

People at CTG



Hillary Closs
Program Assistant

Specialty

- MACRO Social Work Practice
- Program Development and Implementation
- Marketing and Social Media
- Aging and Developmentally Disabled Populations

Brief Bio

Hillary Closs is a program assistant at CTG. In this position, Hillary's main responsibility is as Project Coordinator for the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) project. NYTD is a partnership with the Office for Children and Family Services (OCFS) and Stony Brook University's Center for Survey Research to implement a federally mandated, statewide survey that collects outcome data on 17, 19, and 21 year old foster care youth. As Project Coordinator, Hillary leads the development of creative and efficient strategies to ensure that the survey is administered and collected according to federal guidelines.

Hillary started working for CTG in October 2012. Prior experience includes an internship at the Rensselaer County Department of Social Services (RCDSS) working with families in both the Foster Care and the Prevention Units to create healthy homes. She helped to pilot a new enhanced visit-coaching framework towards mandated visitations issued by OCFS and lead the development and implementation of a Foster Parent Satisfaction Survey. She's worked with *The Kathryn Zox Show* on VoiceAmerica World Talk Radio as a media specialist and as a National Coalition Building Institute trainer for multicultural programming.

Hillary is a graduate of the University at Albany, State University of New York School of Social Welfare for both her undergraduate degree in Social Welfare and her Master's degree in Social Work (MSW). Her focus area is child welfare systems with concentrations in advocacy, community organizing and outcome evaluation.

Selected Presentations

Closs, H (2011). *Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Looking at Health Concerns through the Context of Health Disparities*. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Conference of the New York State Society on Aging, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Education

- M.S.W, University at Albany – SUNY, 2012

- B.S., Social Welfare, University at Albany – SUNY, 2011