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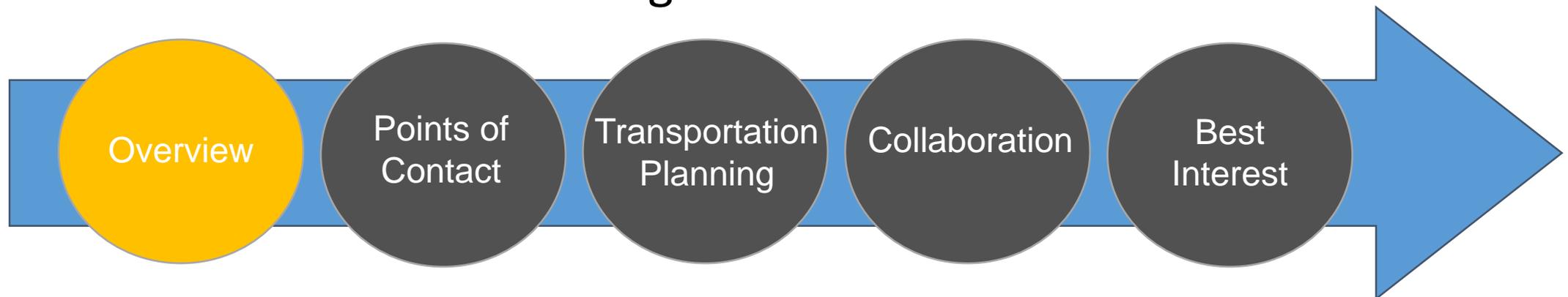
Every Student Succeeds Act

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Agenda

- Overview of ESSA for Foster Care
- Points of Contact
- Transportation Planning
- Collaboration
- Best Interest Decision Making



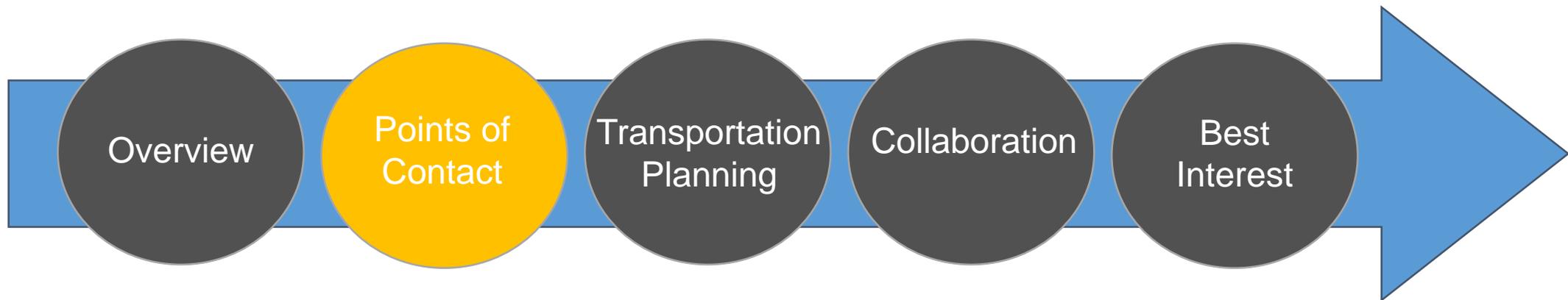
ESSA for Foster Care

- New requirements for points of contact and transportation
- Collaboration and coordination
- Published data



TEA Support

- Increased capacity and focus on serving highly mobile students.
- Dedication of additional resources
- Comprehensive data and trends report
- Data sharing
- Expanded resources
- ESSA State Plan
- Collaboration with TASB Resources



How to Look up Your Education Point of Contact

- AskTED
- www.tea.texas.gov/FosterCareStudentSuccess/liaisons/

The screenshot shows the AskTED search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for TEA Home, TEA District Locator, TEA Index A-Z, and TEA Divisions. Below this is the AskTED header and a menu with options: Home, Search by, Quick District Lookup, Reports and Directories, Search RESCs, Administrative Logon, and Help.

The main search area is titled "Search by Region" and includes a "Search Criteria" section. The "Regions:" dropdown menu is open, showing options for REGION 1, REGION 2, REGION 3, REGION 4, and REGION 5. The "Information Type:" section has radio buttons for "Organization" and "Personnel", with "Personnel" selected. Below this, there are checkboxes for "Include School Principal(s)", "Include District Superintendent(s)", and "Include Other District Roles", with the last one checked. To the right, the "Select Roles:" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of roles including "FOSTER CARE LIAISON", which is highlighted. A note on the right side of the form states: "Note: To make multiple selections, hold down the".

How to Look up Your CPS Point of Contact

- To view a list of CPS regional education specialists and service program administrators:
- www.dfps.state.tx.us/ChildProtection/StateCare/education.asp

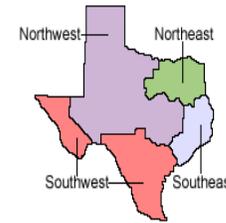
DFPS Regions



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3-Arlington	Home	Locations
4-Tyler	Home	Locations
5-Beaumont	Home	Locations
6-Houston	Home	Locations
7-Austin	Home	Locations
8-San Antonio	Home	Locations
9-Midland	Home	Locations
10-El Paso	Home	Locations
11-Edinburg	Home	Locations
12-State Office		Locations

DFPS CCL Districts



Browse by CCL District

Northwest	Home	Locations
Northeast	Home	Locations
Southeast	Home	Locations
Southwest	Home	Locations

DFPS APS Districts



Browse by APS District

Northwest	Home	Locations
DFW	Home	Locations
East Central	Home	Locations
Houston	Home	Locations
South	Home	Locations

[In which region and district is my county located?](#)

TASB FFC(REGULATION)

District Foster Care Liaison

The District foster care liaison is a District employee who facilitates the enrollment in or transfer to a public school of a student in the District who is in the conservatorship of the state. The District's foster care liaison is considered the designated point of contact for collaboration with DFPS on transportation procedures.

The District has designated the following staff person as the District foster care liaison in the TEA AskTED system:

Name: _____

Position: _____

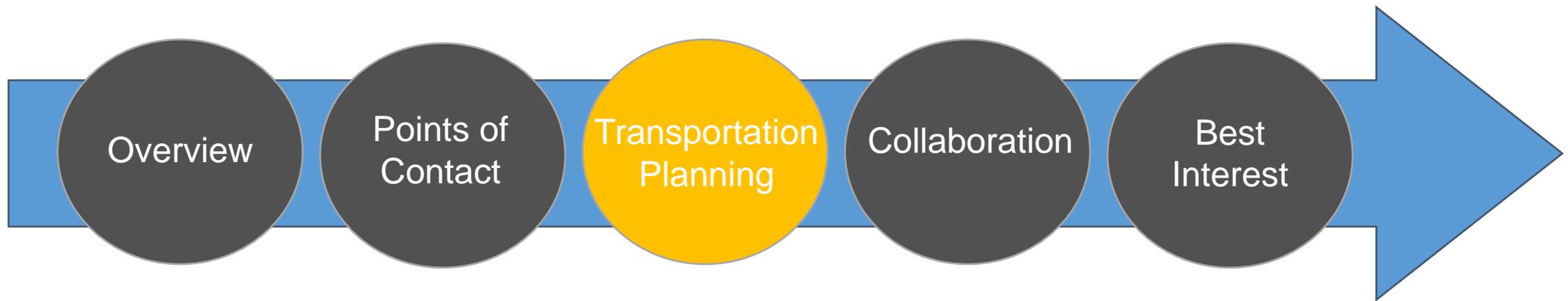
E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Points of Contact – Effective Strategies

- Communication with CPS Regional Education Specialist
 - Call
 - Email
 - Arrange a meeting/staffing/conference
- Communication with school district Foster Care Liaisons



Written Transportation Planning

- Procedures for planning
- Funding
- Opportunities for coordination

Collaborative Planning

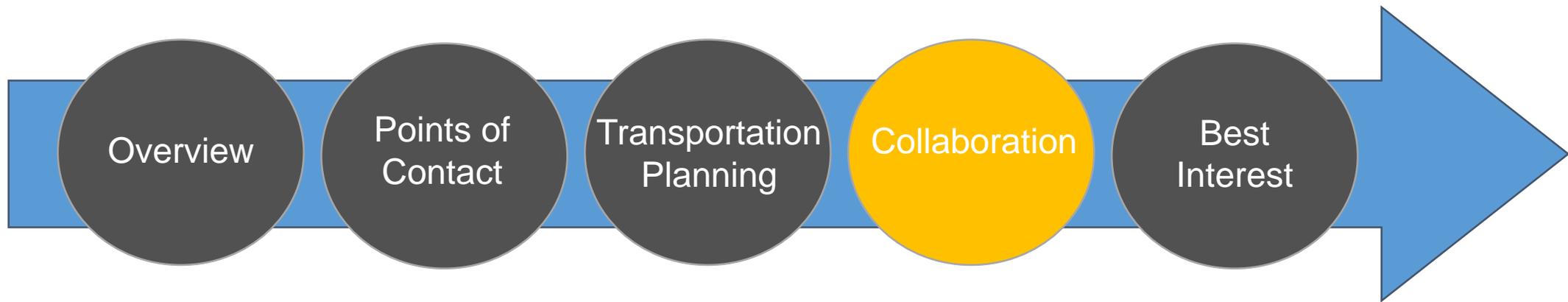
1. Average number of students in your LEA? Is this number increasing or decreasing from the previous year?
2. Are students remaining in their schools of origin within your community?
3. How many students reside in a foster home in a different LEA but still attend school in your LEA?
4. What type of placement setting exist in your LEA (kinship, caregiver, foster homes, emergency shelter, residential treatment center, other)
5. What patterns do you observe regarding school mobility and student entering/exiting schools within your community and LEA?

Best Practices and Helpful Examples

- Communication between two districts
- Collaboration with CPS
- What's required?

Individual Transportation Plan Template

- **TASB FFC EXHIBIT B**
 - Daily and alternative transportation plan
 - Additional costs
 - Cost estimate
 - Afterschool activities

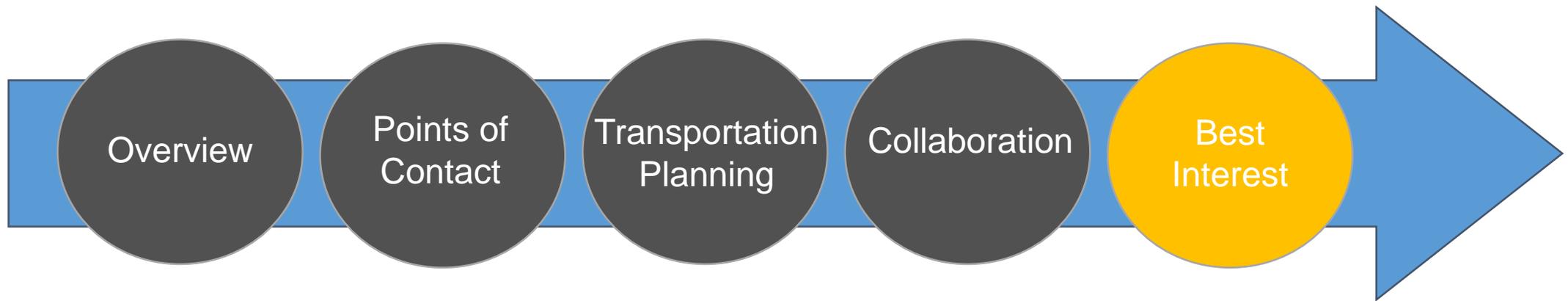


Collaboration

- Local consortiums, trainings, and workshops
- Cost-sharing
- Examples and scenarios

Collaborative Planning

- School communication with the regional education specialist, caseworker and/or caregiver
- Information sharing to support best-interest decision-making



Education Best Interest Decision-Making

- Collaboration examples and scenarios
- Smooth transitions
- Best interest considerations form, TASB Guidance

Education Best Interest Decision Considerations

- How is the child currently performing in school?
- Does the child have strong interpersonal relationships, connections, and support networks (e.g. friends, coaches, mentors, etc.)?
- What extra-curricular activities, academic programs, and interventions is the child participating in?
- Where is the student in the academic calendar year, academic testing window, grading period, etc.? (*critical for course completion, continuity of instruction, on-time promotion, and graduation*)
- Attendance factors, including numbers of absences and tardies.
- Distance from school to placement.
- What are the resources and services provided at either school? Do they meet the child's academic and non-academic needs?

FFC Exhibit A

- Best Interest Decision Making Form
 - Student Preferences
 - Academic Factors
 - Social Emotional Factors
 - Conclusion

TASB Resources

- Policies
 - FD, CNA
- Regulations and Exhibits
 - FFC
- Contact your district's Policy Services contact!

FFC(REGULATION) - STUDENT WELFARE: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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TEA Resources

- TEA website
 - School District Liaisons
 - Laws and Guidance
 - State Efforts
 - Collaboration
 - Child Protective Services
 - Information and Resources
- www.tea.texas.gov/FosterCareStudentSuccess/

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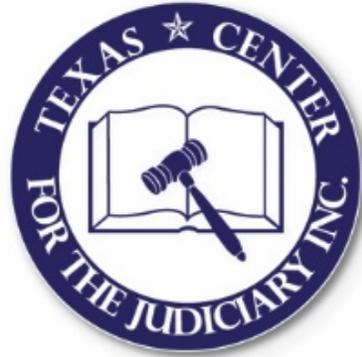
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