



METAPHOR

Steep Climb



The story you're telling

For transition age foster youth the climb to adulthood can be particularly steep. They need support to find their footing.



In more detail

Becoming an adult is like following a difficult path for all youth, but transition age foster youth face a steeper climb. That's why we need to equip them with resources to navigate that path and make sure they have supportive, encouraging guides to help them find their footing.

User notes



This metaphor works best when it's used in variety of ways.

Here's how:

- Be creative. Connect it with the idea that “life’s a journey” in different ways.
- Talk about the people who help transition age foster youth make the climb: guides, fellow climbers, and people at base camp who make sure they have the resources they need and cheer them on.
- Don’t talk about the journey as lonely or frame the climb as an individual achievement, which obscures the many resources and supportive players that climbers need to succeed.

Glossary of words that communicate the Steep Climber metaphor:

Backpack	Find their footing	Paths
Base camp	Guides	Reaching new altitudes
Compass	Journey	Supplies
Difficult terrain	Navigating new	Supports
Equip them for the journey	landscapes	