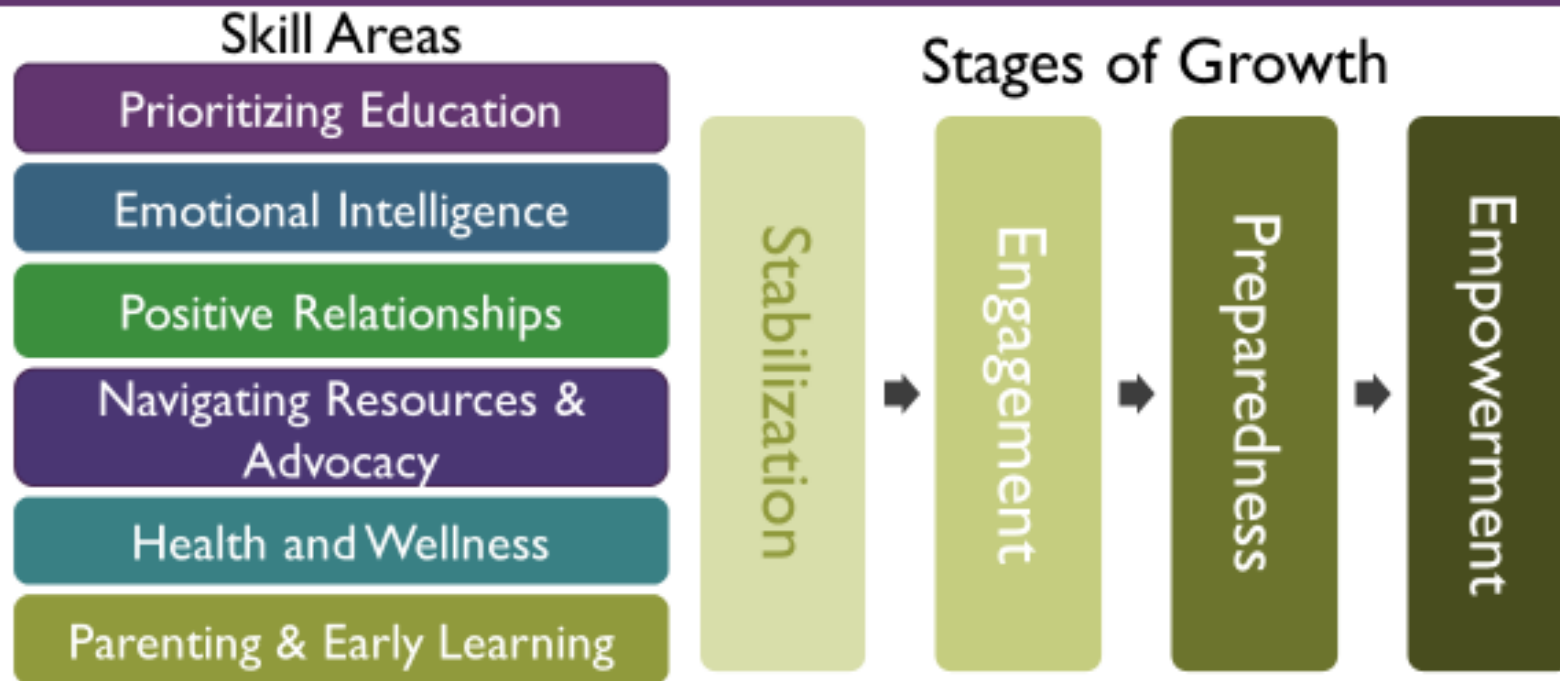


GROWTH ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK 2016-2017



As a result of years of experience working with teen mothers, their children and their extended families, Florence Crittenton Services' Student and Family Support Program (SFSP) team developed our unique Growth Assessment Framework. The framework is tailored to the needs and realities of teen families, and helps us to monitor teen mothers' progress as they build knowledge and skills while they participate in our programs. The Growth Assessment Framework includes six skill areas vital to teen mothers' success: 1) prioritizing education; 2) emotional intelligence; 3) positive relationships; 4) navigating resources, or, advocacy for self and child; 5) health and wellness; and 6) parenting and early learning for one's child. All of the programs, services and activities offered on the Florence Crittenton Campus are tailored to teen mothers to help them develop in these skill areas. As teen mothers continue participating, they gradually progress through four stages: 1) Stabilization, in which the young mom finds safety, builds trust and meets her basic needs and that of her child; 2) Engagement, in which she begins building parenting skills, attending school more regularly, and engaging with peers and staff; 3) Preparedness, in which she begins exploring post-secondary options, enriching her ability to foster optimal development in her child, and honing her resource navigation abilities; and 4) Empowerment, in which she has acts as a mentor for other teen moms, a leader in her family and successfully embarks on her chosen post-secondary journey, whether it be college, vocational training or a career.