PASSAGES (Progressive Adulthood: Skills, Support, Advocacy, Growth, and Empowerment = Success)

PASSAGES is a program that helps young people between the ages of 16 and 25 with mental health conditions successfully transition into adulthood. A team of Transition Facilitators, Employment Specialist, Education Specialist and Peer Support Specialist coach and mentor young people and help them gain competency in five major life domains: employment, education, housing, community life, and personal well-being.

The program is implemented in San Juan and Tooele Counties. From 10/2/2009 to 7/31/2013, 265 individuals have received youth-in-transition services. The program participants have diverse characteristics – poverty, teen parents, homelessness, developmental disabilities, sexual orientation, and childhood trauma—all of which complicate their transitional process. Flexible fund is available to help young people move into adult life. The number one flexible fund request is for education, followed by housing, and driving related expenses.

One good example is a 25-year-old young woman who had experienced a lot of trauma and violence in her childhood. She had difficulties trusting others and getting along with people. With the assistance from the Transition Facilitator, she is now having a good support system among family members and friends. She is a full time college student with a dream to work in law enforcement.

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