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Providing professionals, supportive adults, and youth with experience in foster care increased knowledge, skill, and social capacity in each life domain to increase access and success in post-secondary education.



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Highlighting the importance of each life domain for access and success in postsecondary education for youth with experience in foster care.



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A special welcome to our guest expert!



Shenandoah Chefalo, BA
Author,
Garbage Bag Suitcase: A Memoir

The Supportive Relationships and Community Connections Domain

This webinar is great for:

Youth, Students, Professionals, Supportive Adults

Goals for webinar:

- Provide overview of 7 Life Domains by Casey Family Programs
- Provide an overview of the **supportive relationships and community connections** domain
- Explain why this domain is important
- Highlight work in our network related to the **supportive relationships and community connections** domain
- Provide resources related to this domain

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want to hear from you!**

The 7 Life Domains

An Overview



- Casey Family Programs (2006) *It's My Life* Framework
- WMU adapted framework to include education at the center
- 7 domains framework offers a way to organize, understand, and develop a response to the complexity of lived experience.



The Supportive Relationships and Community Connections Domain

A blue hexagonal graphic with the text "Supportive Relationships and Community Connections" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Supportive Relationships and Community Connections

- The experience of foster care disrupts relationships with an individual's family, friends, and community.
- Young people with experience in foster care may have difficulty establishing and maintaining supportive and consistent relationships.
- Relationships are often changing with new placements, schools, caregivers, and case workers



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Healthy, supportive relationships are a vital component of health and wellbeing and are instrumental in helping individuals succeed in all aspects of their lives.



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Supportive relationships can be developed in various aspects of one's life, this includes:

- **Social**
- **Romantic**
- **Academic**
- **Family**
- **Professional**
- **Community**

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Community connections allow individuals to interact with each other, share resources and experiences, develop valued relationships, and work together towards common goals.



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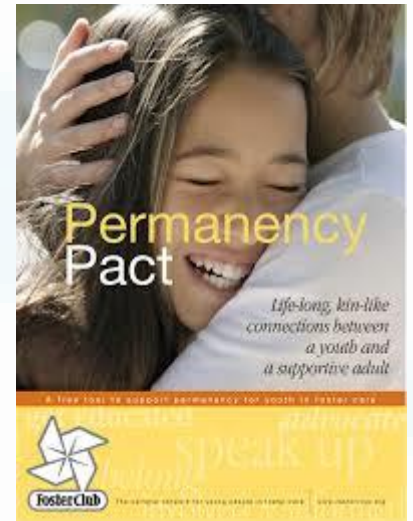
**Networking is a necessity!
Networking can lead to:**

- **Job opportunities**
- **Broader knowledge**
- **Deeper connections**
- **Mutual benefits**



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The FosterClub Permanency Pact is a pledge made by a supportive adult to provide specific supports to a young person in foster care with a goal of establishing an lifelong, kin-like relationship



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Garbage Bag Suitcase is the true story of Shenandoah's journey into and through the foster care system, and its lasting, long-term effects. Shenandoah's memoir is at once inspirational and a call-to-action, presenting grassroots solutions on how to improve the broken foster care system.



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Ask The Expert!

Tell us about the work you do and how your projects and programs support the development of supportive relationships and community connections!

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Ask The Expert!

How are supportive relationships and community connections related to postsecondary access and success for youth with experience in foster care?

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Ask The Expert!

What is one thing attendees can do today to improve outcomes for young adults with experience in foster care in the Supportive Relationships and Community Connections Domain?

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The Community Connections and Supportive Relationships Domain

Ask The Expert!

Shen's Resources:

-Center for the Developing Child, Harvard University,
Working Paper #13

-Building Community Connection

-Find a mentor

-Volunteer work

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Ask The Expert!

Your work is important! Please share a “humble brag” about the work you do in the Supportive Relationships and Community Connections Domain to support students with experience in foster care.

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A special thank you to Shenandoah for sharing your expertise!



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