

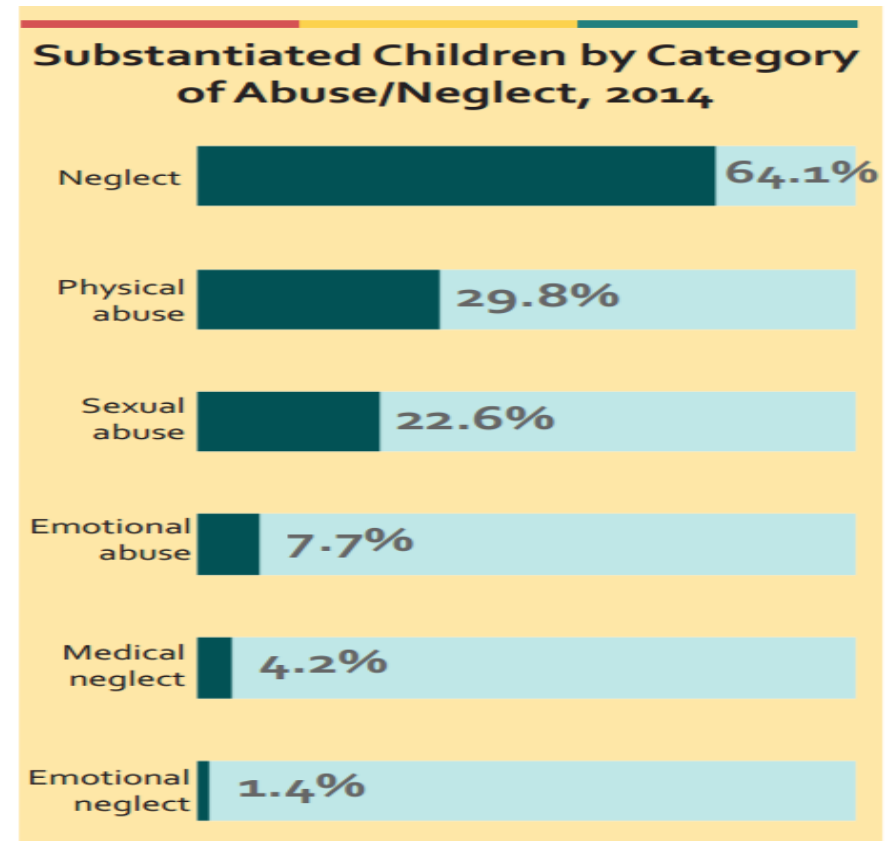
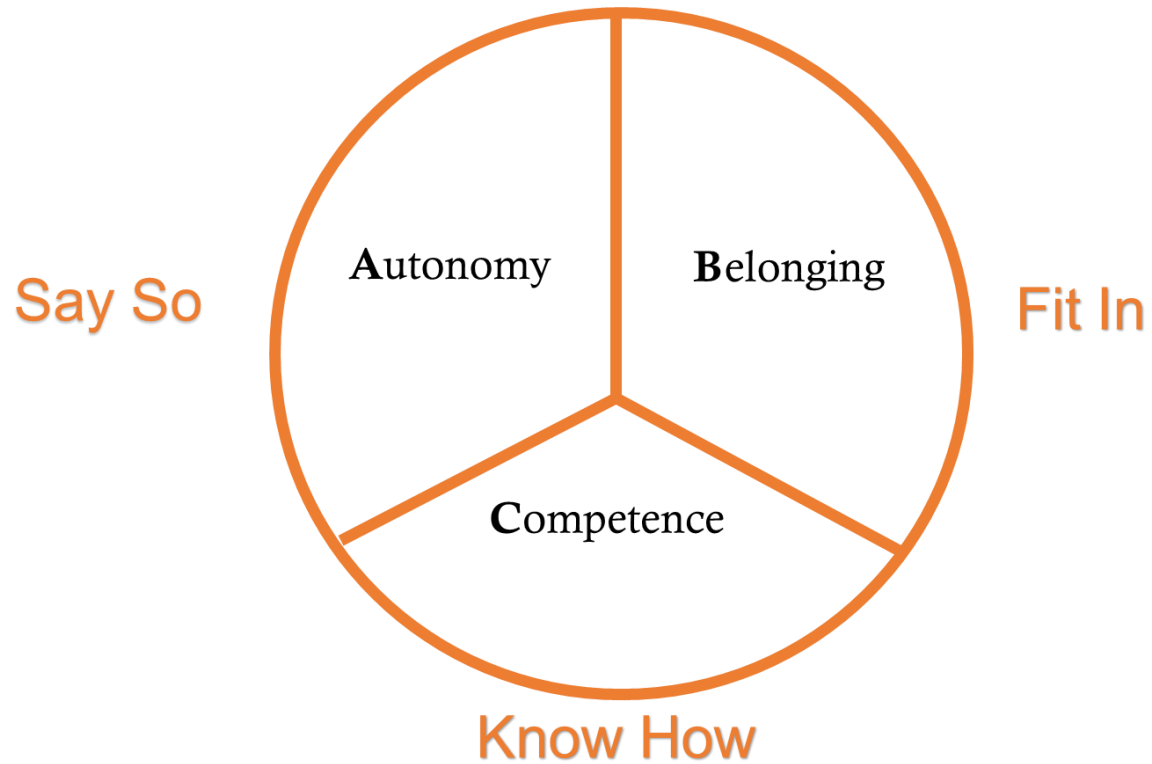
The ABCs of College

My Choice My Voice

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What We Know About Youth Needs



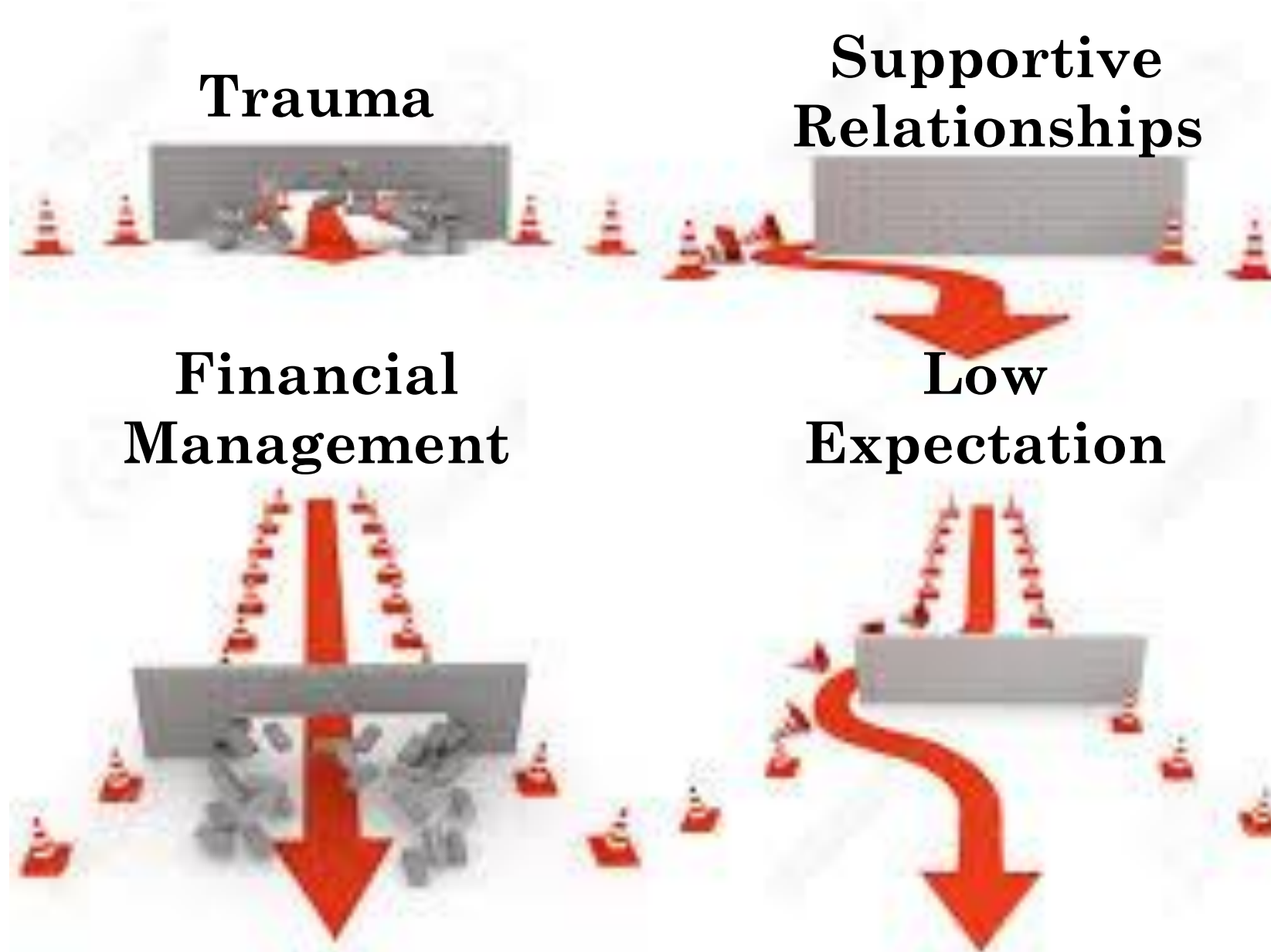
Obstacles to Overcome

Trauma

Supportive Relationships

Financial Management

Low Expectation



Aging-Out of Foster Care Freedom and Fears

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Autonomy



The most important attribute of man as a moral being is the faculty of self-control.
- Herbert Spencer

Autonomy

- What relationships do you want to maintain, develop, or end?
- What type of flexibility do you need to maintain any counseling or mental health services you currently receive?
- What is your process for making a decision?



Belonging

- Extracurricular activities you are interested in maintaining or always wanted to try?
- Would you prefer a larger or small post-secondary campus?
- Do you want to stay in or near your current community?

☆ = I'm an expert
○ = want to learn
X = No, I don't do that

Competence

- Programs that build on your strengths and further your mastery of a subject?
- Do you have a plan for alternative housing if you so chose?
- How much money will you need per month to survive?

Financial Resources

- For example, the John H. Chafee Foster Care Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program can provide students up to \$5,000 per academic year based on cost of attendance and available funds (in some cases up until the age of 23). More information on the ETV Program can be found here: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/foster-youthvouchers.pdf>.
- Educational Opportunity Centers program, which provides counseling and information on college admissions to eligible youth and adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. The program counsels participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and the application process. The program also provides services to improve financial literacy. More information can be found here: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/awards.html> .
- Many states offer tuition waivers for current and former foster youth. As of March 2016, 23 states¹ had tuition waivers in place for youth who currently are or were in foster care to be exempt from paying tuition related expenses at state universities. Missouri Offers Tuition Assistance

Psychosocial Resources



[Local Services](#)



[Foster Care Transition Tool-Kit](#)



[Treatment Locator](#)



[Permanency Pact](#)

CharacterPlus Can Help



Student Summits to develop leaderships skills, plan of action,
and build a sense of community.

Questions



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