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“A Step Ahead – Building a Path to Success” Summit for Youth in Foster Care Coming to Montana Tech June 20-23

(BUTTE) Students from throughout Montana will be gathering at Montana Tech June 20-23 to participate in “A Step Ahead – Building a Path to Success” Summit for Youth in Foster Care.

The free summit provides an opportunity for youth in foster care to prepare for life after high school — whether that includes postsecondary education or employment.

“We will have almost 40 youth from across the state there to learn what comes next for them in terms of education and a career, and what resources are available to help them achieve their goals,” said Rhonda Safford, event organizer.

Students attending the summit will stay in dorms, eat in the cafeteria, and experience college life firsthand.

In addition to finding out how to search and apply for scholarships, and apply for Education and Training Vouchers (ETVs) that provide up to \$5,000 for education-related expenses, the participants will learn essential career and life skills. Those include how to find and maintain employment, build relationships, locate community resources, and manage money.

Finally, students receive a laptop as they embark on the path to higher education, or a package of applicable tools and resources to help them get a step ahead on life after high school.

The summit, which is in its 11th year, is funded by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and other generous sponsors.

For more information about the summit, or to schedule an interview, contact Safford at (406) 438-6933.

The mission of the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) is: Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong. CFSD works three hundred and sixty five days a year, twenty-four hours a day, to fulfill its mission. CFSD is responsible for ensuring the safety, permanency, and well-being of children who have been victims of, or are at substantial risk of being victims of, child maltreatment.

