

2026 FOSTER CARE & EDUCATION SUMMIT

REGISTER:



December 2, 2026
December 3, 2026



8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM



University of North Texas in
Denton (UNT Gateway Center)
801 N Texas Blvd
Denton, TX 76201



The purpose of this training is to provide **guidance, resources, and tools** to assist School Systems and child welfare organizations in addressing the **educational needs and requirements of students experiencing foster care**, as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Educational Stability & ESSA Requirements
- ▶ School of Origin & Best Interest Decision-Making
- ▶ Child Welfare Partnerships & Systems Navigation
- ▶ Student Supports: Special Education & Mental Health
- ▶ Postsecondary Transitions & Future Success
- ▶ Other Education-Focused Foster Care Content

SUMMIT AUDIENCE:

- ▶ School Administrators
- ▶ School Counselors
- ▶ Registrars
- ▶ School System (LEA) Foster Care Liaisons
- ▶ Child Welfare ESSA Points of Contact
- ▶ CASA representatives, SSCC providers, and DFPS staff who support school-aged students experiencing foster care

The Foster Care & Education Summit is developed in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency, Texas Department of Family and Protective Service, and Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission. Special thanks to University of North Texas for hosting this event and Education Service Center Region 11 for their partnership and coordinated support.

