

Alumni Allies Network

Supporting Students Beyond High School



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What is the AAN?

Alumni Allies Network (AAN) is a network for former CIS students to continue direct services for support and resources to encourage self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, and CCR keep connecting with us but most importantly, each other. AAN is a place for alumni to engage and lend support to their peers after high school. Alumni will have the opportunity to network with mentors and receive support in skill development, enrichment programs, resume building activities and referrals to community resources.

“Students are succeeding in life.”

Our goal is to create a network, virtually, to continue the support that our student have received for continued success in this next transition via individual support, interactive google site, educational workshops, and peer connection.

Who Will Be Recruited?

AAN funded by a DCF grant, stipulates that our target population is “post-high school individuals” of CISMA who have either (1) demonstrated in-and-at-risk behavior and/or (2) are aging out of foster care, ages 18-24.”

The AAN Leadership teams has decided to define “in-and-at risk behaviors” with the following student attributes as we feel that students presenting with these attributes might need additional support systems to be “successful in life.”

- Pregnant/Parenting
- Adjudicated/Court Involved Youth
- LGBTQ Identifying
- Incarcerated Parent/Guardian
- Foster Care/Group Home

How will we do this?

The Network Elements

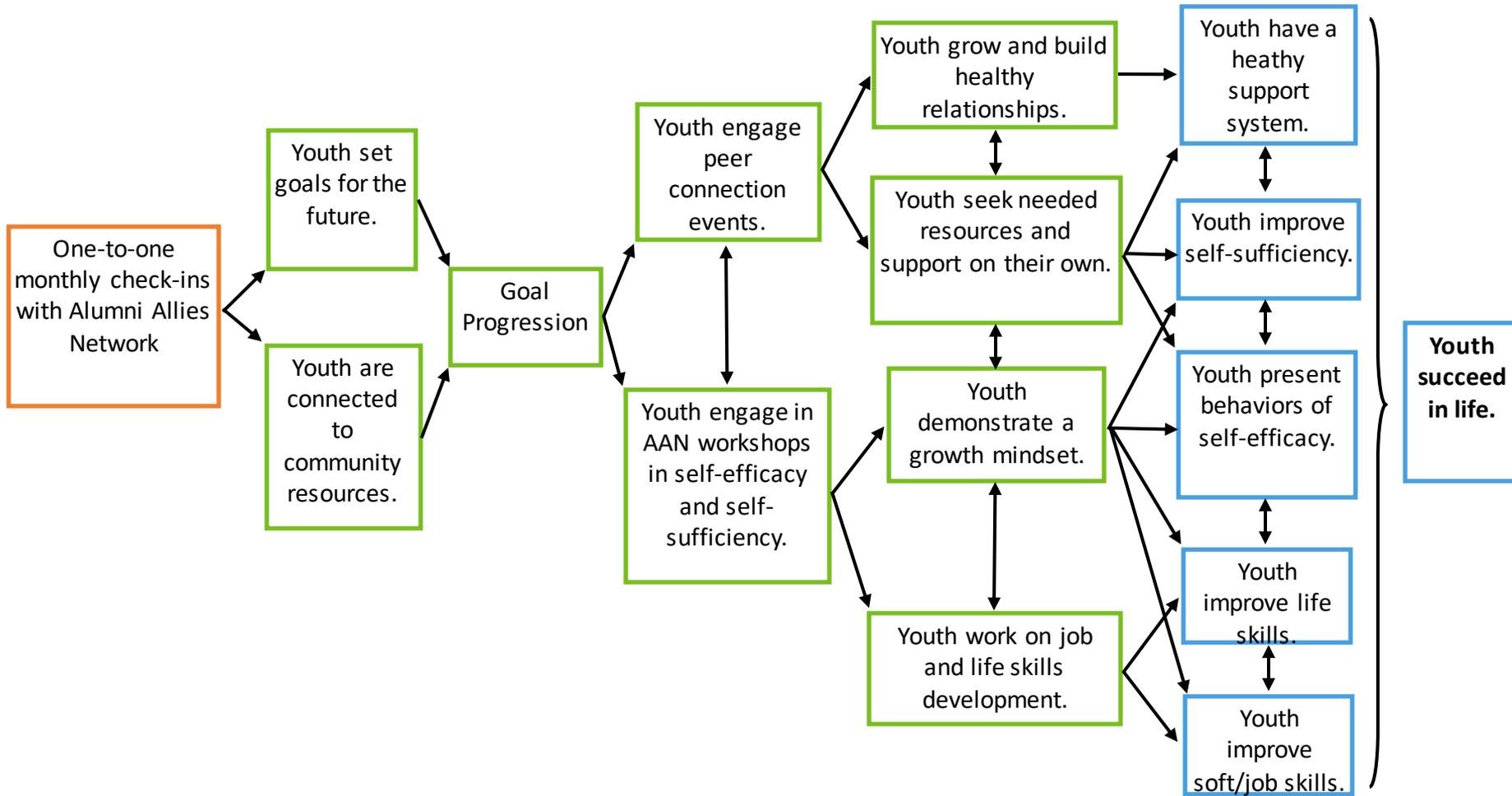
Individual Support



Just like our current students, Alumni will also receive monthly check ins, create personal goals, and receive personal support. Supporting our students through this important transition with respect, nonjudgement, and care is our main goal.

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Individual Support



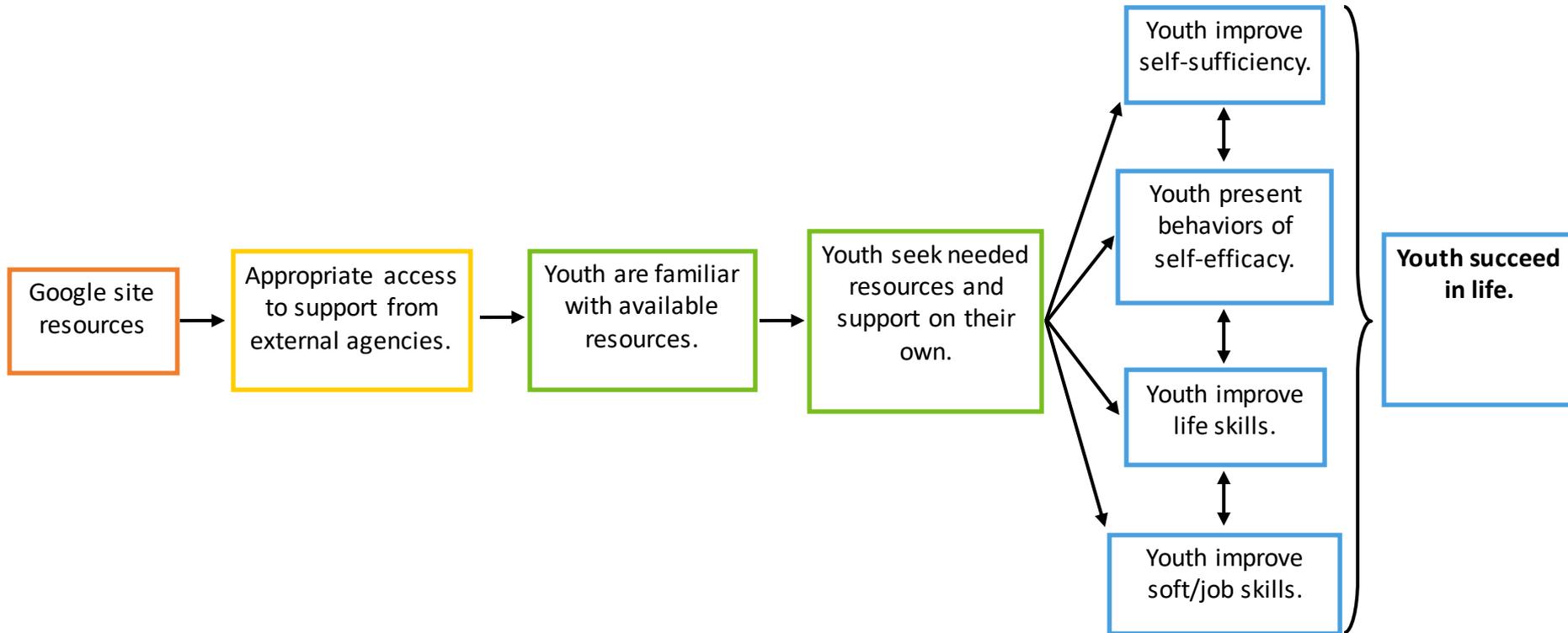
Interactive Google Site

This site will support Alumni by being a main informational hub that can be accessed anytime, anywhere. This site will contain links to College and Career Readiness, Peer Connection events and opportunities, workshops and information on Independent Living Skills, and Important Life Skills.



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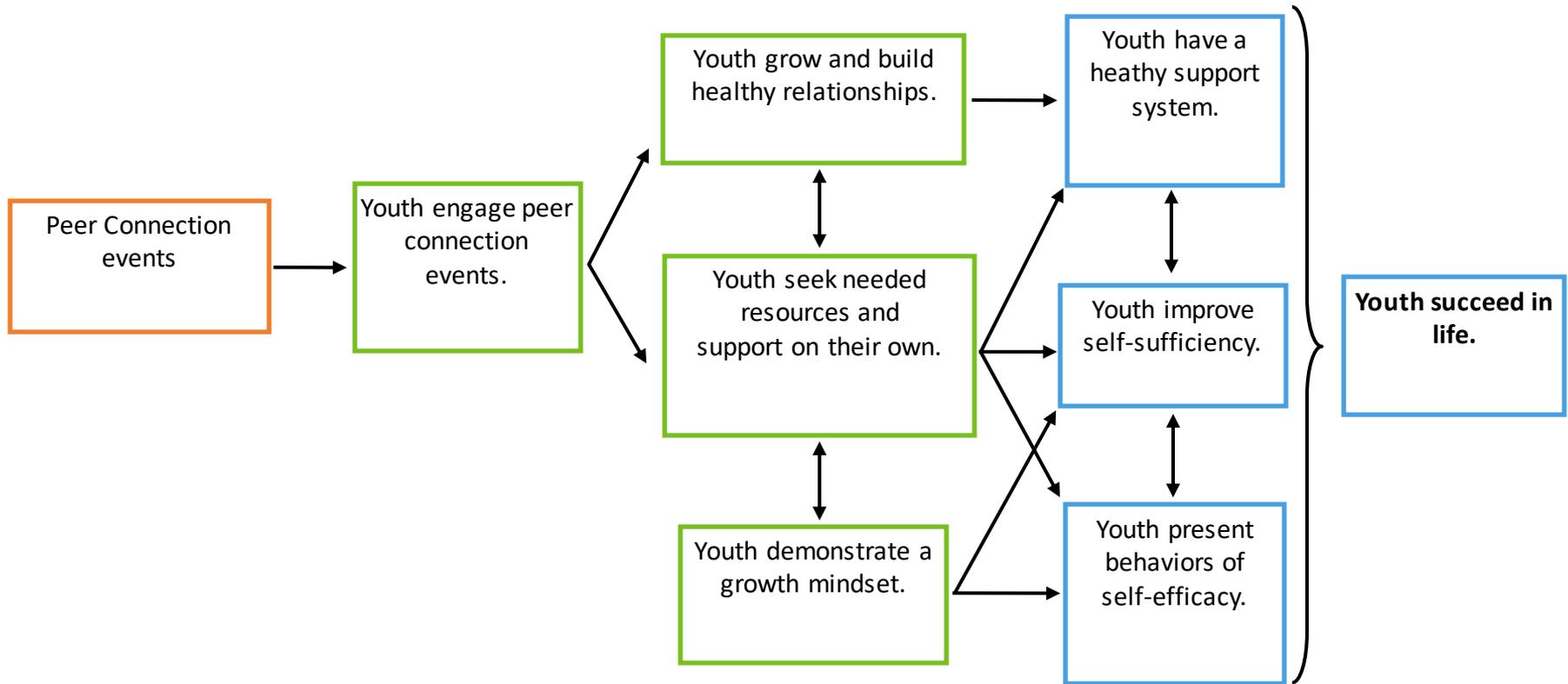
Peer connection



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Our Alumni will have opportunities to engage in activities and events connecting with other alumni in our affiliate and nationally. They will also be encouraged to volunteer through mentoring and other events with our current CIS caseload students.

Peer Connection



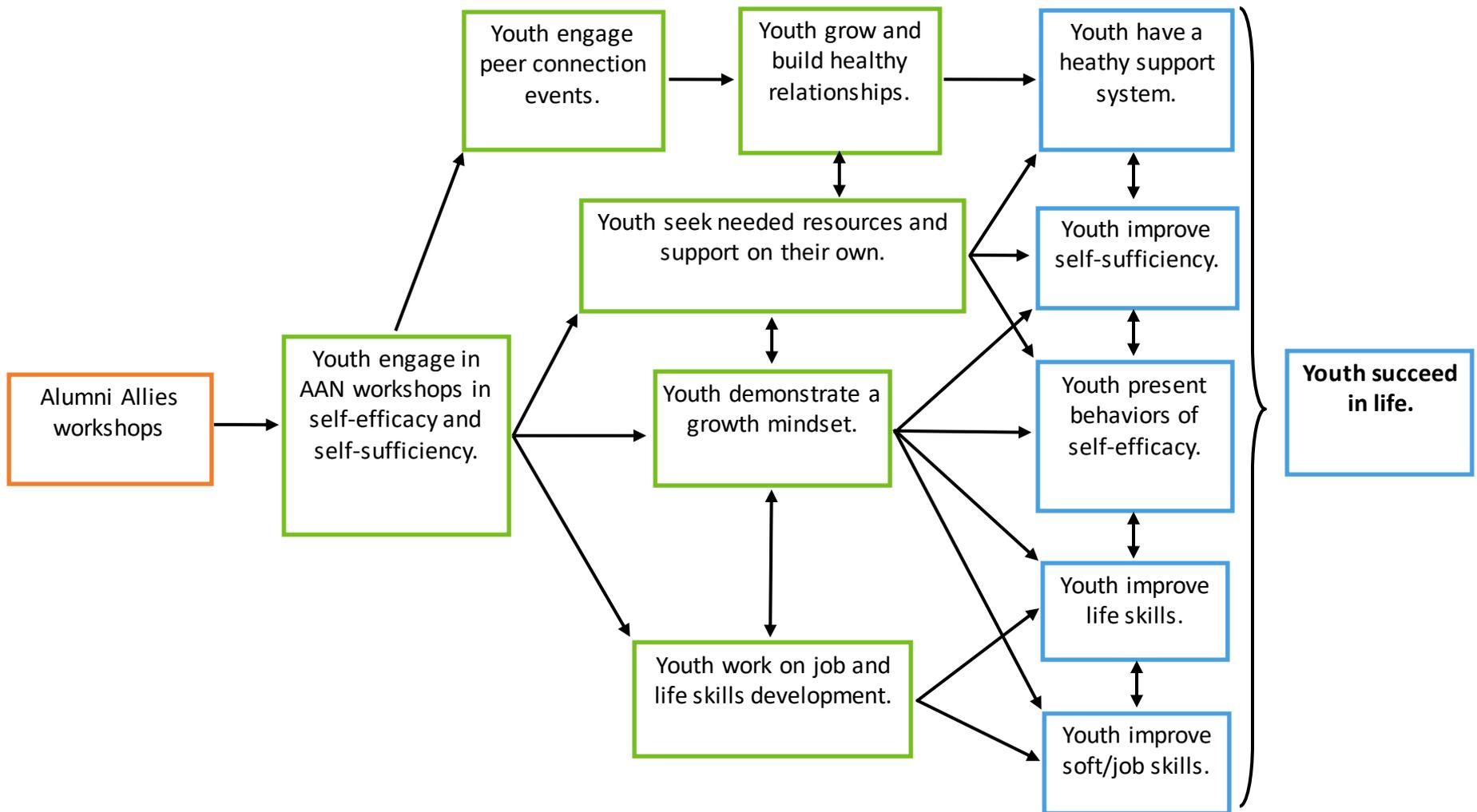
Workshops and Education

Alumni will have the opportunity to attend monthly workshops on a variety of different topics, for example: ACE's Education, Mental Health knowledge, Resume writing, Healthy Relationships to how to create a grocery list, Budgeting, and Meditation. These workshops during COVID-19 will be virtual until we can hold them in person and will all be available to watch by recording, all accessible on the Google Site.



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Workshops and Education



Recruiting Seniors

Supporting Seniors



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Timeline for Seniors

Graduation Camp

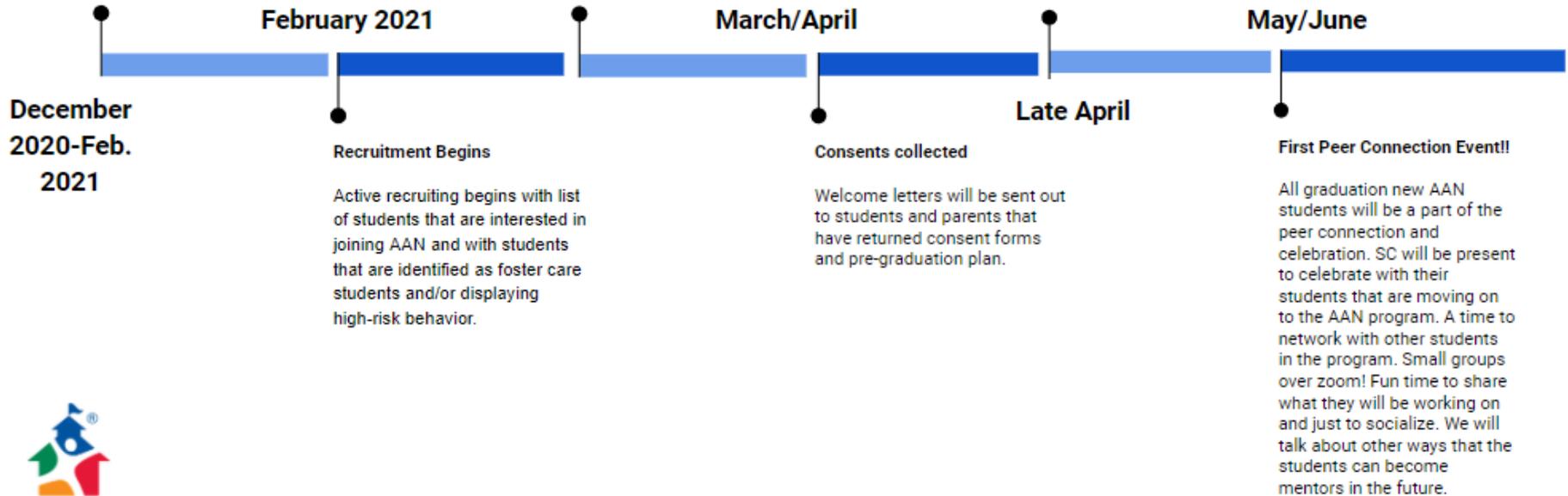
This tiered 2 event will be for all seniors and parents interested. This camp is a conference like presentation that will last 3 days. There will be sessions for parents, and students, along with a session together.

Meet with students for 1 to 1 support

Students will have introductory session with SPC to complete DCF Matrix and any other documents.

Senior Student in High School

Welcome to AAN! Seniors will be presented with information about the Alumni Allies Network. Students will be on caseload with CIS for at least one year. SC packets sent out.



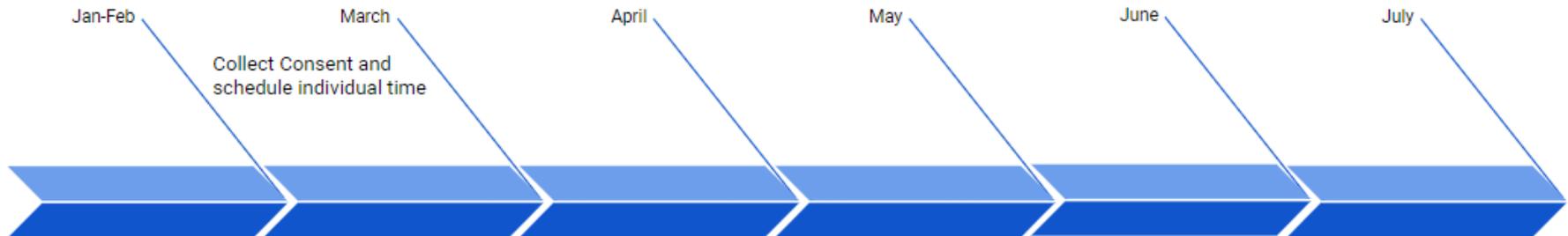
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Alumni Recruitment

All CIS Alumni will be sent a letter and invitation to join in an informational program to introduce new program and invitation to join. When they accept invitation a consent form will be sent to them along with information to attend presentation. This will also serve as a great peer connection time.

Individual Sessions

SPC will schedule individual time to meet with students. DCF Matrix and CCR Framework will be completed. Personal Goals will be set at this time.

Schedule Monthly Check ins and Alumni Meet-Ups monthly.

Growth Mindset

☆ Online session will be topics incorporating skills and tools included in the CCR Framework. Evidence shows that self-efficacy including self-regulations create a growth mindset and resilience.

☆ Online Study Sessions Remote.

☆ Monthly Mediation and other new resources on Google Site.

☆ Monthly Newsletter

☆ Monthly Peer Meet-up

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☆ Alumni begin to help recruit Seniors for next year! Presentation on their experiences this year in the program.

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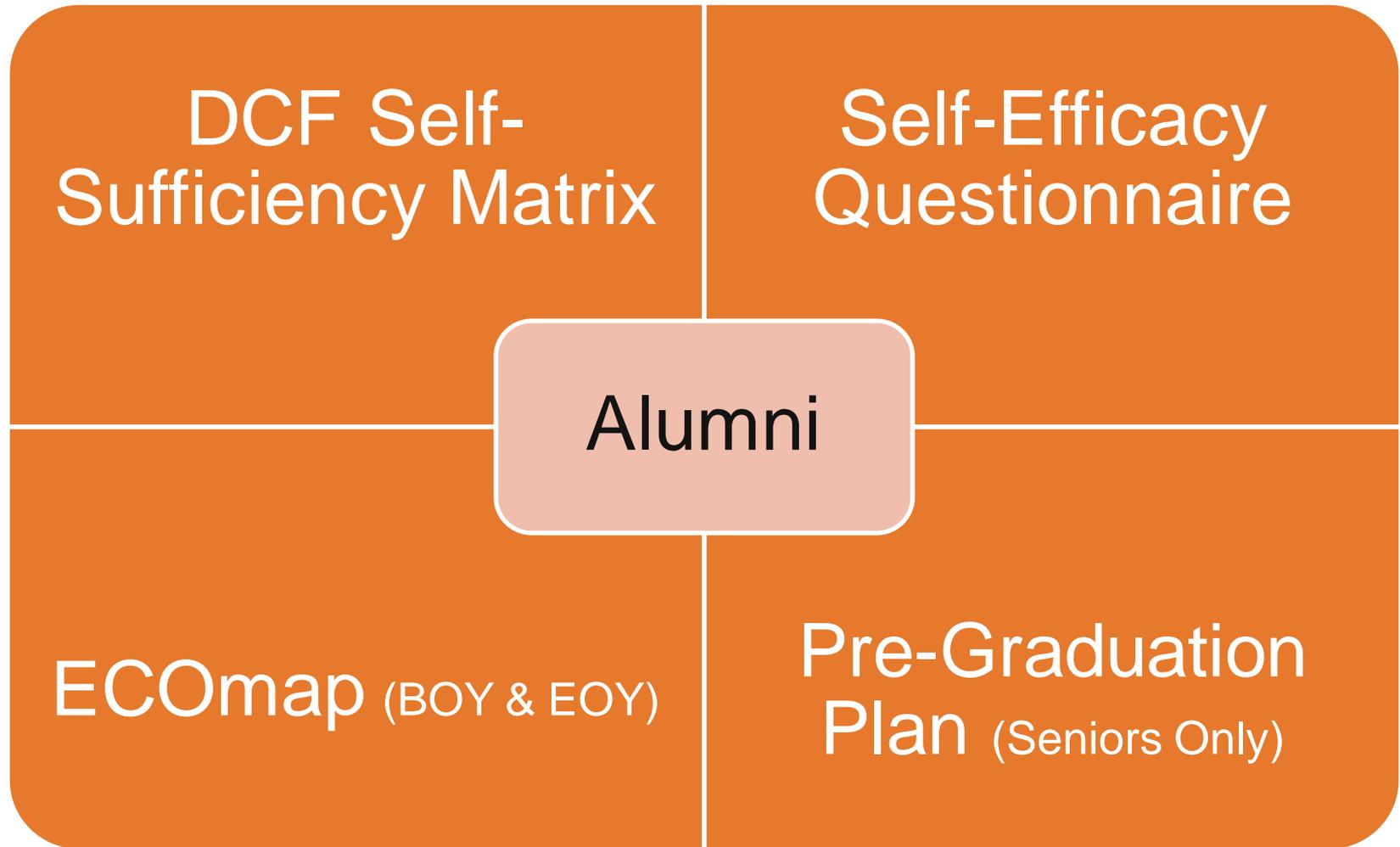
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Evaluation

How will we see results?

Program Evaluation Tools



What will be tracked?

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Alumni Data- Monthly Check-In's & Supports

Phone #	Email	Preferred cc	Married	Children	Birthdate	EComap	DCF Matrix	Pre-Graduation Plan	Mental Health Education	ACES Education	Resilience Education	Voter Registration	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	EOY Ecomap	Additional Supports/Notes	

Site Coordinators: Your Role

This is a collaborative effort to serve our students.

You know your students best. I am here to support you in your role as your student's site coordinator. My role is to create a new supportive relationship as student transitions to the next part of their journey.

You are not expected to help in any of the events that I facilitate, I only ask that you help me promote the activities and the program to your students.



Site Coordinators: Your Role

☪ All correspondences that you send to students and/or parents can be counted as a Tier 3 support. Sending any information from the Welcome Packet to parents and/or students would be considered a Parent/Student Contact. This could be batched in CISDM. As well, the Graduation Camp could be documented as a Tier 2 event for your students.

CISDM Documentation

**College and Career Preparations →
Job Skills Training/Workshop →
Alumni Allies Enrollment/Services**



Site Coordinators: Your Role



Before we begin recruiting Senior, you will receive a packet of information containing the following:

- AAN Application
- Informational Flyers
- Postcards to sent to students
- Jr./Sr. Checklist
- Graduation Camp Dates and informational flyers
- Senior Timelines

Coming December 2020!



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