

**SCYPT KEY ISSUE UPDATE**

<b>SCYPT Meeting Date</b>	May 20, 2026
<b>Key Issue</b>	Fairfax County Opportunity Youth Network (or Network)
<b>System-Level Updates and Progress</b>	The Network is using the Root Cause Analysis and recent SCYPT systems discussions to clarify where stronger alignment, shared accountability, and coordinated pathways are most needed to improve outcomes for Opportunity Youth. Recent progress has focused on strengthening countywide infrastructure, identifying system-level priorities, and shaping emerging areas for action across education, workforce, and related supports.
<b>Update towards initiative objectives this year.</b>	<p><b>Organizational Infrastructure</b>  As a follow-up to last month’s update, Fairfax Futures is continuing its organizational planning to strengthen and expand its broader cradle-to-career role in support of FCOYN’s work. X is Possible has completed listening sessions with key partners and stakeholders, and a community engagement survey is currently underway to further inform Fairfax Futures’ planning. Several themes from this work align with recent SCYPT discussions, including coordination, navigation, trust, youth and family voice, and system alignment. SCYPT members are encouraged to provide input through the survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFCommunityEngagementSurvey">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFCommunityEngagementSurvey</a></p> <p><b>Systems Strategy</b>  The Network continues to advance its systems-change work by building on themes that emerged from the Root Cause Analysis and recent SCYPT discussions, including navigation barriers, trust, transition points, information access, youth voice, and shared accountability. Over the last year, SCYPT members have participated in facilitated activities to identify where stronger alignment, shared accountability, and system redesign — rather than additional programs alone — are most needed to improve outcomes for Opportunity Youth. SCYPT’s input underscored that the current system is “resource rich, but connection poor”; that there is “misalignment in outcomes and accountability”; that “eligibility and system design exclude youth”; and that “youth voice is not structurally embedded.”</p> <p><b>Implementation and Activity</b>  Four emerging priority areas for system improvement have been identified and are being reviewed by the Network Steering Committee to determine action and next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coordinated access and navigation;</li> <li>• stronger education-to-workforce transitions;</li> <li>• shared accountability across systems; and</li> <li>• structural youth voice.</li> </ul>

<b>Equity Impact</b>	The Network's recent equity progress is reflected in a clearer understanding of where youth experiencing disparities are most likely to lose connection across systems. The Root Cause Analysis and SCYPT systems discussions identified equity-related barriers such as navigation gaps, trust, fragmented transitions, eligibility design, information access, disability inclusion, and youth voice. These findings are helping shape more targeted system priorities, including coordinated access and navigation, education-to-workforce transitions, shared accountability, and structural youth voice.
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