

BRIDGE BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for Teens and Their Caregivers
“Bridging the Gap for Youths Leaving Foster Care”

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PRE-COLLEGE PREP (*Knowledge, Not Necessarily College*) WORKSHOPS!

If you are not participating in our once-a-month (*third Saturday at noon*) workshops, you don't realize what you are missing. We know that many of you think you've heard it all before, but, maybe you really haven't. Join us for one session -- see if you gain a little more knowledge about things to consider for YOUR future. If you think this does not apply to you because you have no intention of going to college, then you really do need to attend at least one session so that you can hear about the other options we discuss.

Fall 2020 Pre-College Prep Workshops
via Zoom beginning August 22, 2020 at 12 noon
Presented by YTIA
(Youth Transitioning Into Adulthood)



These workshops will help you focus on your future and reach your goals. The workshops will run on a continuous basis for all high school students, with emphasis based on each grade level. We will work with high school students and college-ready youth to graduate from high school, to lock in your post-high-school benefits, and to reach future goals. Join us in making a commitment to your future so you can learn about your benefits and utilize them!

RSVP to: ytia2009@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

If you want to participate in these workshops, **YOU NEED TO REGISTER.** We are limiting our attendance, and we also do not want any “other” people to attempt to participate. To register please send an email to ytia2009@gmail.com or give us a call at 210-256-1888 and we will register you and send you the link to the session.



YTIA (Youth Transitioning Into Adulthood)

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EXCITING NEWS!

We were finally able to post two videos on our YouTube Channel, but we need feedback. Please take a few minutes to watch these videos and then let us know if they are helpful. If you like them, we need to know it so that we can continue to make more! Here are the

links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Fwtabm_QOI and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwoGzQ3ZBHw&t=39s>.

We are also uploading them to our website under our new “Resources” page.



IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN!



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY DURING COVID

YtIA invites teens to care (ages 13 to 19) to participate in a **PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

HOW: 1) pick a pumpkin (real or fake; if you need help getting a pumpkin, just let us know); 2) decorate it — paint, carve, or just use your imagination and creativity; and 3) e-mail a picture of you holding your creation to ytia2009@gmail.com (for judging and if you win, we will crop the photo to protect your privacy)

WHAT: prizes will be awarded for First, Second, Third and two Honorable Mentions.

WHEN: contest starts now and deadline for receipt of the photograph of you and your decorated pumpkin is 5:00 p.m. on **OCTOBER 16, 2020** (so that we have time to upload for on-line judging)

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED ON OCTOBER 30, 2020

QUESTIONS:
Call YtIA at 210-256-1888 or e-mail us at ytia2009@gmail.com

It's been a very “interesting” year so we thought it was time to have a little fun. Fall is here and it's time to start creating, especially with all of the holidays that are coming up. This contest is open to all teens in care (ages 13 to 19). Just decorate a pumpkin – make one, use a real one or a fake one. We are looking for creativity. The rules ← and entry form like the sample shown below ↓ are available through our website: www.ytia.org. All you have to do is create and send in a picture of your creation. The deadline is October 16th so that we can have enough time to upload the entries for judging on-line!



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY DURING COVID
Pumpkin Decorating Contest 2020

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER OR E-MAIL: _____

CASEWORKER'S NAME: _____

DESCRIBE ENTRY (briefly, i.e., carved, painted, etc.): _____

Please submit this form when you send the picture of you and your creation! E-mail (photo and form) entry to: ytia2009@gmail.com. Thanks.



Sample Entry Form

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TIME TO START THINKING SCHOLARSHIPS, REALLY!



It's not too soon (in fact, for some, it's getting "critical" to start applying). Why just rely on the Tuition Waiver, when there's more out there! If you'd like to hear our "Scholarship" Workshop, give us a call. If enough of you want to hear about ALL of the possibilities, let's get this scheduled. Call 210-256-1888 or email: ytia2009@gmail.com.



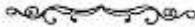
BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT . . .

we still "meet" on Thursdays for "Let's Talk Thursdays – Fall Edition". Yep, we are now "meeting" at noon AND at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday. If anyone just needs to vent, we are there to listen! Here are the links:

NOON LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82621822583>

OR

4:30 P.M. LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86920342903>



"BRIDGING THE GAP FOR YOUTHS LEAVING FOSTER CARE"

Build bridges wherever you go with people who can provide encouragement and support.

Follow YTIA on Facebook. Share your thoughts with us about our Facebook page AND share this newsletter. Or, "like" us on Facebook. And, let us know what you've been up to during this pandemic.

We can be reached through our website (www.ytia.org; just send us a "contact"), or on the phone (210) 256-1888, or via email at ytia2009@gmail.com. If you have a question, concern, or issue, we'd like to hear about it; give us a call.

If someone you know wants to receive "Bridge Builders Newsletter", have them send Mary Valdez and email or text message.

If you want to be removed (unsubscribed) from this list, please do the same thing (send an email or text message).

Thanks.

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