

We make sure no foster teen is left behind when they leave state care.



## WHAT IS FTEN?

We are a network for foster youth forging connections with adults who will become their employers/mentors and will stick with them through the ups and downs of growing up. Teaching them the necessary survival skills and how to built relationships as adults. A network who will provide a job/paid internship to allow the youth to have work experience in a controlled environment, where they can make mistakes under the supervision of professionals. Youth go through the interview process and learn the skills necessary to hold down a job. The mentor/employer helps the youth work out the rough edges so their first work experience is a successful one.

## Steps to a Better Future

### OUR GOAL

As an office dedicated to finding forever families, we are committed to giving back to the foster care system by working to find employers like you who will also act as mentors. We would love to discuss how your company can take part in our employment program.

### OUR NEEDS

We need role models for impressionable foster youth to emulate, turn to and learn from. We all know that times are tough and you may not have considered hiring an additional employee. Without a family, a foster youth has the highest rate of risk of becoming homeless. Your support via employment or a generous donation can provide a fresh start.

### YOUR FIRST STEP

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a foster youth, please contact Michael Goldstein, at (914) 704-3836 or [FTEN@FTEN.me](mailto:FTEN@FTEN.me) for further information.



"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves."

-Steven Spielberg

## Our Story...

Each year 20,000 people age out of the U.S. foster care system. Many of these youth are only 18 and do not have the experience, resources or access to services to live independently. Most have not had a meaningful connection with a caring adult role model in years. When many foster kids "age out" of the foster care system, at no fault of their own, they leave without jobs, stable homes, savings or adults they can count on. They often find themselves unexpectedly alone, in legal trouble, or even homeless.

In May of 2011, Michael Goldstein Esq., LCSW decided to give back to the community by establishing FTEN for foster youth, "aging out" of the foster care system.



### GET IN TOUCH

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### FOSTER TEEN EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

Dedicated to improving  
The lives of aged out  
foster youth

★ EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH ★ EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUNDS  
★ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ★ OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES