



Works Wonders:

**A Career Development & Employment Engagement
Intervention for Youth in Foster Care**

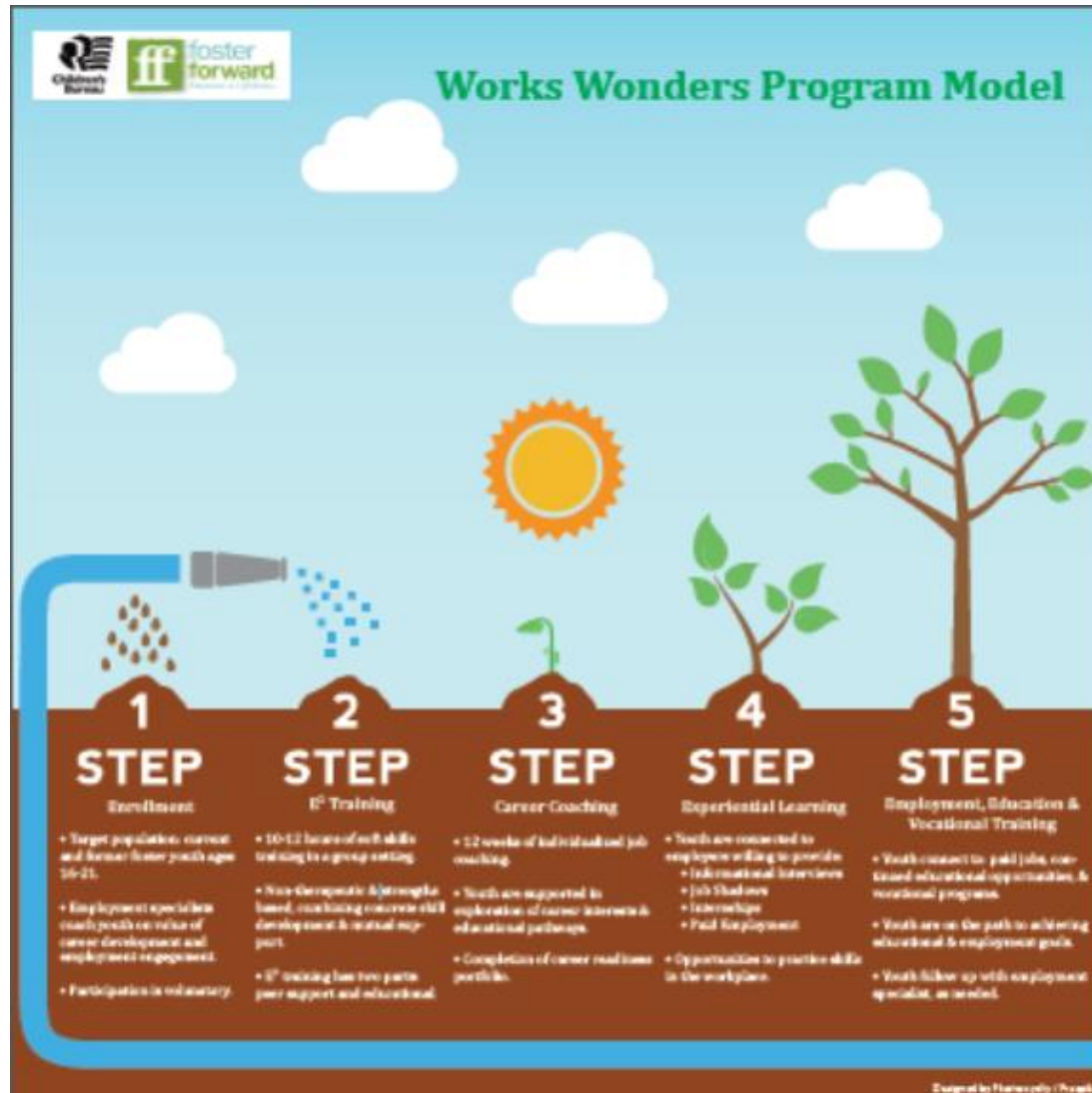
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The Impetus

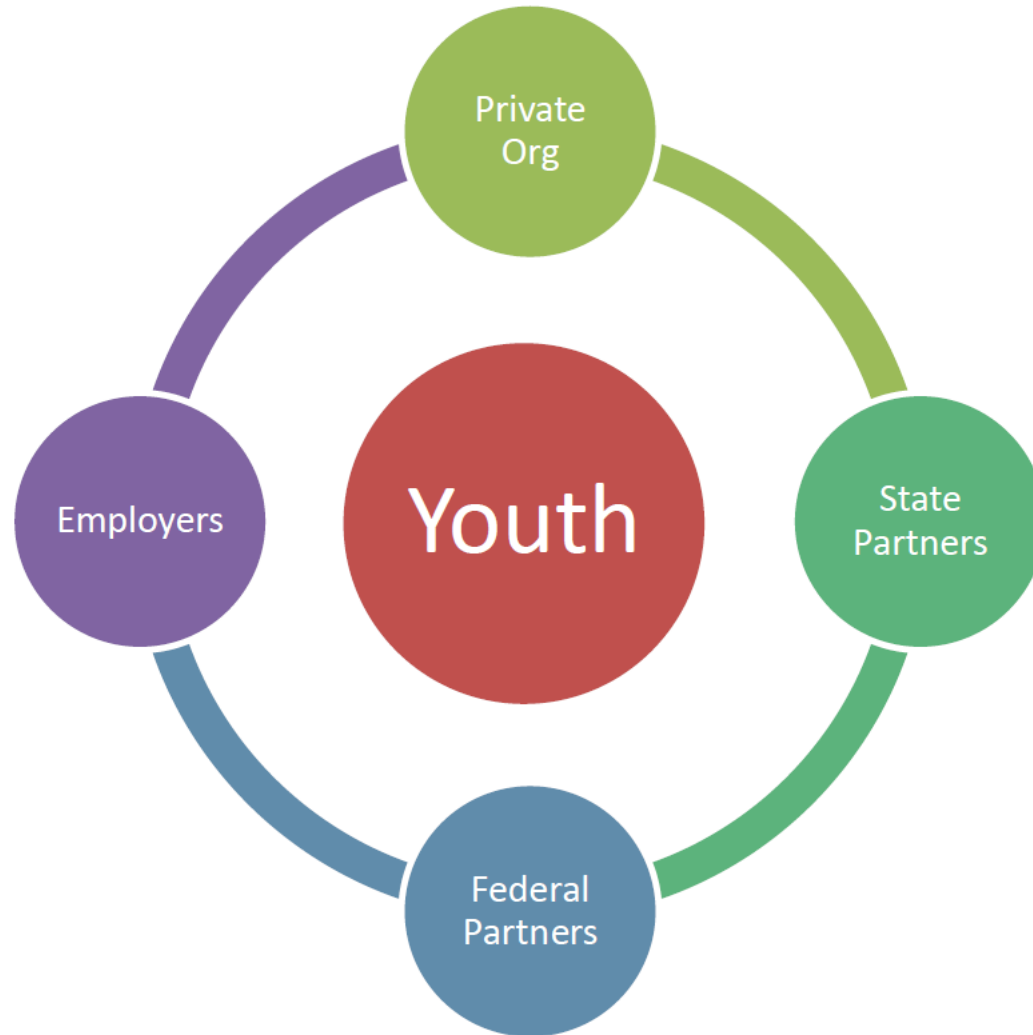
- The biggest predictor of employment success is having a history of work experience.
- According to national NYTD data, **about half (49%)** of 19 year olds report having no employment-related experiences.
- In RI, the youth unemployment rate is 20%, it is more than double at 52% for youth who have experienced foster care and only 46% of foster youth ages 17-19 had earned a HS Diploma or GED.

60% of Works Wonders Participants Never Had A Work Experience.

The Model



The Partners




The Innovation



- Partnerships across sectors that is flexible and creative to balance accountability with need for developmental time.
- Research shows that Works Wonders helps to bridge the skills gap for a population that has historically been left behind.

The Challenges & Opportunities



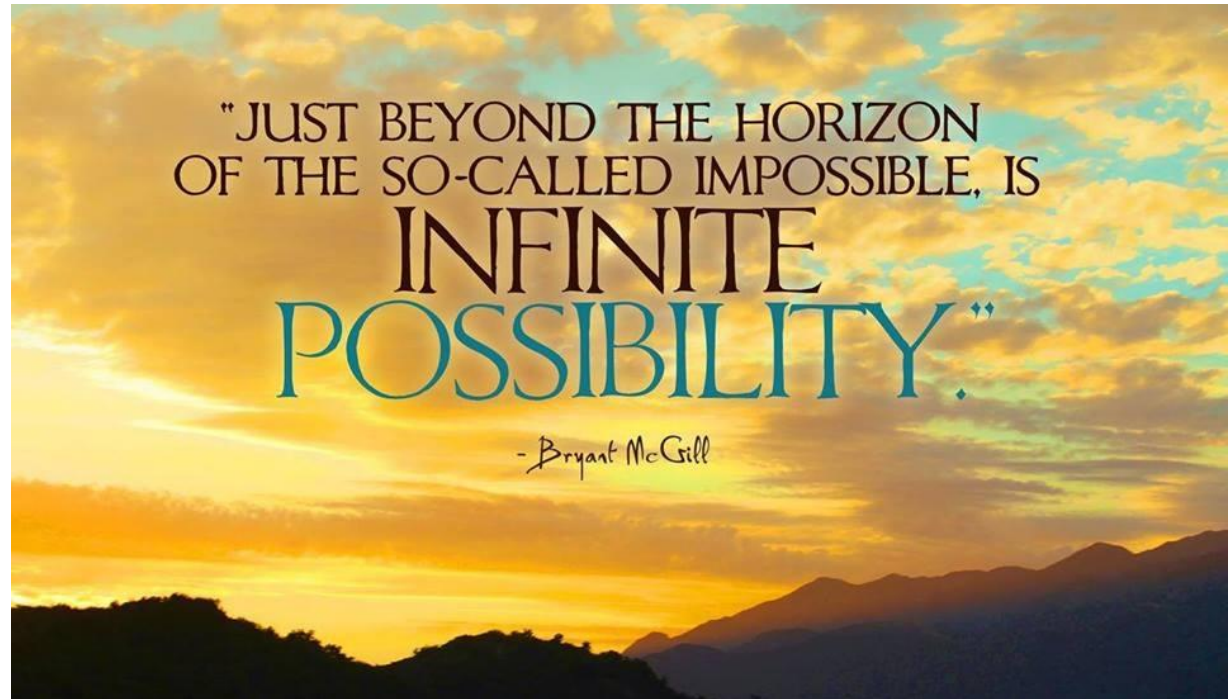
Δ/+ Time vs. Results

Δ/+ Relational Competency vs Cognitive
Development

Δ/+ Youth Participatory Process

The Possibilities

- Expansion
- Replication
- RCT



For More Information



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Thank you for your time!