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Tony Lodge is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in child welfare policy and strategy. He is currently serving as the Director of Strategy & Policy at First Focus on Children and Vice President of Sun Scholars. He is focused on coordinating strategic approaches for youth transitioning out of the foster care system, which involves working closely with lived experts.

Tony's background includes work on Capitol Hill, where he helped strategize outreach for the U.S. House Foster Care Caucus and other non-profits geared towards assisting foster youth. He has also worked at a top political lobbying firm, where he honed his legislative skills.

Tony holds a double Bachelor of Science from Western Kentucky University, a Master of Arts from Western Kentucky University, and three graduate certificates from Georgetown University. He also holds an Master of Public Administration from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. He has been recognized with several awards, including the Re-Envisioning Foster Care in America Champion 2022, and has been featured in numerous articles in Bloomberg Government. In 2022, Tony became the youngest graduate of his class at the Harvard Kennedy School

Tony's personal motto is "Things come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle." This motto reflects his dedication to hard work and his commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of others.