



SMART Goals is a program designed to help younger clients (youth to young adult) deal with challenges such as being expelled or suspended from school. Wraparound Manager, Eric Williams, leads the program and provides a safe environment for children without supervision during the day. SMART Goals has three main areas of focus: 1) safety coverage, 2) educational support, and 3) life skill development.

Safety coverage includes academic support for the youth out of school, assistance for those facing expulsion, and emergency home-based casework. *Educational support* includes tutoring, transportation to and from school, and help to obtain a GED or diploma. *Life skill development* includes preparing for employment and learning how to manage behaviors.



Through the SMART Goals program, clients receive the opportunity to gain job experience by working within the SMART Goals team framework using Instacart. This experience helps the clients to learn about responsibilities, earn money, and gain job experience. SMART Goals also assist these clients with the job application process.

The program provides various life-skill training to the youth, including anger management, time management, organizational skills, career development, and more. Additionally, some clients in the program are attending Pen

Foster and are expected to receive their GED within a year. Overall, the SMART Goals program helps prepare youth (including foster youth) with real-life experience and ensures that their academic needs are met.

SMART Goals consists of various providers with diverse skill sets who work together to support clients in different areas of their lives. Once a week, these providers gather for staffing/supervision meetings with other professionals outside of the Family Links community to discuss their clients' progress and treatment goal plans. These meetings assist the team determine the most effective approaches to help youth achieve their goals.



Eric Williams is always looking for new providers to join the SMART Goals team to share their unique talents and skill sets to improve outcomes for youth. If you want to learn more about this program, please contact Eric Williams at ewilliams@familylinksindiana.com.

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