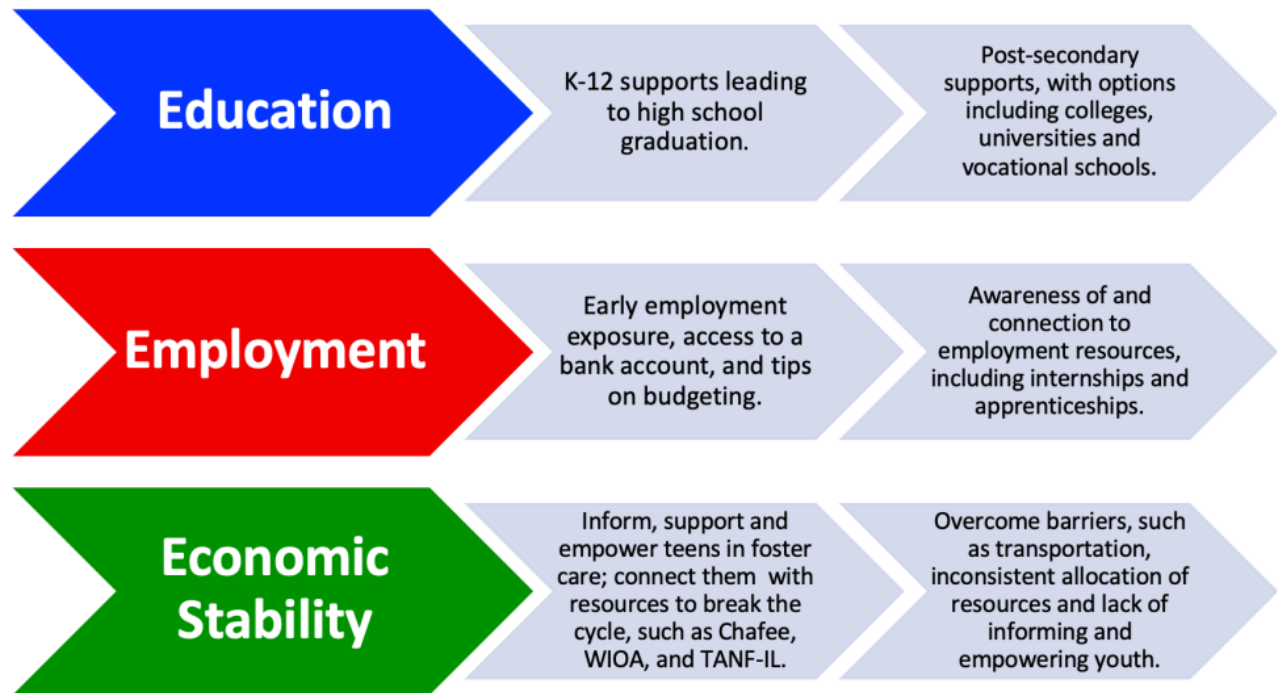


A Youth Centered Lens:

Ohio foster care youth and alumni are excited to be able to talk with federal decision-makers about:

- **Supports for current and former foster youth**, including Chafee funds, ETV, FYI, and how they support pathways to education, employment and economic self-sufficiency.
- **Barriers faced by current and former foster youth**, including driver's license barriers, and how they undermine pathways to education, employment and economic self-sufficiency.

Our vision is to connect current and former foster youth with:



John H. Chafee Foster Care Program	Chafee can be used in many ways to help foster youth. States need to have a sense of urgency about utilizing this provision to prepare foster youth for successful adulthoods. The Chafee provision has not kept up with cost of inflation and the larger population that it now serves.
ETV Funds	Ohio's ETV provider recently did a research study about housing and food insecurities faced by ETV recipients . The amount of funding for each student doesn't cover the cost of attendance including room and board. That's why the state of Ohio is currently looking into tuition waivers .
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Ohio recently lost its TANF-Independent Living allocation . This happened at the same time that driving requirements were increased.
IV-Funds	This critical funding stream provides federal reimbursement for foster care maintenance. It's a matching grant program, meaning that Ohio must spend state/local funds.