



METAPHOR

Plugged In



The story you're telling

As transition age foster youth become adults, they need to be plugged into networks of support that power their growth and success.



In more detail

Most teenagers can stay plugged into the resources they need to do well as they transition to adulthood through relationships with their families. But many young people leaving foster care are suddenly unplugged from all networks of support. We can ensure that all young people leaving foster care are plugged in to the resources and supports they need.

User notes



This metaphor works best when it's used in variety of ways.

Here's how:

- Emphasize that the grid is made up of a range of resources and supports. Extend the metaphor to a variety of supports that are part of the grid, such as mentoring, housing, employment, and health care.
- Use the metaphor to talk about opportunity and access, not just availability and awareness.
- Talk about transition age foster youths' need to "be plugged in," rather than the need to "plug themselves in."

Glossary of words that communicate the Steep Climber metaphor:

Connections

Networks

Power station

Current

Optimization

Resources

Fuel

Plug them in

Supports

Generator

Power grid

Utilities

Grid

Power up growth