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Lisa Guillette is the Executive Director of Foster Forward, a non-profit organization that supports youth and young adults who are currently or formerly in the foster care system. Under Ms. Guillette's leadership, Foster Forward has transformed from a traditional service provider into a nationally recognized innovator developing affordable housing and expanding its award-winning Works Wonders career readiness model. This evidence-based program, which is now being replicated in Tennessee and Indiana and was recently added to the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare. In 2025, Ms. Guillette was named USA Today's Woman of the Year for Rhode Island, recognizing her national influence in shaping policies that improve outcomes for transition-age youth.