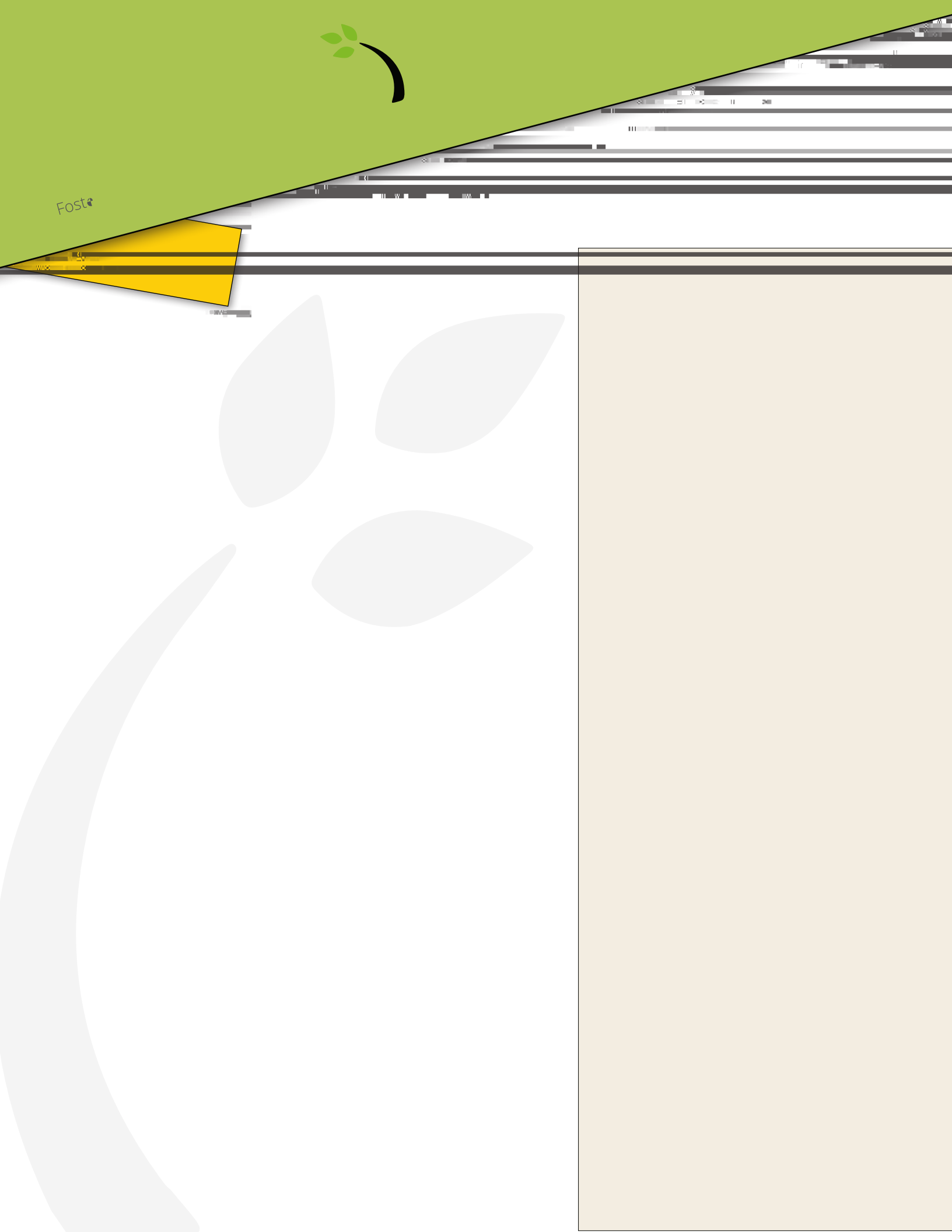
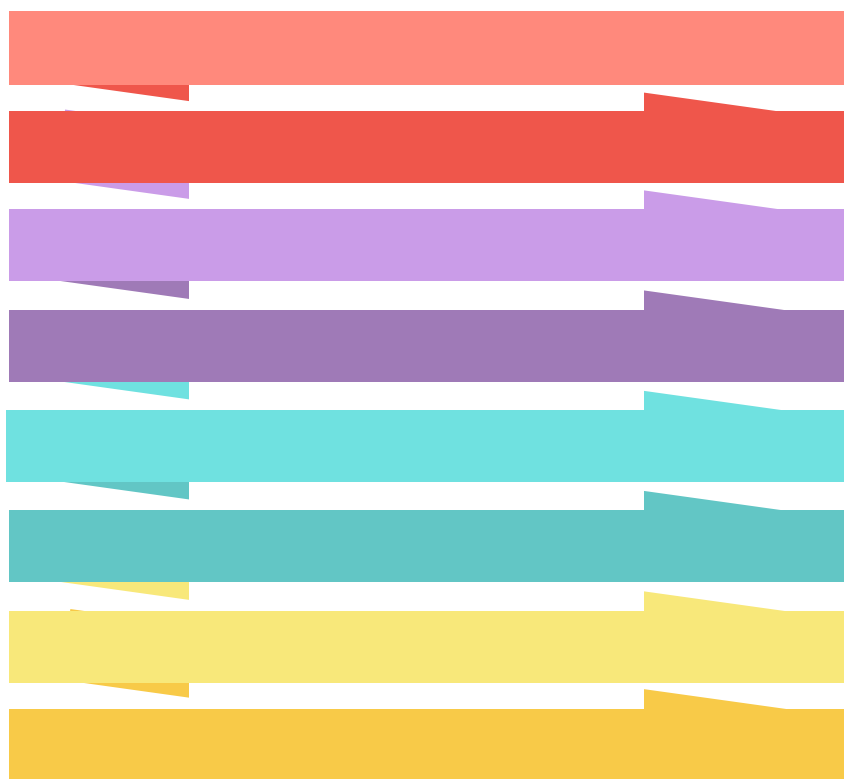




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A year ago, fourteen-year-old Kayla was in a separate or self-contained classroom for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Kayla is a cheerful, outgoing girl with Down syndrome. She had been in a self-contained classroom since kindergarten. Her academic program had always been geared toward students with lower abilities. There had been no opportunities for Kayla to be around typically developing peers, either in the classroom or in school activities.

Kayla's parents were concerned that she was not reaching her potential academically or socially. Seeing her as a teenager, they realized that Kayla needed to be prepared for her future. They talked to Kayla's exceptional education teacher about their concerns. An IEP team meeting was scheduled to be held to discuss the





The Florida Inclusion Network collaborates with all districts, schools, and discretionary projects to provide customized services and supports ensuring all students with disabilities have the same educational, social, and future opportunities as their peers.

FIN uses a data-driven problem-solving approach with districts and schools to focus on inclusive practices; provides professional development, technical assistance, coaching and resources to increase and maintain knowledge and skills; and shares information to help build collaborative relationships between families, schools, and districts.

FIN services are available for families, educators, administrators, and community members.

Your FIN facilitator can provide you with information and resources that can assist you as you begin planning with the school for your child's inclusive education.

Additionally, your child's teacher(s) or school administrator can request FIN services (e.g., school-based consultation, professional development, technical assistance, and resources) for school teams and staff members. The goal of the Florida Inclusion Network is to provide assistance that will support positive outcomes for ALL students with disabilities at your child's school. Our services are free to all Florida schools!