

Texas Woman's University Presents:

“Preparing Youth for the Transition into Adulthood”

Friday,
February 24, 2023
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:
Online via Zoom

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Conference Overview

Our conference will focus on "Youth Being Prepared for the Transition into Adulthood ". Michael Guinn BSW, MSW is CEO of Uplift Your Life Inc., Motivational Speaker, Poet, Urban Youth Specialist. He is well known for his extensive work with children and families as a Human Social Service Provider. He will provide his shared vision of improving the lives of children and families through a dynamic, poignant presentation!

Our conference Keynote Speakers are Gaye Vopat and Courtney Valdez of DFPS. DFPS will provide information about statewide Transitional Living Services which includes the Preparation for Adult Living, Education and Training Voucher, and Extended Foster Care programs and other resources and benefits available to youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care to help them with their successful transition to adult living.

Another training will be provided by Holly Durham. Holly is the Assistant Director of TRAC. She is going to provide a wealth of knowledge in regards to services being provided to youth transitioning into adulthood along with ongoing services provided.

A panel of foster alumni will provide candid information regarding the foster care experience.

Other training session will focus on the current State of Child Welfare in Texas with Erica Banuelos CPS Associate Commissioner, Hector Ortiz CPS Director, and Lindsey Van Buskirk CPS Director

- *Child Protective Services Staff
- *CASA
- *Foster and Adoptive Parents
- *Juvenile/Adult Probation Officers
- *Mental Health Professionals
- *Educators
- *Community Child Advocates
- *Faculty/Students in Social Work related fields.



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“Being Prepared for the Transition”

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Scheduled Event</i>
8:30—9:00 AM	Michael Guinn, Shared Vision
9:00 AM — 10:30 AM	Keynote Speakers– Gaye Vopat, Transitional Services Team Lead and Courtney Valdez, PAL Worker “Discussing the Transition”
10:30 AM — 10 :45AM	Questions/Break
10:45 AM– 11:45 AM	<i>Holly Durham, TRAC Assistant Director</i> “Services that TRAC provides”
11:45 AM– 12:15 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
12:15PM –1:45 PM	<i>Foster Alumni Panel</i> “Through Their Eyes”
1:45PM — 2:00 PM	Questions/Break
2:00 PM — 3:45 PM	Erica Banuelos CPS Associate Commissioner, Hector Ortiz CPS Director, and Lindsey Van Buskirk CPS Director “State of Child Welfare in Texas”
3:45 PM — 4:00 PM	Wrap Up, Evaluation, Certificates of Continuing Education -to be emailed
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