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National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Fact Sheet

WHAT is NYTD?

NYTD is a federal reporting system established by the 2008 Federal Rule that collects case-level information on youth and the independent living services they receive.

The database tracks data from state agencies that administer the John H. Chaffee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP), also referred to as the Independent Living Program (ILP), and results from youth and young adults who are in or who have aged out of foster care.

NYTD outcomes include:

- Financial Self-Sufficiency
- Educational Attainment
- Positive Connection with Adult
- Experience with Homelessness
- High-Risk Behavior
- Access to Health Insurance

WHERE will the survey be administered?

The survey, found on SPARK, may be done in person or over the phone (phone consent may be given).

WHEN will the survey be administered?

Youth turning 17 during a specific reporting period will need to take the survey within 45 days after their birthday. These same youth will be surveyed again at age 19 and 21. Youth at age 19 and 21 have up to six months to take the survey within a specific reporting period.

HOW will the survey be administered?

The youth can elect to complete the survey themselves or the administrator can assist by asking them the questions and recording their answers. The survey requires the name, current age, date of birth, date of survey, and name of local department of social services.





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The administrator will go through all of the questions on the NYTD survey and will explain that most of the answers for the survey are yes, no, or declined to answer. There are a few health insurance and personal relationship related questions with answers “don’t know” or “not applicable.”

Highlight the importance of obtaining the youth’s response for each question on the survey. If the administrator is assisting the respondent in the survey, he/she should not answer any of the questions for the youth. A hard copy should be saved in the youth’s case file and the information should be entered into OASIS upon completion.

All local departments of social services can access a current list of the NYTD participants in SafeMeasures for the reporting period.

Learning Opportunities

Project LIFE provides learning opportunities and support around NYTD to local departments of social services. If you need assistance, please contact a Project LIFE staff for more information.

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