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2008 Survey Reports

This is one of three separate documents that present aspects of the 2008 survey of Washington State youth in foster care. Below is a brief description of the contents of each report:

- **Youth Age 17.5 & Older Survey Outcomes Report 08-042**

This report presents an introduction to the purpose of the survey, provides an overview of the survey methods, describes the calculation of the Braam Panel outcome for which the youth survey is the data source, and presents the survey results for every question in the survey for all youth age 17.5 and older participating in the survey.

- **SESRC Youth Survey Data Report 08-038**

This report presents an introduction to the purpose of the survey, a detailed description of the survey methods and survey results and includes a copy of the telephone interview questionnaire, the letter mailed to youth and to foster parents and other survey materials. This report includes the final sample disposition, and the results for every question in the survey for all youth age 15 to 18 participating in the survey. This report also describes the results obtained from three discussion groups held with youth in Yakima, Seattle, and Tri-Cities.

- **Appendix to the SESRC Youth Survey Data Report**

The appendix to the survey data report includes a listing of the open-ended responses to the survey. It also includes additional comments from the youth discussion groups.

Profile

Title: 2008 Survey of Washington State Youth in Foster Care

Abstract: The SESRC was contracted to design and conduct an independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of youth, age 15 to 18, in foster care in Washington State. The main purpose of the survey is to obtain information that will help Children's Administration improve services for adolescents in foster care (including placement with relatives). Another purpose is to provide data to the Braam Oversight Panel to measure a benchmark established by the Panel under the Braam Settlement Agreement. In developing the survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC consulted with the Braam Oversight Panel, the Children's Administration (CA), and plaintiffs' attorneys. The telephone survey began on March 17, 2008 and continued through July 15, 2008. Contact was attempted with the entire population of 1679 adolescents age 15 to 18 in foster care in Washington State in the custody of CA in 2007. A total of 706 interviews were conducted by telephone. SESRC also conducted discussions with three groups of youth who were or had been in foster care to obtain additional information about their experiences. Discussion groups were conducted in June 2008 with youth attending Independent Living programs in Seattle, Tri-Cities, and Yakima.

Method: The study protocol for the telephone survey included mailing an introductory letter to 1679 foster parents of youth and an introductory letter to 1679 youth prior to the start of the telephone calling. Telephone calls began on March 17, 2008 and continued through July 15, 2008. Telephone interviews were conducted using a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system, and a call scheduler to ensure that up to 12 call attempts were made to reach each youth. The telephone interview averaged 26 minutes to complete.

Results: The SESRC obtained 698 interviews and 8 partially completed interviews over the 18-week calling period. The cooperation rate for the telephone survey was 80%. The overall response rate was 42%. There is no sample error, since the entire population of youth, age 15 to 18, in foster care were included in the survey.

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SESRC is committed to high quality and timely delivery of project results. The SESRC team members responsible for these goals for this survey project are listed below.

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first survey of youth in Washington's foster care system ever done for the Children's Administration. It was requested by the agency as a tool for assessing and improving services to youth in foster care. The survey focused on youth 15 to 18 years of age, who were in foster care in 2007. Particular emphasis was placed on how well foster care youth felt the system had prepared them for living on their own.

The survey was done by the Social & Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) of Washington State University and youth who participated were guaranteed that their responses would be confidential. A total of 11,200 calls were made to foster youth between March 17 and July 15, 2008. A total of 698 interviews were completed. The interviews averaged about 26 minutes long, and questions covered such issues as how the foster youth felt about their current foster home, their relationship with their social worker, sibling contacts, education, outlook on the future and how well the child welfare system prepared them for independent living.

SESRC reported that the cooperation rate and the response rate achieved in the survey were higher than those generally achieved in many public opinion surveys and that youth in foster care were highly interested in the survey and in offering their views on the issues addressed in the survey.

By and large, the survey results were positive:

- 88 percent of the youth interviewed said the system had treated them very well or somewhat well in 2007
- 65 percent reported they were very positive about their current foster home
- 87 percent said they knew who their social worker's name and of those, 93 percent knew how to contact their social worker

The survey does point out some areas for practice improvement for Children's Administration. For instance:

- 26% of youth said that they are dissatisfied with the quality of support provided by their social worker.
- Only 49% of youth said that a social worker had referred them to an Independent Living or Transitional Living program.

- Only 33% of youth age 17 and a half or older said that they have ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss their transition from foster care.

In addition to the survey, three "Discussion Groups" were held with youth in Yakima, Richland, and Seattle. The meetings were arranged by Independent Living providers in each of those areas. The discussions took place as the Adolescent Telephone Survey was still in progress. There was no formal selection process used to identify the youth who participated in the discussion groups. For example, the IL providers gathered the youth by:

- Contacting the youth and foster parents by letter and following up with a phone call,
- Gathering a group of youth who were starting a four week Employment class and invited them to participate
- Advertising in their newsletter and gathering youth who happened to be in the building on the day of the discussion group.

Sixteen youth participated in the Richland discussion group and 15 youth participated in Yakima. The Seattle discussion group attracted only five youth, most of whom had aged out of foster care, and a discussion group that had been planned for Spokane was canceled due to a lack of interest on the part of participants.

Given the small number of youth that participated in these groups and the means by which they were selected to participate, the youth participating in these discussion groups were not a representative sample of adolescents in foster care in Washington State. While their comments may accurately reflect their personal experiences in foster care, they cannot be taken as representative of the experiences of other youth in foster care.

II. SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND DESIGN

Study Background and Survey Objectives

The SESRC designed and conducted an independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of youth age 15 to 18 in foster care in Washington State. In addition, the SESRC conducted discussions with three groups of youth participating in Independent Living programs in Seattle, Yakima, and Tri-Cities to obtain additional information about their experiences in foster care. The survey and discussion groups were conducted in 2008 and asked adolescents about their experiences during calendar year 2007.

The main purpose of the survey and discussion groups is to obtain information that is helpful to Children's Administration efforts to improve services to youth in foster care. The survey includes questions on placements in foster homes, interactions with social workers, awareness of and experiences with services to adolescents, life experiences related to sibling relationships, significant adults, school, physical safety, running away and homelessness; and issues related to aging out of the foster care system.

In developing the survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC collaborated with a working group consisting of representatives of the Braam Oversight Panel, Children's Administration (CA), and Braam plaintiffs' attorneys. The survey questionnaire was extensively reviewed by foster care youth, Braam Panel members, Children's Administration staff, and Braam plaintiffs' attorneys, to ensure that it would provide an adequate assessment of youth in foster care in Washington State.

Population and Sample

The population for this survey is described as “all youth ages 15 to 18 who had a current placement episode at the time the sample was drawn, and have been in foster care 60 days or longer, excluding guardianships and VPAs (voluntary placement agreements).” Table 1 below displays the population as of the March 2008 administrative record file maintained by DSHS. Since the entire population of eligible youth was included in the survey there is no sample error in the survey. Table 2 below displays the number of interviews conducted by region and age category.

Table 1. Population by Region and Age

<i>Age</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Total</i>
15 - 17	145	151	223	343	246	263	1371
18	12	13	19	32	17	29	122
18 Left Care	14	30	32	45	28	37	186
Total	171	194	274	420	291	329	1679

Table 2. Interviews by Region and Age

<i>Age</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Total</i>
15 - 17	87	79	104	131	104	137	642
18	3	5	7	8	8	14	45
18 Left Care	1	3	2	5	4	4	19
Total	91	87	113	144	116	155	706

Questionnaire Design

Questionnaire items were obtained from a variety of sources including other surveys such as the Casey Survey of foster care, the Chapin Hall survey of foster care, the Washington State foster parent survey, and the foster care to 21 program survey. Additionally, questionnaire items were suggested by CA staff and others. The SESRC worked closely with a survey workgroup consisting of representative from the Braam Oversight Panel, Children's Administration, and Braam plaintiffs' attorneys to develop the initial draft of the survey questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed to get youth experiences and views of each of the following specific areas:

- A. Placement
- B. School and Education
- C. Runaways/ Homelessness
- D. Significant adult relationships
- E. Health/Mental Health Services
- F. Social Worker Visits
- G. Sibling Relations
- H. Court Awareness
- I. Service Awareness
- J. Job Opportunities
- K. Independent Living
- L. Youth Aging Out Plans
- M. Braam Outcome Question (Q99)
- N. Physical Safety questions
- O. Demographic questions

An initial draft of the questionnaire was pretested with a group of foster care youth at the Treehouse facility in Seattle, Washington on Saturday, January 12th. Youth attending the Passion to Action meeting were asked to complete a paper version of the questionnaire and were then given an opportunity to critique the questionnaire and discuss their reactions to the prior letters and the questionnaire. In general, the questionnaire and prior letters were well received by these youth, and few significant

problems were identified. Suggestions for improving the letters and questionnaire were incorporated into the final telephone interview questionnaire.

The survey questionnaire was programmed into the SESRC's Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system. The CATI was then tested by SESRC staff members before any calling began. Since no extra youth sample was available for a true pretest of the questionnaire, we used the first day's calling to "pretest" the survey. The SESRC began interviews on March 17, 2008 with SESRC trained interviewers. An 89% cooperation rate was obtained during this first evening of calling, and thirty-nine interviews were completed. Interviews lasted an average of 32 minutes, and this initial calling revealed that no changes to the questionnaire were needed. Only minor changes were made mainly pertaining to definitions for some terms used in the survey.

Youth Discussion Groups

SESRC collaborated with Children's Administration to design and conduct discussion groups with youth in foster care to provide additional qualitative information for CA. Children's Administration identified four Independent Living providers that were contacted by SESRC to help set up the discussion groups. Those contacted included IL providers in Spokane, Tri-Cities, Yakima, and Seattle. The goal was to conduct discussion group type sessions with youth to obtain qualitative information about their personal experiences in foster care. SESRC designed a moderator's guide for these sessions and arranged for dates during June 2008 to visit each IL provider and conduct discussion groups with the youth over a one to two hour time period. Participation in the discussion groups was voluntary and snacks and drinks were provided for youth who participated. There was no formal selection process used to identify youth who participated in the discussion groups and the IL providers arranged for their participation by personal contacts, gathering a group of youth who were starting a four week Employment class and inviting them to participate, advertising in their newsletter, and gathering youth who happened to be in the building on the day of the discussion group. To encourage participation, youth were told they would be given a cash prize of \$10 at the conclusion of the discussion. The discussion groups were audio recorded and all information collected is kept as confidential by SESRC. Given the small number of youth that participated in these discussion groups and the non-random selection methods, the results are not representative of the experiences of all adolescents in foster care in Washington State.

III. SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

Human Subjects Research Review

SESRC completed an Exempt Determination Request for the Institutional Review Board at Washington State University on March 10, 2008 (WSU-IRB # 10331-001). Based on the Washington State IRB assessment provided through Children's Administration, this survey of youth in foster care is for evaluation purposes only and not for research purposes. Therefore, no further IRB approval was needed through WSU.

Progression of Survey

Several procedures were implemented to help build rapport with respondents and to ensure that respondents felt comfortable with the survey. Information about the survey was placed on the BRAAM website just as the survey data collection period was getting underway. Advance letters were sent approximately three to four days before the beginning of telephone interviews. First, an advance letter was sent to the 1679 foster parents to inform them about the survey of youth in foster care and explain more about the purpose of the survey and who was supporting it. About two days after the foster parent letters were mailed, each of the youth being asked to participate in the telephone survey was sent a personalized letter informing them about the purpose of the survey and that they would be called by an SESRC interviewer. The letters provided a toll-free 800-telephone number that youth (or their foster parents) could call in order to ask questions about the survey. This toll-free number was maintained throughout the calling period. The letter also explained that youth participating in the survey would have their names entered into a drawing for one of 18 cash gifts of \$100 each (three per region).

A particular concern for this survey was to put in place several safeguards to guarantee confidentiality in responding and anonymity in survey results, so that the youth (and their foster parents) felt comfortable in responding to the survey honestly. To ensure that survey respondents could not be identified from their survey responses the SESRC followed federal guidelines for protection of human subjects, and adopted the following additional procedures:

- a. removed all identifiers from the survey dataset
- b. created summed response categories for variables with fewer than 3 respondents in any one category

- c. omitted any variable that when cross-tabbed with other variables could produce a crosstab cell with fewer than 3 respondents
- d. the survey dataset is maintained in a secure location at SESRC.

Interviewer Training. The initial project training for interviewers was held on March 17, 2008 and additional training sessions were held as needed throughout the data collection period to train new interviewers for the study or clarify interviewing circumstances. All interviewers selected to work on this project received a minimum of eight hours of basic interview training and an additional hour of project specific training. The project training included background information, purpose of the study, definitions, and a review of the questions and content of this survey. In addition, interviewers practiced a minimum of one hour on the CATI questionnaire before calling on the actual survey. At all times during the course of training and project calling, one or more supervisors were always available to provide quality control and to respond to interviewers' needs and questions. Overall, the SESRC trained three supervisors and 33 telephone interviewers to conduct the telephone calls and interviews for this survey.

Telephone Interviews. The calling on the full study commenced after the training on March 17, 2008 and calling was completed on July 15, 2008. The average number of call attempts across all cases was 12. Call attempts were made at different times of the day and on different days of the week in order to maximize the likelihood of reaching respondents. At least 3 evening call attempts were made and two daytime call attempts. At least one call attempt was made on the weekend. If an interviewer called at an inconvenient time for the respondent, the interviewer attempted to schedule a specific time to re-contact the household for an interview. If an answering machine was encountered, interviewers were instructed to leave a scripted answering machine message. If an answering message was left, the phone number was held for three days and then called on again. Only one answering machine message was left for each phone number. At the time of the interviewer's call the youth respondent could request being called back at a different time and/or at a different telephone number.

A total of 11,200 calls were made during the calling period in order to conduct the interviews. The average length for a completed interview was 26 minutes.

Interviewers made an average of sixteen calls per hour during the calling period and one interview was completed every hour on average.

During the survey period there were some youth who could not be contacted because their telephone numbers were disconnected or nonworking, and no other number could be obtained. SESRC twice provided these numbers to Children's Administration for updated information. By the end of the survey, a total of 290 youth could never be contacted because the telephone numbers were disconnected and no other number could be obtained during the survey period. Many of these youth were 18 or older, and had left care, and no updated information was available for them.

Interviewer Monitoring. To maintain data quality and continuity in the telephone data collection process, interviewer performance was regularly monitored and measured. One of the main purposes of monitoring is to minimize interviewer effects. Interviewers are scored on specific factors that measure proper interviewing techniques. The two principles that guide the training and scoring of interviews are: (1) respondents should receive information that is delivered by the interviewer in an unbiased manner; and (2) every respondent should receive the same stimulus from each interviewer. These principles translate into six basic interviewing rules that are used as factors by the monitor for scoring an interview:

- Rule 1: The reading of each question is exactly as it is written and in the order in which it appears in the questionnaire.
- Rule 2: Never skip a question.
- Rule 3: Accurate recording of all responses.
- Rule 4: Standard neutral feedback phrases such as "Thank you. That's important information" or "I see" are given as acceptable responses.
- Rule 5: Standard neutral cues or probes such as "Could you tell me more about that" or "Which would be closer to the way you feel?" are given to the respondent to help him/her give more complete answers to questions.
- Rule 6: Accurately record the outcome of each call

One hundred and fourteen telephone interviews were completely monitored during the survey period. This represents almost 16% of the total number of interviews.

Non-Working Number Protocol. Because of confidentiality concerns, SESRC did not attempt to find new phone numbers in cases where non-working numbers were encountered (either disconnected phone lines or incorrect phone numbers). Instead, the SESRC periodically sent information about cases with non-working numbers to the Children's Administration (CA) throughout the calling period. CA sent additional and/or new information about those cases when that information was available to them.

Data Entry and Data Management

All SESRC interviews were conducted from the Public Opinion Laboratory (POL) of SESRC using a Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system from the Voxco Company. The CATI system displays survey questions on a computer monitor from which the interviewer can read the question to the respondent and then enter the response directly into the CATI database for storage on the server computer. Data files were collected at the conclusion of the survey and archived to CD-ROM for permanent storage at SESRC.

Youth Discussion Groups

In addition to the survey, three "Discussion Groups" were held with youth in Yakima, Richland and Seattle. The meetings were arranged by Independent Living providers in each of those areas. The discussions took place as the Adolescent Telephone Survey was still in progress. All Independent Living providers that we contacted agreed to participate in the discussion groups to gather additional qualitative information. This required each IL provider to make their foster youth aware of the study and to recruit them for this purpose. SESRC provided assistance by designing a flier that IL providers could use to announce the groups and recruit foster youth. (Copies of these are in the study documents section of this report.) There was no formal selection process used to identify the youth who participated in the discussion groups. For example, the IL providers gathered the youth by:

- Contacting the youth and foster parents by letter and following up with a phone call,
- Gathering a group of youth who were starting a four week Employment class and invited them to participate

- Advertising in their newsletter and gathering youth who happened to be in the building on the day of the discussion group.

The discussion groups were scheduled to be as convenient and non-disruptive as possible for each IL provider during the month of June 2008 in the following locations:

- Yakima: Friday, June 20, 2008 Noon to 1:30
- Seattle: Monday, June 23, 2008 3:30 to 5PM
- Richland: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 11:30 to 1PM
- Spokane: Thursday, June 26, 2008 Noon to 1:30

Three of the four IL providers were successful in recruiting sufficient foster youth to come to the discussion groups. Both Yakima and Richland IL providers were able to recruit 15 and 16 youth respectively for their discussion groups. The Seattle IL provider was only able to recruit five youth who had already aged out of the foster care system. And due to competing events, the IL provider in Spokane was not able to recruit enough youth into the study to warrant conducting a discussion group, so this one was canceled.

Given the small number of youth that participated in these groups and the means by which they were selected to participate, this was not a representative sample of adolescents in foster care in Washington State. While their comments may accurately reflect their personal experience in foster care, they cannot be taken as representative of the experiences of other youth in foster care.

Youth at all three discussion groups that were conducted were very participative and had much to say about their experiences in foster care, both positive and negative. While the discussions were broad ranging, the discussion group moderator (Dr. Tarnai) attempted as much as possible to discuss the discussion on the following issues:

ISSUE 1. First, how many of you remember participating in this telephone survey? You would have received a letter about the survey sometime this spring.

ISSUE 1A. For those that do remember participating in this telephone survey, how was the experience for you? Was it positive, negative, OK. Was it too long, or about right? Did your foster parent encourage you to participate? Any other reactions or things you want to say about it?

- ISSUE 1B.** For those that did not participate in the survey, what's the main reason that you didn't participate? Do you remember receiving the letter? Did a foster parent discourage you from participating? Would you be interested in participating, and if so, may we call you for an interview?
- ISSUE 2.** In general, how has the foster care system treated you and what's the main reason you feel the way you do? Do you think it's treated you very well, somewhat well, or not very well? Why do you feel this way?
- ISSUE 3.** How involved have you been in your case planning? Would you say you are very involved, somewhat involved, somewhat uninvolved, or very uninvolved? Why do feel this way?
- ISSUE 4:** How well prepared to you think you are to meet your educational goals? Would you say you are very well prepared, somewhat prepared, somewhat unprepared, or very unprepared? Why do feel this way?
- ISSUE 5:** How are you doing in school, and do you get help from your school in dealing with issues? What kinds of problems do you have in school?
- ISSUE 6:** Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of support provided by your social worker? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? What's the main reason you feel this way?
- ISSUE 7:** For those who are 18 or who will be turning 18 soon, how prepared do you feel to live on your own? How prepared do you feel you are to get a full-time job? Why do you feel this way? Are there things that the foster care system could do to help you prepare to live on your own?
- ISSUE 8:** What do you know about the Independent Living or the Transitional Living program, sometimes referred to as the IL or the TL program? Have you participated in these programs? Why or why not? Are there things you'd like to see improved in IL and TL?
- ISSUE 9:** How many of you have been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care? What does "shared planning meeting" mean to you? If this has occurred, where did it take place? If it hasn't occurred, will you take part in this? Why or why not?
- ISSUE 10:** What is the best way for DSHS to keep you informed about things? What's most effective; email, postal letters, via your social worker, or foster parent?
- ISSUE 11:** Are there any other issues that you want to talk about? Any positive or negative things that anyone wants to mention? Or changes you'd like to see?

III. STUDY RESULTS

Response Rates

Two kinds of response rates for the survey sample were calculated from the number of completed interviews obtained and are presented in Table 3. The **cooperation rate** (CR) is the ratio of the number of completed and partially completed interviews plus ineligibles to the number of completed, partially completed, ineligibles and refusal cases. The formula for calculating the cooperation rate is:

$$\frac{(CM+PC)}{[(CM+PC+RF)]}$$

where CM = number of completed interviews
 PC = number of partially completed interviews
 RF = number of refusals

For the total fielded sample, the cooperation rate was **80%**.

The AAPOR **response rate** (RR4) is the ratio of the number of completed and partially completed interviews, to the number of completed, partially completed, eligible non-interviews and the product of the unknown eligibility non-interviews times the eligibility estimate. The formula for calculating the response rate is provided below, and is derived from the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR):

$$\frac{(CM+PC)}{[(CM+PC +RF+ NC+ OT) + e*UE]}$$

where CM = number of completed interviews
 PC = number of partially completed interviews
 RF = number of refusals
 NC = Non Contact
 OT = Other
 UE = number of unknown eligible, non-interview
 e = estimated eligibility

$$e = \frac{(CM + PC + RF + NC + OT)}{CM + PC + RF + NC + OT + UE + NW}$$

For the total fielded population, the response rate was **42%**

Sample Disposition and Sample Error

Table 3. Telephone Sample Disposition

	<i>Disposition Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
CM	Completed Interviews	698
PC	Partial Interviews	8
RF	Refusals	173
NC	Non Contact	277
OT	Other Non Contact	226
IE	Ineligible (respondent not in foster care in 2007)	4
DE	Deceased	3
NW	Non Working/Missing information	290
	Total	1679
e	estimated eligible	
CR	= (CM+PC) / (CM+PC+RF)	80%
RR4	= (CM+PC) / (CM+PC+RF+NC+OT+NW)	42%

The cooperation rate and the response rate achieved in this study are somewhat higher than those generally achieved in many public opinion surveys. These high rates reflect what our telephone interviewers experienced in conducting the telephone interviews - that youth in foster care were highly interested in the survey and in offering their views on the issues addressed in the survey. The high cooperation and response rate are also due to the efforts of the SESRC data collection supervisors and interviewers in contacting respondents at various times throughout the day and on various days throughout the week during the survey period to ensure that people who were not at home would still have an opportunity to participate in the survey.

Sample Error

Sample error is a measure of the degree to which a randomly selected sample of respondents represents the population from which it is drawn. Sample error also is the basis upon which tests of statistical significance are calculated. Because all eligible youth in foster care 15 to 18 years of age in foster care in Washington are included in the survey, no sampling was conducted, and there is no sample error.

Table 4. Detailed Sample Disposition

	Total
Completed Interviews	698
Partials	8
	<i>706</i>
REFUSALS	
Refusals - Hang ups	11
Refusal by Another Person	72
Hard refusals (Don't call back)	90
	<i>173</i>
INELIGIBLE	
Ineligible - R not in foster care in 2007	4
Deceased	3
	<i>7</i>
NONCONTACT	
Call-backs	32
Busy	4
No Answer	41
Answering Machines	184
Blocked Call	5
Electronic Device	3
Respondent Never Available	8
	<i>277</i>
OTHER NONCONTACT	
R has turned 18	71
Run Away	38
Jail/Detention	38
Moved to new foster home	26
Moved back with birth family	10
R is in treatment, unable to receive calls	7
Physically or mentally unable	35
No screener competed due to Language	1
	<i>226</i>
MISSING/INCORRECT INFORMATION	
Disconnected	79
Wrong Number	156
Missing Phone Number	14
Temporarily out of service	38
Other Cases	1
Duplicates	2
	<i>290</i>
Total Sample	1679

Summary of Survey Results for All Youth Participating in the Survey

The survey results presented in this report are for all foster care youth who participated in this survey. The survey results are generalizable to all youth in foster care in Washington State who are 15 to 18 years of age. This summary is organized by question topic, and largely follows the question sequence of the interview.

Placement

- The median number of years spent in foster care, including relative placements, for these youth is five years.
- 51% of these youth were in the same placement for all of 2007; 25% were in two placements in 2007.
- Youth behavior problems, problems in the family, and not getting along in the placement accounted for 56% of the reasons that youth were moved to different placements in 2007.
- The median number of different placements experienced by these youth during their entire years in foster care is four. However, 19% of these youth reported having more than 10 different placements during their years in foster care.
- 55% of these youth were in a foster home during 2007, and 20% were living with relatives.
- Their current placement was headed by dual parents for 69% of these youth.
- The majority of these youth were in placements with two or fewer other children living there. For 17% they were the only child in the placement; for 20% there was one other child; and for 21% there were two other children present.
- Almost 17% of these youth had lived three or more years at this placement, and 52% had lived there for 12 months or less.
- 46% of these youth said that the foster care system had treated them very well in 2007; 42% said somewhat well; and 12% said not very well.
- Asked for the main reason that they felt the way they did about the foster care system, the dominant positive reason given by 17% of these youth was that they got lots of help and were well taken care of and supported. The dominant negative reason given by almost 13% of youth was they didn't like being in foster care, and didn't feel that they were supported.
- Asked how they felt about their current placement, almost 65% said very positive.
- 79% of these youth said that they were very or somewhat involved in their case planning in 2007.

School

- 42% of these youth said they received mostly A's, B's or A's and B's in 2007. Another 28% said they received mostly B's and C's.
- 30% of these youth said that they were suspended or expelled from school during 2007.
- About 71% of these youth say that they hope to achieve an associate's degree or higher in the future.
- 85% say that they are very well prepared or somewhat prepared to achieve their educational goals.
- 68% of these youth have heard of and IEP or 504 Plan, and of these 55% have an Individual Education Plan now (43% of all youth age 17.5 and older).
- Among these youth who are knowledgeable about IEPs, 58% say they have attended an IEP meeting, and of these, 36% said that their social worker attended the most recent meeting with them.

Runaways/Homelessness

- About 25% of these youth said that they ran away from their placement in 2007. Of those that ran away, most only ran away once (40%) or twice (24%).
- The majority of those that ran away stayed with a friend (56%). The dominant reasons given for running away were that they didn't get along with the foster parents or family, and/or didn't like the placement or the way they were treated there.

Significant adult relationships

- 77% of these youth said they had contact with an adult member of their biological family in 2007.
- For those that did not have such contact in 2007, 27% said this was by choice, and 73% said it was not possible to arrange contact.
- For those that did have such contact in 2007, 35% said they were in contact a few times a week, 15% said about once a week, and 19% said a few times a month. 48% of these youth said this was the right amount of contact, and 44% said they would have preferred more contact.
- Asked if there was one adult that has had an important positive influence on their life currently, 81% of youth said yes. Asked how this person was related to them, 27% said it was a foster parent, 15% said a grandparent, and 16% said another relative.
- 88% of these youth said that there is definitely or probably someone in whom they can confide or talk to.
- Asked who they go to first when they have a problem, almost 27% of these youth said foster parents, and 28% said friends.

Health/Mental Health Services

- 88% of these youth said their health was excellent, very good, or good.
- Almost 82% said they had had a physical examination by a doctor less than a year ago. 88% said they had a dental examination less than a year ago.
- About 12% of these youth said that there were times in 2007 when they thought they needed medical care but didn't get it.
- 50% of these youth are currently seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist. 46% have been seeing this person for more than one year. 49% said that this has been very helpful to them, and 36% said it has been somewhat helpful.
- About 56% of these youth seeing a therapist said there was no change in whom they were seeing during 2007. For those whose therapists changed in 2007, the dominant reasons for this were due to a change in placement (51%) and that the therapist decided to leave (22%).
- 9% of these youth said that there were times in 2007 when they thought they needed counseling or therapy but didn't get it. The main reasons given were for depression and sadness, help with problems and issues, and needing to talk with someone. The main reason given for not getting the needed therapy or counseling (by almost 32%) was not following through to ask for it.
- 23% of these youth said they have had an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007.

Social Worker

- The median number of social workers that these youth have had since they've been in foster care is three.
- 87% know their current social worker's name, and 93% know how to contact them. Almost 54% of these youth communicate with their social worker at least once a month or more. 52% know how to contact their social worker after hours or on weekends.
- 44% of these youth have a face-to-face visit with their social worker at least once a month. 87% of these visits were at the youth's placement.
- 43% of these youth are very satisfied with the quality of support provided by their social worker, and 31% are somewhat satisfied. 26% are dissatisfied.

Sibling Relations

- 95% of these youth have biological siblings, and for most (75%) their siblings are not living with them.
- 50% of these youth with siblings not living with them have visits and other forms of contact with their siblings at least once a month or more often.
- For those that have the least contact with their siblings, a main reason is that the siblings live far away, or are in another state (30%).

Court Awareness

- 41% of these youth have a Guardian Ad Litem. 78% of these youth say they are represented by an attorney.
- 74% of these youth say that their wishes and interests were heard in court in 2007.
- Asked how often they were notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings, 35% of these youth said always, and 22% said most of the time.
- 33% of these youth attended no dependency court hearings in 2007, and 27% attended three or more.
- 43% of these youth did not miss any dependency court hearings that they were aware of, and 23% missed three or more.
- Over 77% of these youth say that they were advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007, including the ones they missed.

Service Awareness

- Only 32% of these youth had ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program.
- 58% of these youth had heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program.
- 43% of these youth had heard about the "you-can-go-to-college" or the "foster care to college" workshops put on by Independent Living providers.
- 46% of youth had heard of the Make-It-Happen summer college experience program.

Job Opportunities

- 22% of these youth are currently working for pay. And, 60% have ever worked for pay.
- Among those who have not ever worked for pay, 55% said that they wanted to work but couldn't find any paying jobs.
- 62% of these youth said that they are currently looking for work.
- 79% of these youth said that their caregivers were supportive of their efforts to look for work. Only 4% said they were not supportive.
- 35% of these youth say they feel very well prepared to get a full time job, and 47% feel they are somewhat prepared.

Independent Living

- 49% of these youth say that a social worker referred them to an IL or TL program. 37% of these youth say they have ever participated in an Independent Living or a Transitional Living program.

- Among those who have not participated in these programs the main reasons given for not participating include not knowing about them (39%), that a social worker had not invited them or set it up (14%), not needing it or wanting it (13%), and being too busy with school or work (10%).
- 31% of these youth say they completed a life skills assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment in 2007. 62% of these youth said that their social worker reviewed the results with them.
- 35% of these youth said that their social worker or IL provider invited them to develop an Independent Living plan. Among these, 80% said they did participate in developing this IL plan.
- Asked how well their IL plan would help in making the transition to adulthood, among those with an IL plan, 47% said very well and 50% said somewhat well.
- Youth were asked whether they had received any information or training about 11 skills needed for independent living. The table below displays the percent of these youth that responded “yes” to these skills.

	% YES
A. How to succeed in high school or college	39%
B. Assistance with applying to colleges	37%
C. Preparing for college	48%
D. Finding a job	50%
E. Keeping a job	41%
F. Finding housing	30%
G. Daily living skills	55%
H. Interpersonal skills	40%
I. Advocating for yourself	43%
J. Making healthy connections with your biological family	37%
K. Making healthy connections with your extended family	39%

Youth Aging Out Plans (asked only of youth age 17 and a half or older)

- 33% of these youth say that they have ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss their transition from foster care. Among these youth, 66% said the meeting had already taken place. And, 94% of youth invited to a planning meeting said that they had participated or will be participating in this shared planning meeting.
- 44% of these youth said that they had talked with their social worker or their IL provider about developing a transition plan for their exit from foster care.
- 36% of these youth said that they participated in developing a transition plan.
- 19% of these youth said they have a written plan for transition from foster care.
- Youth were asked about five specific aspects of things needed for independent living. The table below displays the percent of these youth that responded “yes” to each of these.

	% YES
A. Are you taking or have you completed a Driver's Education class?	33%
B. Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?	69%
C. Do you have a driver's license or ID card from Washington State?	50%
D. Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?	59%
E. Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?	80%

- Asked how prepared they are to live on their own, only 26% said very prepared, and 51% said somewhat prepared. 23% said they felt not very or not at all prepared.

Physical Safety questions

- Youth were asked if there was any time in 2007 when another person at their placement made them feel physically unsafe. 14% of these youth responded "yes."
- In the majority of these instances (50%), the person that made the youth feel unsafe was another youth. But, almost a third of these youth said it was a foster parent.
- The main reason given for feeling unsafe (41%) was that the youth felt threatened. 62% of these youth said they told their social worker about the incident.
- 18 of these youth asked to be contacted, and their information was forwarded to Children's Administration for followup immediately following the interview. Additionally 10 youth requested and were provided a phone number to contact for help.

Demographic questions

- Youth were asked how optimistic they were about their future. 53% of these youth said they were very optimistic, and 36% said they were fairly optimistic. Only 11% said they were not too optimistic.
- 51% of these youth are male, and 49% are female.
- 97% of these youth were born in the United States.
- 68% of these youth live on the west side of the state, 26% live on the east side, and 6% are out-of-state.
- The majority of these youth live in a small town (42%) or an urban area (40%).

- Asked to identify their ethnic background 7% say they are Native American, 12% Black, 3% Asian, Hawaiian, and Aleut, 8% Hispanic, 52% White, and 18% of mixed ethnic backgrounds. Separately almost 18% of these youth say they are of Hispanic background.
- 87% have a computer in their placement. Of these, 80% have Internet access in their placement.
- 93% of these youth say they know their sexual orientation, and 96% believe that their foster parents know as well.
- 91% of these youth identified themselves as heterosexual, 2% said they were homosexual, 6% said they were bisexual, and only one person identified themselves as transgender.
- About 4% of these youth indicated that their sexual orientation had created problems for them in their placement. The main problems mentioned dealt with problems at school, harassment, and not being accepted by others.
- Two of these youth asked to be contacted, and their information was forwarded to Children's Administration for followup immediately following the interview. Additionally three youth requested and were provided a phone number to contact for help.

Youth Discussion Group Results

Youth Discussion Group/Informational Session Yakima, WA Friday - June 20, 2008

Youth-Participant Demographic Profile:

N = 15 (One participant left the session after about 30 minutes)

Age Range: 16 – 19

Years in Foster Care (Range): 1 – 14 years

Mean = 5.6 years

Median = 5.5 years

Racial/Ethnic Background: Caucasian, Latino and unspecified mixed race

Gender: 13 female; 2 male

Summary

A few youth have had excellent experiences with foster care. Typically, these young people were assigned to foster homes where they were welcomed warmly, treated like family members and respected. Many youth report having had negative experiences with the system. Some felt that they were not wanted or liked by their foster parents, who seemed only to be in it for the money. Several say they were physically or emotionally abused. Youth felt that they had little recourse in cases of abuse and neglect, because CPS investigations are superficial and ineffective.

In general, the youth seem to be doing well in school. Despite moving from school-to-school, they are not deficient of credits and are on track for high school graduation. Some youth reported instances of racial discrimination or discrimination from school administrators who seem to regard foster youth as inferior. Youth rarely hear from or see their social workers, although they see caseworkers and Catholic Family Services counselors more frequently and appreciate the attention and assistance. It is difficult to get caseworkers and social workers to respond to telephone or email messages. Many of the foster youth reported being “stood-up” for scheduled appointments with no apology or explanation.

The foster youth consider themselves poorly prepared for the transition from foster care. They receive little assistance with planning. Some simply are turned out with no discussion of future plans or preparation. Youth identified many problems that need to be addressed to improve their experience in foster care and help them cope better with life, including attending promptly to medical and emotional problems, selecting foster care providers more carefully, matching youth to foster homes better, helping youth stay connected with their families, and providing coaching for the transition to life on their own.

Youth Discussion Group/Informational Session
Seattle, WA
Monday - June 23, 2008

Youth-Participant Demographic Profile:

N = 5

Age Range: 17 – 20 years

Years in Foster Care (Range): 5 – 18

Mean = 11.2 years

Median = 11 years

Racial/Ethnic Background: 4 African American; 1 mixed race Asian American/Latino

Gender: All female

Summary

Most of the session focused on discussing the many problems that the youth experienced or are experiencing currently in the foster care system. Youth were eager to report and discuss their problems rather than respond to the prepared interview questions.

The experience in foster care for most of these youth has been negative. Some felt that they were not liked by their foster parents, who seemed only to be in it for the money. Some foster parents fomented arguments with the youth which resulted in referral to juvenile services and removal. Several of the young women said they were physically or emotionally abused. They had little recourse in such cases, because they said that investigations of complaints did not include their perspectives.

Although two of the young women reported liking school, most are not coping well there. Three of the five youth interviewed did not complete high school. Pregnancy and drug addiction interfered with their school completion. One youth reported that she was automatically disenrolled when she became pregnant.

Youth rarely heard from or saw their social workers or case workers. They indicated that it was generally difficult to get social workers to respond to their messages or requests for assistance.

The foster youth consider themselves quite unprepared from the transition from foster care. They say they have received no assistance with planning. They cannot perform even basic functions like cooking, paying bills or managing money. They identified several problems that need to be addressed to improve the experience in foster care and help youth cope better with life, including helping them stay connected with family, placing siblings together in a foster home, if at all possible, and providing coaching for the transition to life on one's own.

Youth Discussion Group/Informational Session
Tri Cities, WA
Tuesday - June 24, 2008

Youth-Participant Demographic Profile:

N = 16

Age Range: 14 – 18 years (Mean = 15.6 years)

Time in Foster Care (Range): 7 mos. – 9 years

Mean = 3.7 years

Median = 2.5 years

Racial/Ethnic Background: Caucasian; Asian American, Latino, mixed race

Gender: 8 male; 8 female

Summary

Several of the youth in this group had excellent experiences in foster care. Typically, these young people were assigned to foster homes where they were welcomed warmly and treated like family members. Unfortunately, many youth also reported negative experiences with foster care. Some felt that they were not wanted or liked by their foster parents. Youth have little recourse in cases of abuse and neglect, because social workers tend not to believe their complaints. In general, the youth seem to be doing well in school. Despite moving from school-to-school, they are not deficient of credits and are on track for high school graduation. Although some youth reported instances of racial discrimination or discrimination from school administrators who seem to regard the foster youth as problematic, many said that they have been treated well. Many youth are bothered by the gang activity in the Tri-Cities area.

It is difficult to get caseworkers and social workers to respond to telephone or email messages. Many of the foster youth reported being “stood-up” for scheduled appointments with no apology or explanation. When social workers and case workers keep appointments, they often perform other tasks like making deliveries. Youth feel that they do not get the agency worker’s full attention.

Youth consider themselves poorly prepared for the transition from foster care. They receive instruction about cooking and doing laundry, but not about things they consider more important, such as managing money, paying bills, securing credit, and buying a house.

Several of the youth cited positive consequences of their experiences in foster care, including improvements in behavior and coping, successful resolution of family problems, and a safer, happier life.

V. SURVEY RESULTS - FREQUENCY TABULATIONS

A note about the difference between "percent" and "valid percent" in the tables that follow.

The survey result tables show two different percent values that differ in how the missing values and skips are included in the calculation of the percentages.

The "**percent**" column includes the missing and skips in the calculation.

The "**valid percent**" does not include them.

In most instances, the "valid percent" is the appropriate measure to use, since this shows the percent of only those youth that answered the question.

There are three kinds of "**missing**" values reported for survey questions:

- Don't Know – when a youth responds with "don't know"
- Refused – when a youth says they don't want to answer
- System – refers to missing values that occur because of instructions in the survey to skip certain questions that don't apply to all respondents

REP Sample Information--Replicate

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	15-17	642	90.9	90.9	90.9
	18	45	6.4	6.4	97.3
	18 Left Care	19	2.7	2.7	100.0
	Total	706	100.0	100.0	

YBEGN We recently mailed a letter to you about a survey of young adults in foster care placements. Do you remember receiving the letter?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	600	85.0	85.7	85.7
	No	100	14.2	14.3	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

YINFO Do you agree to do this interview?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes - Continue	706	100.0	100.0	100.0

CONFID OK if I come to any question you would prefer not to answer, just let me know, and I'll skip over it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes - Continue	706	100.0	100.0	100.0

Q01 First, about how many years have you spent in foster care, including placements with relatives?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	108	15.3	15.7	15.7
	2	80	11.3	11.6	27.2
	3	85	12.0	12.3	39.6
	4	57	8.1	8.3	47.8
	5	63	8.9	9.1	57.0
	6	39	5.5	5.7	62.6
	7	28	4.0	4.1	66.7
	8	49	6.9	7.1	73.8
	9	30	4.2	4.3	78.1
	10	31	4.4	4.5	82.6
	11	19	2.7	2.8	85.4
	12	8	1.1	1.2	86.5
	13	29	4.1	4.2	90.7
	14	22	3.1	3.2	93.9
	15	14	2.0	2.0	95.9
	16	15	2.1	2.2	98.1
	17	10	1.4	1.4	99.6
	18	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	690	97.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	15	2.1		
	Total	16	2.3		
	Total	706	100.0		

Q02 How many different placements did you have in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	One	355	50.3	51.2	51.2
	Two	170	24.1	24.5	75.8
	Three	84	11.9	12.1	87.9
	Four	35	5.0	5.1	92.9
	Five	21	3.0	3.0	96.0
	Six or more	28	4.0	4.0	100.0
	Total	693	98.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	.4		
	Don't know	10	1.4		
	Total	13	1.8		
	Total	706	100.0		

Q03 What is your understanding of why these moves happened?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	311	44.1	99.0	99.0
	No comments	3	.4	1.0	100.0
	Total	314	44.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	Don't know	20	2.8		
	System	368	52.1		
	Total	392	55.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q03A Q3 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Temporary Placement	30	4.2	9.8	9.8
	Behavior Problems	75	10.6	24.6	34.4
	Family Problems	52	7.4	17.0	51.5
	Ran Away	13	1.8	4.3	55.7
	Youth Request	34	4.8	11.1	66.9
	Foster Parent Request	21	3.0	6.9	73.8
	Agency Reasons	14	2.0	4.6	78.4
	Not Sure	12	1.7	3.9	82.3
	Other Reasons	13	1.8	4.3	86.6
	Didn't get along/didn't work out	41	5.8	13.4	100.0
	Total	305	43.2	100.0	
Missing	System	401	56.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q04 Is there anything that could have been done to prevent these moves from occurring?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	279	39.5	86.6	86.6
	No comments	43	6.1	13.4	100.0
	Total	322	45.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	14	2.0		
	System	369	52.3		
	Total	384	54.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q04A Q4 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No - nothing	98	13.9	35.9	35.9
	Better planning or placement	27	3.8	9.9	45.8
	Changed own behavior	63	8.9	23.1	68.9
	Dealt with own anger or temper	6	.8	2.2	71.1
	More support or counseling	11	1.6	4.0	75.1
	Foster parent or parent behavior	27	3.8	9.9	85.0
	Talked with someone/asked for help	12	1.7	4.4	89.4
	Not sure	4	.6	1.5	90.8
	Other reasons	25	3.5	9.2	100.0
	Total	273	38.7	100.0	
Missing	System	433	61.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q05 How many TOTAL placements have you had since you've been in foster care, including placements with relatives?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	88	12.5	13.3	13.3
	2	88	12.5	13.3	26.5
	3	105	14.9	15.8	42.3
	4	73	10.3	11.0	53.3
	5	53	7.5	8.0	61.3
	6	37	5.2	5.6	66.9
	7	41	5.8	6.2	73.0
	8	27	3.8	4.1	77.1
	9	7	1.0	1.1	78.2
	10	19	2.7	2.9	81.0
	11	11	1.6	1.7	82.7
	12	17	2.4	2.6	85.2
	13	6	.8	.9	86.1
	14	6	.8	.9	87.0
	15	14	2.0	2.1	89.2
	16	9	1.3	1.4	90.5
	17	4	.6	.6	91.1
	18	3	.4	.5	91.6
	19	5	.7	.8	92.3
	20	11	1.6	1.7	94.0
	21	3	.4	.5	94.4
	22	3	.4	.5	94.9
	23	1	.1	.2	95.0
	25	3	.4	.5	95.5
	26	1	.1	.2	95.6
	27	2	.3	.3	95.9
	28	2	.3	.3	96.2
	29	1	.1	.2	96.4
	30	4	.6	.6	97.0
	32	2	.3	.3	97.3
	34	1	.1	.2	97.4
	35	2	.3	.3	97.7
	38	1	.1	.2	97.9
	40	1	.1	.2	98.0
	43	1	.1	.2	98.2
	45	1	.1	.2	98.3
	50	4	.6	.6	98.9
	55	1	.1	.2	99.1
	56	1	.1	.2	99.2
	60	2	.3	.3	99.5
	73	1	.1	.2	99.7
	75	1	.1	.2	99.8
	99	1	.1	.2	100.0
	Total	664	94.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		

Q06 I have a few questions about your current placement. In your current placement, are you . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Living with relatives	136	19.3	19.5	19.5
	In a foster home	385	54.5	55.2	74.6
	In a foster-adopt home	35	5.0	5.0	79.7
	In a group home	83	11.8	11.9	91.5
	In some other situation	59	8.4	8.5	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	2	.3		
	Total	8	1.1		
Total	706	100.0			

Q06A Q6 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Living with Relatives	1	.1	1.7	1.7
	In a Foster Home	12	1.7	20.3	22.0
	In a Group Home	2	.3	3.4	25.4
	Other	8	1.1	13.6	39.0
	Adoptive Parent	2	.3	3.4	42.4
	Juvenile Facility	13	1.8	22.0	64.4
	Institution	5	.7	8.5	72.9
	With Friends	9	1.3	15.3	88.1
	Living on Own	7	1.0	11.9	100.0
	Total	59	8.4	100.0	
Missing	System	647	91.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q07 Is your current placement headed by . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A single parent	151	21.4	27.3	27.3
	Dual parents	379	53.7	68.5	95.8
	Something else (please describe)	23	3.3	4.2	100.0
	Total	553	78.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	150	21.2		
	Total	153	21.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q07A Q7 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A Single Parent	11	1.6	47.8	47.8
	Dual Parents	10	1.4	43.5	91.3
	Something Else	2	.3	8.7	100.0
	Total	23	3.3	100.0	
Missing	System	683	96.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q08 How many other children, age 18 or younger, are at this placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	0	93	13.2	16.8	16.8	
	1	111	15.7	20.0	36.8	
	2	118	16.7	21.3	58.0	
	3	77	10.9	13.9	71.9	
	4	59	8.4	10.6	82.5	
	5	55	7.8	9.9	92.4	
	6	23	3.3	4.1	96.6	
	7	9	1.3	1.6	98.2	
	8	5	.7	.9	99.1	
	9	3	.4	.5	99.6	
	12	1	.1	.2	99.8	
	18	1	.1	.2	100.0	
	Total		555	78.6	100.0	
	Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
System		150	21.2			
Total		151	21.4			
Total		706	100.0			

Q09 Of these children how many are foster children?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	78	11.0	17.0	17.0
	1	122	17.3	26.6	43.6
	2	108	15.3	23.5	67.1
	3	63	8.9	13.7	80.8
	4	37	5.2	8.1	88.9
	5	27	3.8	5.9	94.8
	6	16	2.3	3.5	98.3
	7	5	.7	1.1	99.3
	8	2	.3	.4	99.8
	9	1	.1	.2	100.0
	Total	459	65.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	244	34.6		
	Total	247	35.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q10 How long have you lived in this placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Month	36	5.1	5.2	5.2
	2 Months	41	5.8	5.9	11.0
	3 Months	39	5.5	5.6	16.6
	4 Months	43	6.1	6.2	22.8
	5 Months	26	3.7	3.7	26.5
	6 Months	32	4.5	4.6	31.1
	7 Months	34	4.8	4.9	36.0
	8 Months	30	4.2	4.3	40.3
	9 Months	23	3.3	3.3	43.6
	10 Months	10	1.4	1.4	45.1
	11 Months	13	1.8	1.9	46.9
	12 Months	34	4.8	4.9	51.8
	1 yr up to 2 years	143	20.3	20.5	72.3
	2 yrs up to 3 years	75	10.6	10.8	83.1
	3 or more years	118	16.7	16.9	100.0
		Total	697	98.7	100.0
Missing	Don't know	7	1.0		
	System	2	.3		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q11 In 2007 did you ever spend a night in a DSHS office?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	18	2.5	2.6	2.6
	No	682	96.6	97.4	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	2	.3		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q12 How has the foster care system treated you in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well	323	45.8	46.1	46.1
	Somewhat well	295	41.8	42.1	88.3
	Not very well	82	11.6	11.7	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	2	.3		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q13 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	647	91.6	97.3	97.3
	No comments	18	2.5	2.7	100.0
	Total	665	94.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	34	4.8		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	41	5.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q13A Q13 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Like Placement	71	10.1	11.1	11.1
	Treated with Respect	23	3.3	3.6	14.7
	Get lots of help/supported well	108	15.3	16.9	31.6
	Like foster parents/doing a good job	40	5.7	6.3	37.9
	Like caseworkers	16	2.3	2.5	40.4
	Like being with relatives	6	.8	.9	41.3
	Received privileges	7	1.0	1.1	42.4
	Don't like foster care/not supportive/don't get needs met	83	11.8	13.0	55.4
	Don't like moving to different placements	27	3.8	4.2	59.6
	No one listens/misunderstandings	42	5.9	6.6	66.2
	Don't like/don't get along with caseworkers	19	2.7	3.0	69.2
	Don't like/don't get along with foster parents	29	4.1	4.5	73.7
	Don't like/don't get along with other youth	3	.4	.5	74.2
	People don't care	15	2.1	2.3	76.5
	Caseworker doesn't listen/respond/or follow through with commitments	64	9.1	10.0	86.5
	Miss family/home	12	1.7	1.9	88.4
	Siblings kept together	3	.4	.5	88.9
	Nothing bad happened	44	6.2	6.9	95.8
	Not sure	4	.6	.6	96.4
	Other reasons	23	3.3	3.6	100.0
	Total	639	90.5	100.0	
Missing	System	67	9.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q14 Overall, how do you feel about your current placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very positive	454	64.3	64.9	64.9
	Somewhat positive	132	18.7	18.9	83.7
	Neutral - haven't decided	75	10.6	10.7	94.4
	Somewhat negative	28	4.0	4.0	98.4
	Very negative	11	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q15 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	38	5.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	667	94.5		
	Total	668	94.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q15A Q15 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Nothing to do	4	.6	10.5	10.5
	Don't like foster parents	4	.6	10.5	21.1
	Too many other kids/don't get along	6	.8	15.8	36.8
	Don't like placement	14	2.0	36.8	73.7
	Being away from family	3	.4	7.9	81.6
	In jail	3	.4	7.9	89.5
	Other	4	.6	10.5	100.0
	Total	38	5.4	100.0	
	Missing	System	668	94.6	
Total		706	100.0		

Q16 How involved were you in your case planning in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very involved	197	27.9	30.2	30.2
	Somewhat involved	313	44.3	47.9	78.1
	Somewhat uninvolved	71	10.1	10.9	89.0
	Very uninvolved	72	10.2	11.0	100.0
	Total	653	92.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	Don't know	46	6.5		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	53	7.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q17 In what grade in school are you now?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	8th	17	2.4	2.4	2.4
	9th	138	19.5	19.6	22.0
	10th	236	33.4	33.6	55.6
	11th	202	28.6	28.7	84.4
	12th	76	10.8	10.8	95.2
	Not in school	18	2.5	2.6	97.7
	Other	16	2.3	2.3	100.0
	Total	703	99.6	100.0	
Missing	System	3	.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q17A Q17 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	6th Grade	1	.1	6.3	6.3
	11th Grade	1	.1	6.3	12.5
	Not in school	3	.4	18.8	31.3
	In College	7	1.0	43.8	75.0
	Have/getting GED	4	.6	25.0	100.0
	Total	16	2.3	100.0	
Missing	System	690	97.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q18 How old are you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	15	183	25.9	26.0	26.0
	16	241	34.1	34.3	60.3
	17	201	28.5	28.6	88.9
	18	78	11.0	11.1	100.0
	Total	703	99.6	100.0	
Missing	System	3	.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q19A What is your birth date? Month

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	45	6.4	6.4	6.4
	2	63	8.9	9.0	15.5
	3	52	7.4	7.4	22.9
	4	46	6.5	6.6	29.5
	5	59	8.4	8.4	37.9
	6	62	8.8	8.9	46.8
	7	58	8.2	8.3	55.1
	8	61	8.6	8.7	63.8
	9	69	9.8	9.9	73.7
	10	52	7.4	7.4	81.1
	11	71	10.1	10.2	91.3
	12	61	8.6	8.7	100.0
	Total	699	99.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	7	1.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q19B What is your birth date? Day

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	22	3.1	3.1	3.1
	2	28	4.0	4.0	7.2
	3	26	3.7	3.7	10.9
	4	26	3.7	3.7	14.6
	5	31	4.4	4.4	19.0
	6	31	4.4	4.4	23.5
	7	19	2.7	2.7	26.2
	8	14	2.0	2.0	28.2
	9	12	1.7	1.7	29.9
	10	21	3.0	3.0	32.9
	11	22	3.1	3.1	36.1
	12	24	3.4	3.4	39.5
	13	27	3.8	3.9	43.3
	14	21	3.0	3.0	46.4
	15	20	2.8	2.9	49.2
	16	27	3.8	3.9	53.1
	17	24	3.4	3.4	56.5
	18	22	3.1	3.1	59.7
	19	15	2.1	2.1	61.8
	20	26	3.7	3.7	65.5
	21	25	3.5	3.6	69.1
	22	17	2.4	2.4	71.5
	23	25	3.5	3.6	75.1
	24	26	3.7	3.7	78.8
	25	24	3.4	3.4	82.3
	26	23	3.3	3.3	85.6
	27	18	2.5	2.6	88.1
	28	25	3.5	3.6	91.7
	29	22	3.1	3.1	94.8
	30	26	3.7	3.7	98.6
	31	10	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	699	99.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	7	1.0		
	Total	706	100.0		

Q19C What is your birth date?Year

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1989	44	6.2	6.3	6.3
	1990	181	25.6	26.0	32.3
	1991	233	33.0	33.5	65.8
	1992	208	29.5	29.9	95.7
	1993	29	4.1	4.2	99.9
	1995	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q20 In 2007 what kind of grades did you receive in school?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Mostly A's	59	8.4	8.6	8.6
	Mostly A's and B's	185	26.2	26.8	35.4
	Mostly B's	47	6.7	6.8	42.2
	Mostly B's and C's	192	27.2	27.8	70.0
	Mostly C's	31	4.4	4.5	74.5
	Mostly C's and D's	77	10.9	11.2	85.7
	Mostly D's and Lower	72	10.2	10.4	96.1
	You were not in school in 2007	27	3.8	3.9	100.0
Total		690	97.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	11	1.6		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	16	2.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q21 In 2007 were you ever suspended, expelled , or both from school?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes - suspended	164	23.2	24.9	24.9
	Yes - expelled	13	1.8	2.0	26.9
	Yes - both	23	3.3	3.5	30.3
	No	459	65.0	69.7	100.0
	Total	659	93.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	43	6.1		
	Total	47	6.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q22 Thinking ahead to the future, what would you say is the highest education that you plan to achieve?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A GED	48	6.8	7.2	7.2
	A high school degree	58	8.2	8.7	15.9
	A vocational or technical certificate	43	6.1	6.5	22.4
	Some college, but probably not a degree	44	6.2	6.6	29.0
	An associate degree	56	7.9	8.4	37.4
	A bachelor's degree	147	20.8	22.1	59.5
	A master's degree	130	18.4	19.5	79.0
	A doctorate degree	54	7.6	8.1	87.1
	A professional school degree	31	4.4	4.7	91.7
	Some other degree	55	7.8	8.3	100.0
	Total	666	94.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	37	5.2		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	40	5.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q22A Q22 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	High School	3	.4	5.5	5.5
	Vocational/Technical	23	3.3	41.8	47.3
	Associates	2	.3	3.6	50.9
	Bachelors	7	1.0	12.7	63.6
	Masters	1	.1	1.8	65.5
	Doctorate	1	.1	1.8	67.3
	Professional	2	.3	3.6	70.9
	Other	5	.7	9.1	80.0
	Don't Know	11	1.6	20.0	100.0
	Total	55	7.8	100.0	
Missing	System	651	92.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q23 How well prepared do you think you are to meet your educational goals?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well prepared	192	27.2	27.5	27.5
	Somewhat prepared	402	56.9	57.7	85.2
	Somewhat unprepared	83	11.8	11.9	97.1
	Very unprepared	20	2.8	2.9	100.0
	Total	697	98.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	6	.8		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q24 Have you ever heard of an Individual Education Plan, sometimes referred to as an IEP or a 504 Plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	476	67.4	68.1	68.1
	No	223	31.6	31.9	100.0
	Total	699	99.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	7	1.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q25 Do you have an Individual Education Plan now?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	255	36.1	55.1	55.1
	No	208	29.5	44.9	100.0
	Total	463	65.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	13	1.8		
	System	230	32.6		
	Total	243	34.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q26 Have you ever attended an IEP meeting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	271	38.4	58.0	58.0
	No	196	27.8	42.0	100.0
	Total	467	66.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	9	1.3		
	System	230	32.6		
	Total	239	33.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q27 When you last attended an IEP meeting, did your social worker attend this meeting with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	92	13.0	36.1	36.1
	No	163	23.1	63.9	100.0
	Total	255	36.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	16	2.3		
	System	435	61.6		
	Total	451	63.9		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q28 Now I have a few questions about being homeless and running
 away from home. In 2007 did you run away from a foster home or group
 home?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	177	25.1	25.2	25.2
	No	525	74.4	74.8	100.0
	Total	702	99.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	4	.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q29 How many times did you run away from a foster home or group home in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	68	9.6	40.2	40.2
	2	40	5.7	23.7	63.9
	3	11	1.6	6.5	70.4
	4	11	1.6	6.5	76.9
	5	8	1.1	4.7	81.7
	6	4	.6	2.4	84.0
	7	1	.1	.6	84.6
	8	1	.1	.6	85.2
	9	1	.1	.6	85.8
	10	4	.6	2.4	88.2
	11	1	.1	.6	88.8
	12	1	.1	.6	89.3
	13	1	.1	.6	89.9
	15	2	.3	1.2	91.1
	16	1	.1	.6	91.7
	20	3	.4	1.8	93.5
	26	1	.1	.6	94.1
	30	2	.3	1.2	95.3
	37	1	.1	.6	95.9
	40	1	.1	.6	96.4
50	1	.1	.6	97.0	
55	1	.1	.6	97.6	
57	1	.1	.6	98.2	
60	1	.1	.6	98.8	
65	1	.1	.6	99.4	
70	1	.1	.6	100.0	
	Total	169	23.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	1.1		
	System	529	74.9		
	Total	537	76.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q30 The last time you ran away, where did you stay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	At a relative's place	21	3.0	12.1	12.1
	At a friend's place	98	13.9	56.3	68.4
	At someone else's place	3	.4	1.7	70.1
	At a hotel or motel	2	.3	1.1	71.3
	In a shelter	2	.3	1.1	72.4
	At a restaurant that was open all night	1	.1	.6	73.0
	Somewhere outside	20	2.8	11.5	84.5
	In an abandoned building	3	.4	1.7	86.2
	Somewhere else (please describe)	24	3.4	13.8	100.0
	Total	174	24.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	529	74.9		
	Total	532	75.4		
Total	706	100.0			

Q30A Q30 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	At a relative's place	1	.1	4.2	4.2
	At a friend's place	5	.7	20.8	25.0
	Somewhere outside	6	.8	25.0	50.0
	Somewhere else	8	1.1	33.3	83.3
	Juvenile facility	2	.3	8.3	91.7
	Pastor/mentor's place	2	.3	8.3	100.0
	Total	24	3.4	100.0	
Missing	System	682	96.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q31 What was the main reason you ran away the last time?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	173	24.5	99.4	99.4
	No comments	1	.1	.6	100.0
	Total	174	24.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	529	74.9		
	Total	532	75.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q31A Q31 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Alcohol/drugs	6	.8	3.5	3.5
	Anger/emotions/stress	31	4.4	18.1	21.6
	Not getting along with family/foster parents	50	7.1	29.2	50.9
	Didn't like placement/bad treatment	41	5.8	24.0	74.9
	Too many rules	3	.4	1.8	76.6
	Didn't want to face consequences	9	1.3	5.3	81.9
	Wanted to see family members/friends	13	1.8	7.6	89.5
	Just wanted to	7	1.0	4.1	93.6
	Other	11	1.6	6.4	100.0
	Total	171	24.2	100.0	
Missing	System	535	75.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q32 What could have been done so that you would not have run away last time?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	155	22.0	96.3	96.3
	No comments	6	.8	3.7	100.0
	Total	161	22.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	16	2.3		
	System	529	74.9		
	Total	545	77.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q32A Q32 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Nothing	26	3.7	16.9	16.9
	Treated me better	27	3.8	17.5	34.4
	Talked with someone/foster parents/family	15	2.1	9.7	44.2
	Talked with social worker/staff	15	2.1	9.7	53.9
	Not gotten emotional/worked up	15	2.1	9.7	63.6
	Don't know/don't care	5	.7	3.2	66.9
	Put in different placement	18	2.5	11.7	78.6
	Have family back/go home	9	1.3	5.8	84.4
	Other	24	3.4	15.6	100.0
	Total	154	21.8	100.0	
Missing	System	552	78.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q33 In 2007 did you have any contact with any adult member of your biological family?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	542	76.8	77.3	77.3
	No	159	22.5	22.7	100.0
	Total	701	99.3	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	5	.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q34 Was it your choice not to have contact, or was it not possible to arrange contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	By choice	42	5.9	27.3	27.3
	Not possible to arrange contact	112	15.9	72.7	100.0
	Total	154	21.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	547	77.5		
	Total	552	78.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q35 How much contact did you have in 2007? Would you say. . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A few times a week	190	26.9	35.4	35.4
	About once a week	79	11.2	14.7	50.1
	A few times a month	104	14.7	19.4	69.5
	About once month	56	7.9	10.4	79.9
	About every other month	22	3.1	4.1	84.0
	A few times throughout the year	47	6.7	8.8	92.7
	Or less often	39	5.5	7.3	100.0
	Total	537	76.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	164	23.2		
	Total	169	23.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q36 Was this about the right amount of contact, or would you have preferred more contact, or less contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Right amount of contact	255	36.1	48.0	48.0
	Prefer MORE contact	236	33.4	44.4	92.5
	Prefer LESS contact	40	5.7	7.5	100.0
	Total	531	75.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	.4		
	Don't know	8	1.1		
	System	164	23.2		
	Total	175	24.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q37 Please tell me why you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	40	5.7	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	666	94.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q37A Q37 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't get along with parents	25	3.5	64.1	64.1
	Too stressful/not good influence	5	.7	12.8	76.9
	Alcohol/drugs	3	.4	7.7	84.6
	Other	6	.8	15.4	100.0
	Total	39	5.5	100.0	
Missing	System	667	94.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q38 Other than your biological parents, is there ONE adult that has an important positive influence on your life currently?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	561	79.5	80.7	80.7
	No	134	19.0	19.3	100.0
	Total	695	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	1.1		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	11	1.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q39 How is this person related to you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	558	79.0	99.6	99.6
	No comments	2	.3	.4	100.0
	Total	560	79.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	145	20.5		
	Total	146	20.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q39A Q39 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Parent	34	4.8	6.1	6.1
	Sibling	46	6.5	8.3	14.4
	Foster Parent	151	21.4	27.3	41.7
	Grandparent	83	11.8	15.0	56.7
	Other Relative	91	12.9	16.4	73.1
	Friend	46	6.5	8.3	81.4
	Teacher/Counselor	41	5.8	7.4	88.8
	Other Person	29	4.1	5.2	94.0
	Other Adult	33	4.7	6.0	100.0
	Total	554	78.5	100.0	
Missing	System	152	21.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q40 How old were you when this person first became important in your life?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	55	7.8	10.1	10.1
	2	19	2.7	3.5	13.5
	3	14	2.0	2.6	16.1
	4	17	2.4	3.1	19.2
	5	28	4.0	5.1	24.3
	6	14	2.0	2.6	26.9
	7	14	2.0	2.6	29.4
	8	14	2.0	2.6	32.0
	9	11	1.6	2.0	34.0
	10	27	3.8	4.9	38.9
	11	25	3.5	4.6	43.5
	12	23	3.3	4.2	47.7
	13	44	6.2	8.0	55.8
	14	78	11.0	14.3	70.0
	15	78	11.0	14.3	84.3
	16	63	8.9	11.5	95.8
	17	20	2.8	3.7	99.5
	18	3	.4	.5	100.0
Total		547	77.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	13	1.8		
	System	145	20.5		
	Total	159	22.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q41 Is there someone whom you can confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Definitely yes	496	70.3	70.9	70.9
	Probably yes	122	17.3	17.4	88.3
	Probably not	20	2.8	2.9	91.1
	Definitely not	16	2.3	2.3	93.4
	Or, you are not sure	46	6.5	6.6	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	6	.8		
Total	706	100.0			

Q42 When you have a problem, who do you tend to go to first? Is it . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Your foster parents	187	26.5	26.7	26.7
	Your biological or adoptive parents	48	6.8	6.9	33.6
	Your friends	196	27.8	28.0	61.6
	Your sisters or brothers	95	13.5	13.6	75.1
	Your teachers	6	.8	.9	76.0
	Your social worker	21	3.0	3.0	79.0
	Someone else	113	16.0	16.1	95.1
	Or no one	34	4.8	4.9	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	6	.8		
Total	706	100.0			

Q43 In 2007 did you participate in any sports, clubs, teams, or volunteer organizations?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	423	59.9	60.4	60.4
	No	277	39.2	39.6	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q44 In general would you say your health is . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Excellent	202	28.6	28.8	28.8
	Very good	227	32.2	32.3	61.1
	Good	189	26.8	26.9	88.0
	Fair	72	10.2	10.3	98.3
	Or poor	12	1.7	1.7	100.0
	Total	702	99.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	4	.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q45 When did you last have a physical examination by a doctor or nurse?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than a year ago	560	79.3	81.8	81.8
	1 to 2 years ago	105	14.9	15.3	97.1
	More than 2 years ago	12	1.7	1.8	98.8
	Or you have never had an exam	8	1.1	1.2	100.0
	Total	685	97.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	18	2.5		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	21	3.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q46 When did you last have a dental examination by a dentist or hygienist?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than a year ago	614	87.0	88.3	88.3
	1 to 2 years ago	63	8.9	9.1	97.4
	More than 2 years ago	16	2.3	2.3	99.7
	Or you have never had an exam	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	695	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	1.1		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	11	1.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q47 Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed medical care, but did not get it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	11.9	12.1	12.1
	No	609	86.3	87.9	100.0
	Total	693	98.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	10	1.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	13	1.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q48 Why did you think you needed medical care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	83	11.8	98.8	98.8
	No comments	1	.1	1.2	100.0
	Total	84	11.9	100.0	
Missing	System	622	88.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q48A Q48 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Pain/soreness/sick	35	5.0	42.2	42.2
	Needed glasses/eye problems	3	.4	3.6	45.8
	Needed a therapist/counselor	2	.3	2.4	48.2
	Needed a dentist/braces	14	2.0	16.9	65.1
	Didn't feel well/vomiting	12	1.7	14.5	79.5
	Asthma/bronchitis/cold	7	1.0	8.4	88.0
	Haven't had a checkup or doctor visit	3	.4	3.6	91.6
	Headaches	2	.3	2.4	94.0
	Other	5	.7	6.0	100.0
	Total	83	11.8	100.0	
Missing	System	623	88.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q49 What is the main reason that you did not get the medical care that you thought you needed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	79	11.2	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	622	88.1		
	Total	627	88.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q49A Q49 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't follow through	15	2.1	19.0	19.0
	Too busy	6	.8	7.6	26.6
	Family or parent decision	12	1.7	15.2	41.8
	Social worker reasons	4	.6	5.1	46.8
	Didn't qualify/couldn't afford/not available	9	1.3	11.4	58.2
	No one thought I needed it	19	2.7	24.1	82.3
	Other	14	2.0	17.7	100.0
	Total	79	11.2	100.0	
Missing	System	627	88.8		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q50 Are you currently meeting with a psychological counselor,
 psychiatrist, or therapist?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	353	50.0	50.4	50.4
	No	347	49.2	49.6	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q50A How long have you been seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or
 therapist?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 3 months	65	9.2	18.6	18.6
	3 to 6 months	65	9.2	18.6	37.2
	6 to 12 months	57	8.1	16.3	53.6
	Or more than 12 months	162	22.9	46.4	100.0
	Total	349	49.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	353	50.0		
	Total	357	50.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q51 How helpful has this been? Would you say . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very helpful	174	24.6	49.4	49.4
	Somewhat helpful	125	17.7	35.5	84.9
	Neither helpful nor unhelpful	22	3.1	6.3	91.2
	Somewhat unhelpful	17	2.4	4.8	96.0
	Or very unhelpful	14	2.0	4.0	100.0
	Total	352	49.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	353	50.0		
	Total	354	50.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q52 During 2007, did you have the same psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist or did you have a change in your counselors or therapists?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The same counselors/ treatment team	191	27.1	56.3	56.3
	Different counselors/ treatment teams	142	20.1	41.9	98.2
	Not sure	6	.8	1.8	100.0
	Total	339	48.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	.4		
	Don't know	11	1.6		
	System	353	50.0		
	Total	367	52.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q53 What is the main reason that your psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist changed in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	130	18.4	98.5	98.5
	No comments	2	.3	1.5	100.0
	Total	132	18.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	9	1.3		
	System	564	79.9		
	Total	574	81.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q53A Q53 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Changed Placement	65	9.2	50.8	50.8
	Therapist Left	28	4.0	21.9	72.7
	Therapy wasn't helping	15	2.1	11.7	84.4
	Didn't like Therapist	8	1.1	6.3	90.6
	Too far to travel	2	.3	1.6	92.2
	Foster parent reasons	3	.4	2.3	94.5
	Other	7	1.0	5.5	100.0
	Total	128	18.1	100.0	
Missing	System	578	81.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q54 Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed counseling or therapy, but did not get it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	65	9.2	9.3	9.3
	No	636	90.1	90.7	100.0
	Total	701	99.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	3	.4		
	Total	5	.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q55 Why did you think you needed counseling or therapy?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	64	9.1	100.0	100.0
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	System	641	90.8		
	Total	642	90.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q55A Q55 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Depression/sadness	12	1.7	19.0	19.0
	Help with problems/issues	20	2.8	31.7	50.8
	Suicidal thoughts	3	.4	4.8	55.6
	Emotional issues	6	.8	9.5	65.1
	Death of friend/family member	2	.3	3.2	68.3
	Needed to talk with someone	14	2.0	22.2	90.5
	Stressed	3	.4	4.8	95.2
	Other	3	.4	4.8	100.0
	Total	63	8.9	100.0	
	Missing	System	643	91.1	
Total		706	100.0		

Q56 What's the main reason that you did not get the counseling or therapy that you thought you needed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	60	8.5	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	641	90.8		
	Total	646	91.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q56A Q56 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't follow through	12	1.7	20.3	20.3
	Too busy	3	.4	5.1	25.4
	Family or parent decision	4	.6	6.8	32.2
	Social worker reasons	8	1.1	13.6	45.8
	Didn't qualify/couldn't afford/not available	9	1.3	15.3	61.0
	On waiting list	1	.1	1.7	62.7
	No one thought I needed it	6	.8	10.2	72.9
	Other	16	2.3	27.1	100.0
	Total	59	8.4	100.0	
Missing	System	647	91.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q57 Did you have an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	158	22.4	22.6	22.6
	No	540	76.5	77.4	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	4	.6		
	Total	8	1.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q58 How many social workers have you had since you've been in foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	2	.3	.3	.3
	1	79	11.2	12.1	12.4
	2	155	22.0	23.7	36.0
	3	161	22.8	24.6	60.6
	4	106	15.0	16.2	76.8
	5	65	9.2	9.9	86.7
	6	31	4.4	4.7	91.5
	7	19	2.7	2.9	94.4
	8	13	1.8	2.0	96.3
	9	3	.4	.5	96.8
	10	11	1.6	1.7	98.5
	11	2	.3	.3	98.8
	13	1	.1	.2	98.9
	15	2	.3	.3	99.2
	20	1	.1	.2	99.4
	22	1	.1	.2	99.5
	23	1	.1	.2	99.7
	30	1	.1	.2	99.8
	32	1	.1	.2	100.0
	Total	655	92.8	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	24	3.4		
	Don't know	23	3.3		
	System	4	.6		
	Total	51	7.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q59 Do you know your current DCFS or DSHS social worker's name?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	611	86.5	87.3	87.3
	No	82	11.6	11.7	99.0
	Not sure	7	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	700	99.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	4	.6		
	Total	6	.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q60 Do you know how to contact your current social worker?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	649	91.9	92.5	92.5
	No	52	7.4	7.4	99.9
	Not sure	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	702	99.4	100.0	
Missing	System	4	.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q61 About how often did you talk on the telephone or communicate by email with your social worker in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	92	13.0	13.2	13.2
	A few times a month	129	18.3	18.5	31.7
	About once a month	155	22.0	22.2	53.9
	About every other month	83	11.8	11.9	65.9
	About every three months	87	12.3	12.5	78.3
	Less often	88	12.5	12.6	91.0
	Or never in 2007	63	8.9	9.0	100.0
	Total	697	98.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q62 About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	38	5.4	5.5	5.5
	A few times a month	84	11.9	12.2	17.7
	About once a month	182	25.8	26.3	44.0
	About every other month	114	16.1	16.5	60.5
	About every three months	136	19.3	19.7	80.2
	Less often	104	14.7	15.1	95.2
	Or never in 2007	33	4.7	4.8	100.0
	Total	691	97.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	8	1.1		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	15	2.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q63 Were any of these face-to-face visits at your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	571	80.9	87.2	87.2
	No	84	11.9	12.8	100.0
	Total	655	92.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	48	6.8		
	Total	51	7.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q64 About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker at your placement in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	15	2.1	2.6	2.6
	A few times a month	54	7.6	9.5	12.2
	About once a month	146	20.7	25.7	37.9
	About every other month	101	14.3	17.8	55.7
	About every three months	139	19.7	24.5	80.2
	Or less often	112	15.9	19.8	100.0
	Total	567	80.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	135	19.1		
	Total	139	19.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q65 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of support provided by your social worker?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very satisfied	301	42.6	43.3	43.3
	Somewhat satisfied	215	30.5	30.9	74.2
	Somewhat dissatisfied	95	13.5	13.7	87.9
	Or very dissatisfied	84	11.9	12.1	100.0
	Total	695	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	11	1.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q66 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	630	89.2	96.9	96.9
	No comments	20	2.8	3.1	100.0
	Total	650	92.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	43	6.1		
	System	11	1.6		
	Total	56	7.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q66A Q66 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Social worker listens to me	22	3.1	3.5	3.5
	Social worker helps me/is supportive	125	17.7	20.0	23.5
	Social worker always there for me	67	9.5	10.7	34.2
	Social worker is easy to deal with/communicates well	32	4.5	5.1	39.3
	Social worker is professional	6	.8	1.0	40.3
	Likes Social worker	44	6.2	7.0	47.3
	Social worker doesn't listen/doesn't communicate	93	13.2	14.9	62.1
	Social worker doesn't get things done/doesn't follow through	73	10.3	11.7	73.8
	Social worker is never there for me	33	4.7	5.3	79.1
	Social worker doesn't support me	27	3.8	4.3	83.4
	Hard to get a hold of social worker	55	7.8	8.8	92.2
	Social worker is unprofessional	5	.7	.8	93.0
	Don't like social worker	19	2.7	3.0	96.0
	Not sure	3	.4	.5	96.5
	Other reasons	22	3.1	3.5	100.0
	Total	626	88.7	100.0	
Missing	System	80	11.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q67 Do you know how to get help from DCFS - the Division of Child and Family Services - after hours or on weekends?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	365	51.7	52.3	52.3
	No	322	45.6	46.1	98.4
	Not sure	11	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	8	1.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q68 How many living biological sisters or brothers do you have?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	35	5.0	5.1	5.1
	One	105	14.9	15.3	20.4
	Two	145	20.5	21.1	41.5
	Three	115	16.3	16.8	58.3
	Four	96	13.6	14.0	72.3
	Five	69	9.8	10.1	82.4
	Six	41	5.8	6.0	88.3
	Seven or more	80	11.3	11.7	100.0
	Total	686	97.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	13	1.8		
	System	6	.8		
	Total	20	2.8		
Total	706	100.0			

Q69 How many are living with you in your current placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	491	69.5	75.1	75.1
	One	99	14.0	15.1	90.2
	Two	37	5.2	5.7	95.9
	Three	10	1.4	1.5	97.4
	Four	7	1.0	1.1	98.5
	Five	5	.7	.8	99.2
	Six	3	.4	.5	99.7
	Seven or more	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	654	92.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	51	7.2		
	Total	52	7.4		
Total	706	100.0			

Q70 In a typical month in 2007, how often did you have visits and other forms of contact with your brothers and sisters who were not living with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not at all	194	27.5	31.9	31.9
	Less than once a month	110	15.6	18.1	50.0
	Once a month	73	10.3	12.0	62.0
	Twice a month	49	6.9	8.1	70.1
	Three times a month	35	5.0	5.8	75.8
	Four times a month	33	4.7	5.4	81.3
	More than 4 times a month	114	16.1	18.8	100.0
	Total	608	86.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	6	.8		
	System	91	12.9		
	Total	98	13.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q71 What is the main reason that you had so little contact with your brothers and sisters?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	291	41.2	99.3	99.3
	No comments	2	.3	.7	100.0
	Total	293	41.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	9	1.3		
	System	402	56.9		
	Total	413	58.5		
Total		706	100.0		

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	I am busy/they are busy	22	3.1	7.6	7.6
	Don't know where they are/how to reach them	48	6.8	16.6	24.1
	They live far away/in another state	86	12.2	29.7	53.8
	Don't have contact with them	34	4.8	11.7	65.5
	Don't want contact/don't get along	26	3.7	9.0	74.5
	Behavior issues	12	1.7	4.1	78.6
	Non-contact order/not allowed	55	7.8	19.0	97.6
	Not sure	3	.4	1.0	98.6
	Other reasons	4	.6	1.4	100.0
	Total	290	41.1	100.0	
Missing	System	416	58.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q72 In your dependency case in 2007, did you have a Guardian Ad Litem, sometimes referred to as a GAL, or a court appointed special advocate, sometimes referred to as a CASA, or did you have both, or none of these?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Guardian Ad Litem	236	33.4	40.5	40.5
	Court appointed special advocate	59	8.4	10.1	50.6
	Both	67	9.5	11.5	62.1
	None of these	221	31.3	37.9	100.0
	Total	583	82.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	115	16.3		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	123	17.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q73 Were you represented by an attorney?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	471	66.7	77.7	77.7
	No	135	19.1	22.3	100.0
	Total	606	85.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	91	12.9		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	100	14.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q74 Do you feel that your wishes or interests were heard in court in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Definitely yes	257	36.4	39.3	39.3
	Probably yes	226	32.0	34.6	73.9
	Probably not	89	12.6	13.6	87.5
	Or definitely not	82	11.6	12.5	100.0
	Total	654	92.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	6	.8		
	Don't know	39	5.5		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	52	7.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q75 In 2007, how often were you notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Always	240	34.0	35.1	35.1
	Most of the time	150	21.2	22.0	57.1
	About half the time	68	9.6	10.0	67.1
	Rarely	104	14.7	15.2	82.3
	Never	39	5.5	5.7	88.0
	Or were there no court hearings in 2007	82	11.6	12.0	100.0
	Total	683	96.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	16	2.3		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	23	3.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q76 In 2007, how many dependency court hearings did you attend?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	186	26.3	32.8	32.8
	One	121	17.1	21.3	54.1
	Two	109	15.4	19.2	73.4
	Three or more	151	21.4	26.6	100.0
	Total	567	80.3	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	33	4.7		
	System	105	14.9		
	Total	139	19.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q77 In 2007, how many dependency court hearings that you know of did you miss?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	218	30.9	42.7	42.7
	One	89	12.6	17.5	60.2
	Two	88	12.5	17.3	77.5
	Three or more	115	16.3	22.5	100.0
	Total	510	72.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	90	12.7		
	System	105	14.9		
	Total	196	27.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q78 Were you advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007, including both the ones you attended and those you did not attend?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	424	60.1	77.4	77.4
	No	124	17.6	22.6	100.0
	Total	548	77.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	52	7.4		
	System	105	14.9		
	Total	158	22.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q79 Have you ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program to help young adults in foster care with school-related problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	220	31.2	31.9	31.9
	No	469	66.4	68.1	100.0
	Total	689	97.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	10	1.4		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	17	2.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q80 Have you heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program, mentoring programs available through Independent Living agencies?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	406	57.5	58.2	58.2
	No	292	41.4	41.8	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	8	1.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q81 Have you heard about the 'you-can-go-to-college' or all-day 'Foster Care to College' workshops put on by Independent Living providers and Treehouse?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	296	41.9	42.7	42.7
	No	397	56.2	57.3	100.0
	Total	693	98.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	6	.8		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	13	1.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q82 Another program is the Make-It-Happen summer college experience. Have you heard about that program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	316	44.8	45.5	45.5
	No	378	53.5	54.5	100.0
	Total	694	98.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	12	1.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q83 Now I would like to ask you some questions about your work experience. Are you currently working for pay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	152	21.5	21.8	21.8
	No	545	77.2	78.2	100.0
	Total	697	98.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q84 Did you ever do any work for pay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	326	46.2	59.6	59.6
	No	221	31.3	40.4	100.0
	Total	547	77.5	100.0	
Missing	System	159	22.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q85 Did you ever want to work, but couldn't find any paying jobs?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	120	17.0	54.5	54.5
	No	100	14.2	45.5	100.0
	Total	220	31.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	485	68.7		
	Total	486	68.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q86 Are you currently looking for work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	339	48.0	62.3	62.3
	No	205	29.0	37.7	100.0
	Total	544	77.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	159	22.5		
	Total	162	22.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q87 Would you say that your main caregivers are supportive or not supportive, or neutral about your working or looking for work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Supportive	539	76.3	79.4	79.4
	Not supportive	27	3.8	4.0	83.4
	Neutral	113	16.0	16.6	100.0
	Total	679	96.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	20	2.8		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	27	3.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q88 How prepared do you feel you are to get a full-time job? Would you say you are

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well prepared	241	34.1	34.8	34.8
	Somewhat prepared	323	45.8	46.7	81.5
	Somewhat unprepared	89	12.6	12.9	94.4
	Very unprepared	39	5.5	5.6	100.0
	Total	692	98.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	7	1.0		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	14	2.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q89 Did a social worker ever refer you to the Independent Living or the Transitional Living program, also referred to as the IL or the TL program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	329	46.6	49.1	49.1
	No	341	48.3	50.9	100.0
	Total	670	94.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	29	4.1		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	36	5.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q90 Did you ever participate in an Independent Living, or a Transitional Living program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	252	35.7	36.9	36.9
	No	431	61.0	63.1	100.0
	Total	683	96.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	15	2.1		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	23	3.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q91 Why didn't you participate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	382	54.1	99.2	99.2
	No comments	3	.4	.8	100.0
	Total	385	54.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	46	6.5		
	System	275	39.0		
	Total	321	45.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q91A Q91 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't know/didn't hear about it	148	21.0	38.7	38.7
	Social worker has not set it up/not invited	52	7.4	13.6	52.4
	Didn't want to/didn't need it	51	7.2	13.4	65.7
	Didn't care for it	9	1.3	2.4	68.1
	Too busy with school/work	38	5.4	9.9	78.0
	No transportation	5	.7	1.3	79.3
	Will start soon/just started	20	2.8	5.2	84.6
	Missed the meetings	7	1.0	1.8	86.4
	Not sure	13	1.8	3.4	89.8
	Other reasons	14	2.0	3.7	93.5
	Ineligible/age	18	2.5	4.7	98.2
	Not allowed	7	1.0	1.8	100.0
	Total		382	54.1	100.0
Missing	System	324	45.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q92 In 2007 did you complete a Life Skills Assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	202	28.6	31.3	31.3
	No	444	62.9	68.7	100.0
	Total	646	91.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	53	7.5		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	60	8.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q93 Did your social worker or IL provider review the results with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	121	17.1	62.1	62.1
	No	74	10.5	37.9	100.0
	Total	195	27.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	7	1.0		
	System	504	71.4		
	Total	511	72.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q94 Did your social worker or Independent Living provider invite you to develop an Independent Living Plan, a Learning Plan, or an IL plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	227	32.2	34.7	34.7
	No	427	60.5	65.3	100.0
	Total	654	92.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	45	6.4		
	System	7	1.0		
	Total	52	7.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q95 Did you participate in developing this Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	179	25.4	79.6	79.6
	No	46	6.5	20.4	100.0
	Total	225	31.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	479	67.8		
	Total	481	68.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q95A Why didn't you participate in developing this IL Plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	42	5.9	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	660	93.5		
	Total	664	94.1		
Total		706	100.0		

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Too busy	3	.4	7.1	7.1
	Planning to do it	5	.7	11.9	19.0
	Didn't want to/didn't need it	11	1.6	26.2	45.2
	In school	6	.8	14.3	59.5
	No transportation	2	.3	4.8	64.3
	Don't Know	2	.3	4.8	69.0
	Working	1	.1	2.4	71.4
	Wasn't asked/notified	4	.6	9.5	81.0
	Didn't know about it	2	.3	4.8	85.7
	Other	6	.8	14.3	100.0
	Total	42	5.9	100.0	
Missing	System	664	94.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q96 Do you know whether an Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan was developed for you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	44	6.2	9.9	9.9
	No	401	56.8	90.1	100.0
	Total	445	63.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	73	10.3		
	System	188	26.6		
	Total	261	37.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q97 How well do you think your IL Plan will help you in making the transition to adulthood? Would you say . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well	103	14.6	46.6	46.6
	Somewhat well	111	15.7	50.2	96.8
	Not very well	5	.7	2.3	99.1
	Not at all	2	.3	.9	100.0
	Total	221	31.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	481	68.1		
	Total	485	68.7		
Total	706	100.0			

Q98A Have you received any information or training about: How to succeed in high school or college

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	271	38.4	39.2	39.2
	No	415	58.8	60.1	99.3
	Not sure	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	691	97.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	7	1.0		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	15	2.1		
Total	706	100.0			

Q98B Have you received any information or training about: Assistance with applying to colleges

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	255	36.1	36.6	36.6
	No	440	62.3	63.1	99.7
	Not sure	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	697	98.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total	706	100.0			

Q98C Have you received any information or training about: Preparing for college

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	335	47.5	48.2	48.2
	No	356	50.4	51.2	99.4
	Not sure	4	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	695	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	11	1.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98D Have you received any information or training about: Finding a job

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	346	49.0	49.7	49.7
	No	347	49.2	49.9	99.6
	Not sure	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98E Have you received any information or training about: Keeping a job

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	282	39.9	40.5	40.5
	No	409	57.9	58.8	99.3
	Not sure	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98F Have you received any information or training about: Finding housing

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	211	29.9	30.3	30.3
	No	481	68.1	69.0	99.3
	Not sure	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	697	98.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	9	1.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98G Have you received any information or training about: Daily living skills

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	380	53.8	54.6	54.6
	No	311	44.1	44.7	99.3
	Not sure	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98H Have you received any information or training about: Interpersonal skills

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	277	39.2	40.3	40.3
	No	401	56.8	58.3	98.5
	Not sure	10	1.4	1.5	100.0
	Total	688	97.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	10	1.4		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	18	2.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98I Have you received any information or training about: Advocating for yourself

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	298	42.2	42.9	42.9
	No	387	54.8	55.8	98.7
	Not sure	9	1.3	1.3	100.0
	Total	694	98.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	12	1.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98J Have you received any information or training about: Making healthy connections with your biological family

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	259	36.7	37.3	37.3
	No	430	60.9	62.0	99.3
	Not sure	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	694	98.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	12	1.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q98K Have you received any information or training about: Making healthy connections with your extended family

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	272	38.5	39.2	39.2
	No	413	58.5	59.6	98.8
	Not sure	8	1.1	1.2	100.0
	Total	693	98.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	13	1.8		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q99 Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss
 your transition from foster care?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	90	12.7	33.3	33.3
	No	180	25.5	66.7	100.0
	Total	270	38.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	6	.8		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	436	61.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q100 Has this meeting taken place yet?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	59	8.4	66.3	66.3
	No	30	4.2	33.7	100.0
	Total	89	12.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	616	87.3		
	Total	617	87.4		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q101A When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet,
 when is it scheduled? month**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	7	1.0	11.3	11.3
	2	13	1.8	21.0	32.3
	3	14	2.0	22.6	54.8
	4	8	1.1	12.9	67.7
	5	4	.6	6.5	74.2
	6	4	.6	6.5	80.6
	7	1	.1	1.6	82.3
	8	2	.3	3.2	85.5
	9	2	.3	3.2	88.7
	10	1	.1	1.6	90.3
	11	3	.4	4.8	95.2
	12	3	.4	4.8	100.0
	Total	62	8.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	28	4.0		
	System	616	87.3		
	Total	644	91.2		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q101B When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet,
 when is it scheduled? day**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	1	.1	2.9	2.9
	2	1	.1	2.9	5.9
	5	1	.1	2.9	8.8
	7	1	.1	2.9	11.8
	8	1	.1	2.9	14.7
	12	2	.3	5.9	20.6
	13	2	.3	5.9	26.5
	14	2	.3	5.9	32.4
	15	4	.6	11.8	44.1
	17	2	.3	5.9	50.0
	18	1	.1	2.9	52.9
	19	1	.1	2.9	55.9
	20	2	.3	5.9	61.8
	21	3	.4	8.8	70.6
	22	1	.1	2.9	73.5
	25	2	.3	5.9	79.4
	26	1	.1	2.9	82.4
	27	1	.1	2.9	85.3
	28	4	.6	11.8	97.1
	29	1	.1	2.9	100.0
	Total	34	4.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	56	7.9		
	System	616	87.3		
	Total	672	95.2		
Total		706	100.0		

**Q101C When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet,
 when is it scheduled? year**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2006	1	.1	1.5	1.5
	2007	19	2.7	28.8	30.3
	2008	46	6.5	69.7	100.0
	Total	66	9.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	24	3.4		
	System	616	87.3		
	Total	640	90.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q102 Were you able/Will you be able to participate in this shared planning meeting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	11.9	94.4	94.4
	No	5	.7	5.6	100.0
	Total	89	12.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	616	87.3		
	Total	617	87.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q103 What is the main reason you weren't able/won't be able to participate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	5	.7	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	701	99.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q103A Q103 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Working	3	.4	60.0	60.0
	In Jail	1	.1	20.0	80.0
	Too young	1	.1	20.0	100.0
	Total	5	.7	100.0	
Missing	System	701	99.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q104A Did you and your social worker or IL Provider talk about developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	120	17.0	44.0	44.0
	No	139	19.7	50.9	94.9
	Not sure	14	2.0	5.1	100.0
	Total	273	38.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	.4		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	433	61.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q104B Did you participate in developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	98	13.9	36.0	36.0
	No	165	23.4	60.7	96.7
	Not sure	9	1.3	3.3	100.0
	Total	272	38.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	434	61.5		
Total	706	100.0			

Q104C Do you have a written plan for your transition from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	51	7.2	18.8	18.8
	No	205	29.0	75.4	94.1
	Not sure	16	2.3	5.9	100.0
	Total	272	38.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	434	61.5		
Total	706	100.0			

Q105A Are you taking or have you completed a Driver's Education class?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	92	13.0	33.3	33.3
	No	184	26.1	66.7	100.0
	Total	276	39.1	100.0	
Missing	System	430	60.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q105B Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	188	26.6	69.1	69.1
	No	79	11.2	29.0	98.2
	Not sure	5	.7	1.8	100.0
	Total	272	38.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	.6		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	434	61.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q105C Do you have a driver's license or ID card from Washington State?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	139	19.7	50.4	50.4
	No	137	19.4	49.6	100.0
	Total	276	39.1	100.0	
Missing	System	430	60.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q105D Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	162	22.9	58.9	58.9
	No	106	15.0	38.5	97.5
	Not sure	7	1.0	2.5	100.0
	Total	275	39.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	430	60.9		
	Total	431	61.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q105E Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	221	31.3	80.1	80.1
	No	53	7.5	19.2	99.3
	Not sure	2	.3	.7	100.0
	Total	276	39.1	100.0	
Missing	System	430	60.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q106 Overall, how prepared do you feel to live on your own? Would you say that you are . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very prepared	72	10.2	26.1	26.1
	Somewhat prepared	140	19.8	50.7	76.8
	Not very prepared	43	6.1	15.6	92.4
	Not at all prepared	21	3.0	7.6	100.0
	Total	276	39.1	100.0	
Missing	System	430	60.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q107 In 2007 was there ever a time when another person at your placement made you feel physically unsafe?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	98	13.9	14.1	14.1
	No	598	84.7	85.9	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q108 Was this person . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A foster parent	32	4.5	32.7	32.7
	Another adult	17	2.4	17.3	50.0
	Another youth	49	6.9	50.0	100.0
	Total	98	13.9	100.0	
Missing	System	608	86.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q109 What is the main reason that you felt unsafe?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	96	13.6	99.0	99.0
	No comments	1	.1	1.0	100.0
	Total	97	13.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	System	608	86.1		
	Total	609	86.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q109A Q109 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Felt uncomfortable	4	.6	4.2	4.2
	Felt threatened	39	5.5	40.6	44.8
	Physically assaulted/fighting	18	2.5	18.8	63.5
	Violence/emotions	5	.7	5.2	68.8
	Abuse and sex	9	1.3	9.4	78.1
	Yelling	6	.8	6.3	84.4
	Alcohol/drugs	5	.7	5.2	89.6
	Unhealthy behaviors/bullying	5	.7	5.2	94.8
	Other	5	.7	5.2	100.0
	Total	96	13.6	100.0	
Missing	System	610	86.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q110A Did you tell your social worker about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	60	8.5	61.9	61.9
	No	34	4.8	35.1	96.9
	Not sure	3	.4	3.1	100.0
	Total	97	13.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	608	86.1		
	Total	609	86.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q110B Did you tell someone else about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	72	10.2	73.5	73.5
	No	25	3.5	25.5	99.0
	Not sure	1	.1	1.0	100.0
	Total	98	13.9	100.0	
Missing	System	608	86.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q111 Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, wants to be contacted	18	2.5	18.6	18.6
	Yes, wants phone number of someone to contact	10	1.4	10.3	28.9
	No, does not want assistance	69	9.8	71.1	100.0
	Total	97	13.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.1		
	System	608	86.1		
	Total	609	86.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q111A Respondent wants to be contacted--fill out paper form

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	18	2.5	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	688	97.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q111B Respondent wants phone number of someone to contact

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	10	1.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	696	98.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q112 Thinking about your own personal hopes and goals for the future, are you . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very optimistic	364	51.6	53.2	53.2
	Fairly optimistic	247	35.0	36.1	89.3
	Not too optimistic	48	6.8	7.0	96.3
	Or not at all optimistic	25	3.5	3.7	100.0
	Total	684	96.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	13	1.8		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	22	3.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q113 What is the main reason you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	534	75.6	94.2	94.2
	No comments	33	4.7	5.8	100.0
	Total	567	80.3	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	115	16.3		
	System	22	3.1		
	Total	139	19.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q113A Q113 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Feels good about self/future	66	9.3	12.4	12.4
	Has skills/job opportunities	10	1.4	1.9	14.3
	Is optimistic/positive attitude-feelings	119	16.9	22.4	36.7
	Has plans/working toward goals	101	14.3	19.0	55.6
	Supported by family/foster parents	42	5.9	7.9	63.5
	Feels prepared	38	5.4	7.1	70.7
	Doesn't feel good about self/future	18	2.5	3.4	74.1
	Is pessimistic/negative attitude-feelings	21	3.0	3.9	78.0
	Scared about future	9	1.3	1.7	79.7
	Doesn't feel prepared	22	3.1	4.1	83.8
	Because of past experiences	10	1.4	1.9	85.7
	Don't know	18	2.5	3.4	89.1
	Other reasons	16	2.3	3.0	92.1
	Just feels that way	15	2.1	2.8	94.9
	Uncertain of future	27	3.8	5.1	100.0
Total		532	75.4	100.0	
Missing	System	174	24.6		
Total		706	100.0		

Q114 Are you male or female?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	353	50.0	50.6	50.6
	Female	345	48.9	49.4	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	8	1.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q115 Were you born in the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	670	94.9	96.8	96.8
	No	22	3.1	3.2	100.0
	Total	692	98.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	14	2.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q116 In what year did you move to the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	1991	1	.1	5.3	5.3	
	1992	1	.1	5.3	10.5	
	1993	3	.4	15.8	26.3	
	1994	1	.1	5.3	31.6	
	1995	1	.1	5.3	36.8	
	1996	2	.3	10.5	47.4	
	1997	1	.1	5.3	52.6	
	1998	1	.1	5.3	57.9	
	1999	1	.1	5.3	63.2	
	2000	1	.1	5.3	68.4	
	2001	1	.1	5.3	73.7	
	2002	2	.3	10.5	84.2	
	2004	1	.1	5.3	89.5	
	2005	2	.3	10.5	100.0	
	Total	19	2.7	100.0		
	Missing	don't know	3	.4		
		System	684	96.9		
Total		687	97.3			
Total		706	100.0			

Q117 How would you describe the geographic area in which you live?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Rural area	71	10.1	10.9	10.9
	Small town	271	38.4	41.7	52.6
	Suburb	46	6.5	7.1	59.7
	City or urban area	262	37.1	40.3	100.0
	Total	650	92.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	Don't know	47	6.7		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	56	7.9		
Total		706	100.0		

Q118 Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	120	17.0	17.5	17.5
	No	566	80.2	82.5	100.0
	Total	686	97.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	12	1.7		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	20	2.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q119 Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian	50	7.1	7.3	7.3
	Black or African American	81	11.5	11.8	19.1
	Asian, Hawaiian, or pacific islander	16	2.3	2.3	21.4
	Hispanic or Latin American	58	8.2	8.4	29.8
	Caucasian or white	356	50.4	51.8	81.7
	Eskimo or Aleut	2	.3	.3	82.0
	Some other ethnicity	124	17.6	18.0	100.0
	Total	687	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	.3		
	Don't know	9	1.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	19	2.7		
Total		706	100.0		

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian	16	2.3	12.9	12.9
	Black or African American	2	.3	1.6	14.5
	Asian,Hawaiian,or Pacific Islander	3	.4	2.4	16.9
	Hispanic or Latin American	8	1.1	6.5	23.4
	Caucasian or White	12	1.7	9.7	33.1
	Other	6	.8	4.8	37.9
	Indian-Black	9	1.3	7.3	45.2
	Indian-Hispanic	9	1.3	7.3	52.4
	Indian-White	27	3.8	21.8	74.2
	Black-Hispanic	2	.3	1.6	75.8
	Black-White	12	1.7	9.7	85.5
	Asian-White	1	.1	.8	86.3
	Hispanic-White	16	2.3	12.9	99.2
	White-Aleut	1	.1	.8	100.0
	Total	124	17.6	100.0	
Missing	System	582	82.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q120 Do you have a computer in your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	602	85.3	86.5	86.5
	No	94	13.3	13.5	100.0
	Total	696	98.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	10	1.4		
Total		706	100.0		

Q121 Do you have access to the Internet in your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	479	67.8	79.8	79.8
	No	121	17.1	20.2	100.0
	Total	600	85.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	104	14.7		
	Total	106	15.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Zipcode Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Out of State	38	5.4	6.2	6.2
	West	414	58.6	67.6	73.9
	East	160	22.7	26.1	100.0
	Total	612	86.7	100.0	
Missing	System	94	13.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q123 Do you know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	641	90.8	93.4	93.4
	No	45	6.4	6.6	100.0
	Total	686	97.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	.4		
	Don't know	9	1.3		
	System	8	1.1		
	Total	20	2.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q124 Do you think your foster parents know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	610	86.4	96.1	96.1
	No	25	3.5	3.9	100.0
	Total	635	89.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	6	.8		
	System	65	9.2		
	Total	71	10.1		
Total		706	100.0		

Q125 Do you currently identify as heterosexual or straight?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	569	80.6	91.0	91.0
	No	56	7.9	9.0	100.0
	Total	625	88.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	6	.8		
	Don't know	10	1.4		
	System	65	9.2		
	Total	81	11.5		
Total		706	100.0		

Q127 Do you currently identify as homosexual (gay male, lesbian female)?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	14	2.0	15.1	15.1
	No	79	11.2	84.9	100.0
	Total	93	13.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	5	.7		
	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	603	85.4		
	Total	613	86.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q128 Do you currently identify as bisexual?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	42	5.9	43.3	43.3
	No	55	7.8	56.7	100.0
	Total	97	13.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	603	85.4		
	Total	609	86.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q126 Do you currently identify as transgender (gender queer, gender fluid)?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	1	.1	1.1	1.1
	No	92	13.0	98.9	100.0
	Total	93	13.2	100.0	
Missing	Refused	5	.7		
	Don't know	5	.7		
	System	603	85.4		
	Total	613	86.8		
Total		706	100.0		

Q129 How old were you when you became aware of your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	1	.1	1.2	1.2
	2	1	.1	1.2	2.4
	3	2	.3	2.4	4.7
	4	3	.4	3.5	8.2
	5	4	.6	4.7	12.9
	6	1	.1	1.2	14.1
	7	4	.6	4.7	18.8
	8	4	.6	4.7	23.5
	10	15	2.1	17.6	41.2
	11	4	.6	4.7	45.9
	12	9	1.3	10.6	56.5
	13	17	2.4	20.0	76.5
	14	11	1.6	12.9	89.4
	15	6	.8	7.1	96.5
	16	2	.3	2.4	98.8
	17	1	.1	1.2	100.0
	Total	85	12.0	100.0	
Missing	Refused	4	.6		
	Don't know	14	2.0		
	System	603	85.4		
	Total	621	88.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q130 Has your sexual orientation or gender identity created any problems for you in your foster care placements?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	28	4.0	4.4	4.4
	No	606	85.8	95.6	100.0
	Total	634	89.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	5	.7		
	Don't know	2	.3		
	System	65	9.2		
	Total	72	10.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q131 What kinds of problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	26	3.7	96.3	96.3
	No comments	1	.1	3.7	100.0
	Total	27	3.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.1		
	System	678	96.0		
	Total	679	96.2		
Total		706	100.0		

Q131A Q131 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	School	1	.1	3.8	3.8
	Friends	2	.3	7.7	11.5
	Harrassment/not being accepted	11	1.6	42.3	53.8
	Teen problems	2	.3	7.7	61.5
	Other	8	1.1	30.8	92.3
	Sexual issues	2	.3	7.7	100.0
	Total	26	3.7	100.0	
Missing	System	680	96.3		
Total		706	100.0		

Q132A Did you tell your social worker about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	15	2.1	53.6	53.6
	No	13	1.8	46.4	100.0
	Total	28	4.0	100.0	
Missing	System	678	96.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q132B Did you tell someone else about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	24	3.4	85.7	85.7
	No	3	.4	10.7	96.4
	Not sure	1	.1	3.6	100.0
	Total	28	4.0	100.0	
Missing	System	678	96.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q133 Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, wants to be contacted	2	.3	7.1	7.1
	Yes, wants phone number of someone to contact	3	.4	10.7	17.9
	No, does not want assistance	23	3.3	82.1	100.0
	Total	28	4.0	100.0	
Missing	System	678	96.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Q133A Respondent wants to be contacted--please fill out paper form

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	2	.3	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	704	99.7		
Total		706	100.0		

Q133B Respondent wants phone number of someone to contact

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	3	.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	703	99.6		
Total		706	100.0		

THX If you have any additional comments or questions about Washington's Foster Care system or about this survey, I can take note of them now.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	22	3.1	3.2	3.2
	No Comments	676	95.8	96.8	100.0
	Total	698	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	8	1.1		
Total		706	100.0		

QTHXA THX - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Survey/incentive	5	.7	23.8	23.8
	Glad to do survey	2	.3	9.5	33.3
	Foster care needs improvement	4	.6	19.0	52.4
	Foster care/social worker doing a good job	1	.1	4.8	57.1
	Wants more information	3	.4	14.3	71.4
	Other	6	.8	28.6	100.0
	Total	21	3.0	100.0	
Missing	System	685	97.0		
Total		706	100.0		

Outcome Group Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	< 17.5	524	74.2	74.2	74.2
	=> 17.5	182	25.8	25.8	100.0
	Total	706	100.0	100.0	

Region DSHS Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Spokane	91	12.9	12.9	12.9
	2 Yakima	87	12.3	12.3	25.2
	3 Bellingham	113	16.0	16.0	41.2
	4 King	144	20.4	20.4	61.6
	5 Thurston	116	16.4	16.4	78.0
	6 Vancouver	155	22.0	22.0	100.0
	Total	706	100.0	100.0	

VI. STUDY DOCUMENTS

Advance Letters

Foster Parent Letter

Washington State University

Social and Economic Sciences Research Center

Wilson Hall 133
PO Box 644014
Pullman, WA 99164-4014
509-335-1511
Fax 509-335-0116

March 13, 2008

Dear Foster Parent or Caregiver:

We need your help! I am writing to let you know that your foster youth - «First_name» «Last_name» will be contacted sometime in the next few weeks for a telephone survey being conducted for Children's Administration (CA) and for the Braam Oversight Panel. The purpose is to gather information from youth in foster care about their experiences with the foster care services provided by Children's Administration.

Participation is voluntary, and if your foster youth does not want to participate it will not be held against them. However, participation is crucial to the survey's ability to accurately represent the opinions of all youth age 15 to 18 in foster care in Washington State. Survey results will be used to improve the services provided to youth in foster care. Results will be posted this summer at the CA website: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca>.

To ensure your foster youth's confidentiality, Washington State University's Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) is conducting the survey. All information about your foster child will remain confidential and no personally identifying information will be shared with anyone else, including the Braam panel, and Children's Administration. All survey answers will be combined with those of other survey participants so that individual answers cannot be identified in the results.

The interview will take between 15 and 20 minutes or so, depending on your teen's situation. If the interviewer calls at an inconvenient time, we are glad to make an appointment to call again at a more convenient time. Please encourage your foster youth to speak with the interviewer when she/he calls, and I ask that you please allow her/him the space and privacy needed to speak with our interviewer in confidence.

If you have any questions about the survey or about your participation please call SESRC at 1-800-833-0867 and ask to speak with the Braam youth survey coordinator, or you may email us at sesrcweb6@wsu.edu. Information about the survey is available at the Braam Panel website at www.wsipp.wa.gov/braampanel/.

Thank you so much for your time and for the care you provide every day!

Sincerely,



John Tarnai
Director

Youth Letter

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March 14, 2008

Dear < NAME >:

We need your input! The Washington State Children's Administration wants to improve the services that it provides to young people in foster care and has asked us, the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC) at Washington State University to survey youth in foster care.

We are asking you to participate in this telephone survey because your views are important to us. **The survey is completely confidential** and the questionnaire is fairly brief. No personally identifiable information will be associated with your responses. A telephone interviewer from Washington State University will be calling to ask you to participate in an interview that will take between 15 and 20 minutes, depending on your situation. I ask that you please take the time to speak with our interviewer when she/he calls.

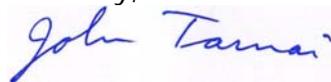
SESRC-WSU will compile the unidentified survey results and prepare a report of the survey results, which will be summarized and posted on the CA website when they become available. The results will be used to help Children's Administration do a better job of providing services to youth in foster care in our State.

If you have any questions about the survey, or about your participation, please feel free to contact SESRC at sesrcweb1@wsu.edu or 800-833-0867. You may also call this number if you want to schedule a specific appointment time for the interview. Information about the survey is also available at the Braam Panel website at www.wsipp.wa.gov/braampanel/.

Participating in the survey is voluntary, and if you do not want to participate it will not be held against you. To encourage your participation in the survey, we will enter your name in a drawing for a chance to win one of eighteen cash gifts of \$100 each (three per region) after you have completed the survey.

Thank you for your help in this important study of foster care in Washington State.

Sincerely,



John Tarnai
Director

Frequently Asked Questions

BRY'S FAQ'S

Telephone Survey of Washington State Youth in Foster Care

Access code: 218-955-608

SESRC 800#: 800-833-0867

1. WHO IS FUNDING THE SURVEY?

This project is funded by Children's Administration of the State of Washington and is sponsored by the Braam Oversight Panel.

1.5 WHAT IS THE BRAAM OVERSIGHT PANEL?

The Braam Oversight Panel was created in 2004 to oversee a settlement agreement regarding Washington State's foster care system. You can get more information about the Oversight Panel by going online at www.wsipp.wa.gov/braampanel.

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY?

The purpose of this study is to find out from youth about their experiences in foster care in Washington state and to learn about how the State might improve services provide to youth in foster care. This information is not currently available from other sources.

The survey is sponsored by the Braam Oversight Panel. The topics discussed in the survey will be summarized in a report to Children's Administration and the Braam Panel.

3. WHO IS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STUDY?

Here at Washington State University the people responsible are John Tarnai and Rose Krebill-Prather. You can contact them by calling 800-833-0867 and mentioning that you calling about the BRY'S survey project. You can also e-mail them at sesrc@wsu.edu.

If you want to contact the Braam panel, you can call the Executive Director, Carrie Whitaker, at 206-616-0390 or email her at carwhit@u.washington.edu.

4. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE PARTICIPATING?

We will be interviewing about 800 youth age 15 to 18 in foster care in Washington State.

5. WHO ARE YOU? WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS INTERVIEW?

I am a (student/resident) of Pullman, Washington, working part-time for the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center at Washington State University.

6. HOW DID YOU GET MY NAME?

The State of Washington provided the names of all youth in foster care in Washington State.

7. HOW CAN I BE SURE THIS IS AUTHENTIC?

I would be glad to give you our telephone number here at SESRC, and you can call my supervisor to verify my employment and the validity of the study. The phone number is: 800-833-0867 and my supervisors are Jessie Aguilar, Ryan Paulson, and Tony Hernandez.

You can also go to the Braam Panel website (www.wsipp.wa.gov/braampanel), which has a link to the survey and to the SESRC website (www.sesrc.wsu.edu)

8. IS THIS CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes, all information about you will remain in a confidential form here at SESRC and no identifying information will be shared with anyone else, including the Braam panel, and Children's Administration. Your answers will be combined with those of other survey participants so that individual answers cannot be identified in the results. Your name and phone number will be removed from the final data set.

Also, maintaining confidentiality is extremely important to the success of our research center, because we conduct many surveys. Thus, we are very careful to adhere to these policies and protect your privacy.

9. HOW WILL THE RESULTS BE USED? WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH MY ANSWERS?

The results of the survey will be analyzed and summarized in a report to the Braam Panel and Children's Administration of the State of Washington. By learning about the experiences of youth in foster care, the state will know more about what services to provide to youth in foster care.

Project Specifics (do not read these items to the respondent)

- Calling youth between 15 and 18 years old
- Have the state's permission to call these children
 - If a foster parent refuses to let you talk to the respondent code it as an RP and note that the parent is refusing
- If they complete the survey they will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 18 cash gifts of \$100 each.
- You must stay professional while talking to these children. It is important you do not digress from the survey, ask personal questions about school or family or share information you think would be helpful. Monitors and Supervisors will be checking for any behavior that is considered unprofessional.
- Do not call Directory Assistance
- We are making up to 12 call attempts
- If the child states they will call us back on the 800 line then set a CB for 10 days or the last date of the survey (which ever is longer).
- If the child wants us to call back at a different time and on a different number you need to change the number in the CATI and then set the call back
- We are leaving an answering machine message only one time.
- If a child is no longer at a facility or home code and the guardians do not know who to reach then code the case as a WN.

Forms

During the interview you may have to ask the respondent for contact information in order for someone else to contact the respondent about an issue. In that case you need to fill out a **green** form (similar to the one below). When you fill it out make sure you fill it out completely and accurately.

Date: _____

RESPONDENT WANTS TO BE CONTACTED FOR:

- SAFETY** (refers to the section regarding safety and abuse)
- ORIENTATION** (IWR: refers to the sexual and gender orientation questions)

Respondent Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IWR Initials: _____

VOICE MAIL MESSAGE

MESSAGE TO LEAVE ON RESPONDENT'S ANSWERING MACHINE

BRYS
Survey of Youth in Foster Care

MESSAGE TO LEAVE ON RESPONDENT'S ANSWERING MACHINE

Hi, I'm calling from Washington State University to speak with <Respondent name> about a survey of youth in foster care in Washington State. We mailed a letter about this a few days ago.

If you can please call us back at our toll free number we would like to schedule a convenient day and time for the telephone interview. Please call 1-800-833-0867 and mention the youth survey and number <CATI ID Number>. Thanks in advance for your help.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT FORM
Survey of Washington State Youth in Foster Care Survey

Date: _____

RESPONDENT WANTS TO BE CONTACTED FOR:

SAFETY

ORIENTATION

Respondent Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IWR Initials: _____

After completing the interview deliver the completed form to a supervisor immediately

Survey of Washington State Youth in Foster Care Survey

Date: _____

RESPONDENT WANTS TO BE CONTACTED FOR:

SAFETY

ORIENTATION

Respondent Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IWR Initials: _____

After completing the interview deliver the completed form to a supervisor immediately

Questionnaire

Youth in Foster Care Survey

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Origin of Questions

FC = Questions from the Foster Care to 21 Program Survey

FP = Questions from the 2007 Foster Parent Survey

C = Questions from the Casey Survey

CH = Questions from the Chapin Hall Survey

N = New

Foster Care Youth Telephone Questionnaire

Introduction

BEGIN

Hello, this is _____) from Washington State University. I'm trying to reach (name), is (he/she) available?

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. | Yes – Continue..... | 1 | → YBEGIN |
| 2. | Not available – Callback | 2 | → Get best time to call |
| 3. | Nonworking number | 3 | |
| 4. | Noncontact..... | 4 | |
| 5. | Communication barrier..... | 5 | |
| 6. | Other | 6 | _____ |
| 8. | Refusal | 8 | |

I am an interviewer at the Social and Economic Sciences Center at Washington State University. We are trying to contact (name) as part of a study on young adults in foster care placements. Can you help me reach (name)?

(IWR: If they want more information, say "I would be happy to give more information to (name) or give you a phone number for him/her to call to get more information about the survey (800-866-0867).

YBEGIN

We recently mailed a letter to you about a survey of young adults in foster care placements. Do you remember receiving the letter?

- | | | |
|----|--------------|--|
| 1. | Yes | |
| 2. | No → | It was a brief letter to let you know about the study. |
| 3. | Don't Know → | " " " |

YINFO

Before we begin there are a few things I need to tell you about the study:

- **First, my supervisor here at WSU might listen to parts of this interview, but all of the information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential.**
- **Your identifying information will be kept separate from the survey, so that no one will be able to see how you answered the questions.**
- **I will be asking questions about your placement in foster care, the services you have received, and your personal goals.**
- **As mentioned in the letter we sent, participating in the survey is voluntary and if you do not want to participate it will not be held against you.**
- **The interview will take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete, but could take up to half an hour.**
- **To protect your privacy, you should be on a phone where you can be comfortable, can't be overheard, and can talk in confidence.**
- **If not, I would be glad to call again later, or at a different number, or I can give you our toll free 800 number, and you can call us.**
- **Do you agree to do this interview?**

- | | | | |
|----|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1. | Yes – Continue..... | 1 | → YINFO |
| 2. | Would prefer a callback at this number.... | 2 | → Get best time to call |
| 3. | Would prefer a callback at a different # ... | 3 | → " " plus get phone # |
| 4. | Wants 800 number | 4 | → Provide SESRC 800# |
| 6. | Other | 6 | _____ |
| 8. | No, Refusal | 8 | → SKIP to END |

ASSENT

OK if I come to any question you would prefer not to answer, just let me know, and I'll skip over it?

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Yes – Continue..... | 1 | |
| 2. | No - prefer not to participate | 2 | → SKIP to END |
| 3. | Other | 6 | _____ |

Placement Questions

Q1-FC First, about how many years have you spent in foster care, including placements with relatives?

_____ # YEARS

8 Don't know

Q2-N How many different placements did you have in 2007?

- 1 One → SKIP to Q5
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q5

Q3-N What is your understanding of why these moves happened?

OPEN END _____

8 Don't know

Q4-N Is there anything that could have been done to prevent these moves from occurring?

OPEN END _____

8 Don't know

Q5-N How many TOTAL placements have you had since you've been in foster care, including placements with relatives?

_____ **Total # Placements**

8 Don't know

I have a few questions about your current placement?

Q6-N In your current placement, are you . . .

- 1 LIVING WITH RELATIVES
- 2 IN A FOSTER HOME
- 3 IN A FOSTER-ADOPT HOME
- 4 IN A GROUP HOME → SKIP to Q10
- 5 OR IN SOME OTHER SITUATION _____ → SKIP to Q10
(please describe)
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q10

Q7-N Is your current placement headed by . . .

- 1 A SINGLE PARENT
- 2 DUAL PARENTS
- 3 OR SOMETHING ELSE _____
(please describe)

Q8-N How many other children, age 18 or younger, are at this placement?

_____ # OF OTHER CHILDREN (IF ZERO → SKIP TO Q10)

- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q10

Q9-N Of these _(fill Q8-N)_ children how many are foster children? (IWR: If only one child ask: Is this child in foster care? If the R answers "no" enter a zero, if the R answers "yes" enter a one.)

_____ # OF OTHER CHILDREN

- 8 Don't know

Q10-FC How long have you lived in this placement?

- 1-12 for number of months if < 1 year
- 13 1 yr up to 2 years
- 14 2 yrs up to 3 years
- 15 3 or more years
- 98 Don't know

Q11-N In 2007 did you ever spend a night in a DSHS office?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

Q12-N How has the foster care system treated you in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 or, NOT VERY WELL
- 8 don't know → SKIP TO Q14-N

Q13-N What is the main reason that you feel this way?

OPEN END _____

Q14-N Overall, how do you feel about your current placement? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY POSITIVE → SKIP TO Q16
- 2 SOMEWHAT POSITIVE → SKIP TO Q16
- 3 NEUTRAL – HAVEN'T DECIDED → SKIP TO Q16
- 4 SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE
- 5 OR VERY NEGATIVE
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q16

Q15-N What is the main reason that you feel this way?

OPEN END _____

Q16-N How involved were you in your case planning in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY INVOLVED
- 2 SOMEWHAT INVOLVED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNINVOLVED
- 4 OR VERY UNINVOLVED
- 8 don't know

School Questions

Q17-FC In what grade in school are you now?

- 1 7th
- 2 8th
- 3 9th
- 4 10th
- 5 11th
- 6 12th
- 7 Not in school
- 8 Other _____
- 9 Don't Know

Q18-N How old are you?

- 0 Less than 15
- 1 15
- 2 16
- 3 17
- 4 18
- 5 Over 18
- 8 Don't Know

Q19-N What is your birth date?

____ MO
____ DAY
____ YR

Q20-FC In 2007 what kind of grades did you receive in school? Would you say . . .
. (IWR: stop when you reach the correct category)

- 1 MOSTLY A'S
- 2 MOSTLY A'S AND B'S
- 3 MOSTLY B'S
- 4 MOSTLY B'S AND C'S
- 5 MOSTLY C'S
- 6 MOSTLY C'S AND D'S
- 7 MOSTLY D'S AND LOWER
- 8 OR YOU WERE NOT IN SCHOOL IN 2007 → SKIP TO Q22
- 88 Don't know

Q21-FC In 2007 were you ever suspended or expelled from school?

- 1 yes – suspended
- 2 yes – expelled
- 3 yes - both
- 4 no
- 8 Don't know

Q22-FC Thinking ahead to the future, what would you say is the highest education that you plan to achieve? Would you say . . .

- 1 a GED
- 2 a high school degree
- 3 a Vocational or Technical certificate
- 4 Some college, but probably not a degree
- 5 An Associate degree
- 6 A Bachelor's degree
- 7 A Master's degree
- 8 a Doctorate degree
- 9 a Professional school degree, or
- 10 Some other degree _____
(Please Describe)
- 98 Don't know

Q23-FC How well prepared do you think you are to meet your educational goals? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNPREPARED
- 4 VERY UNPREPARED
- 8 don't know

Q24-N Have you ever heard of an Individual Education Plan, sometimes referred to as an IEP or a 504 Plan?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q28
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q28

Q25-FC Do you have an Individual Education Plan now?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q26-N Have you ever attended an IEP meeting?

- 1 yes
- 2 no → SKIP to Q28
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q28

Q27-N When you last attended an IEP meeting, did your social worker attend this meeting with you?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Now I have a few questions about being homeless and running away from home.

Runaways/Homelessness

Q28-CH In 2007 did you run away from a foster home or group home? By run away, I mean staying away for at least one night.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q33
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q33

Q29-CH How many times did you run away from a foster home or group home in 2007?

_____ # Times

- 8 Don't Know

Q30-N The last time you ran away, where did you stay?

- 1 At a relative's place
- 2 At a friend's place
- 3 At someone else's place
- 4 At a hotel or motel
- 5 In a shelter
- 6 At a restaurant that was open all night
- 7 Somewhere outside
- 8 In a vehicle
- 9 In an abandoned building
- 10 Somewhere else _____
(Please Describe)
- 11 Don't know

Q31-N What was the main reason you ran away the last time?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q32-N What could have been done so that you wouldn't have run away last time?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Significant Adult Relationships

Q33-C In 2007 did you have any contact with any adult member of your biological family? (IWR: This can also include the R's adoptive family as well.)

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q35
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q34-N Was it your choice not to have contact, or was it not possible to arrange contact?

- 1 By choice → SKIP TO Q38
- 2 Not possible to arrange contact –SKIP to Q38
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q35-N How much contact did you have in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 A FEW TIMES A WEEK
- 2 ABOUT ONCE A WEEK
- 3 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT ONCE MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVER OTHER MONTH
- 6 A FEW TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- 7 OR LESS OFTEN
- 8 Don't know

Q36-N Was this about the right amount of contact, or would you have preferred more contact, or less contact?

- 1 Right amount of contact → SKIP to Q38
- 2 Prefer MORE contact → SKIP to Q38
- 3 Prefer LESS contact
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q37-N Please tell me why you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't know

Q38-FC Other than your biological parents, is there ONE adult that has an important positive influence on your life currently?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q41
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q41

Q39-FC How is this person related to you? (*IWR: If there has been more than one person, ask the R to please describe the person who has been MOST important to them.*)

_____ Relationship

8 Don't Know

Q40-FC How old were you when this person first became important in your life?

_____ AGE in Years

8 Don't Know

Q41-C Is there someone whom you can confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems? Would you say . . .

- 1 DEFINITELY YES
- 2 PROBABLY YES
- 3 PROBABLY NOT
- 4 DEFINITELY NOT
- 8 OR, YOU ARE NOT SURE

Q42-N When you have a problem, who do you tend to go to first? Is it . . .

- 1 YOUR FOSTER PARENTS
- 2 YOUR BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS
- 3 YOUR FRIENDS
- 4 YOUR SISTERS OR BROTHERS
- 5 YOUR TEACHERS
- 6 YOUR SOCIAL WORKER
- 7 SOMEONE ELSE
- 8 Or, NO ONE
- 9 Don't know

Q43-N In 2007 did you participate in any sports, clubs, teams, or volunteer organizations?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know

Health/Mental Health Services

Q44-FC In general would you say your health is . . .

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 VERY GOOD
- 3 GOOD
- 4 FAIR
- 5 OR POOR
- 8 don't know

Q45-FC When did you last have a physical examination by a doctor or nurse? Was it . . .

- 1 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO
- 2 1 TO 2 YEARS AGO
- 3 MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO
- 4 OR YOU HAVE NEVER HAD AN EXAM
- 8 don't know

Q46-FC When did you last have a dental examination by a dentist or hygienist? Was it . . .

- 1 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO
- 2 1 TO 2 YEARS AGO
- 3 MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO
- 4 OR YOU HAVE NEVER HAD AN EXAM
- 8 don't know

Q47-FC Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed medical care, but did not get it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q50
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q50

Q48-N Why did you think you needed medical care?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q49-N What is the main reason that you did not get the medical care that you thought you needed?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q50-N Are you currently meeting with a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q54
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q54

Q50A-N How long have been seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist? Would you say . . .

- 1 LESS THAN 3 MONTHS
- 2 3 TO 6 MONTHS
- 3 6 TO 12 MONTHS
- 4 or, MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
- 8 don't know

Q51-N How helpful has this been? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY HELPFUL
- 2 SOMEWHAT HELPFUL
- 3 NEITHER HELPFUL NOR UNHELPFUL
- 4 SOMEWHAT UNHELPFUL
- 5 OR VERY UNHELPFUL
- 8 don't know

Q52-N During 2007, did you have the same psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist or did you have a change in your counselors or therapists?

- 1 The same counselors/ treatment team → SKIP to Q54
- 2 Different counselors/ treatment teams
- 3 Not sure → SKIP to Q54

Q53-N What is the main reason that your psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist changed in 2007?

OPEN END _____

Q54-N Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed counseling or therapy, but did not get it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q57
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q57

Q55-N Why did you think you needed counseling or therapy?

_____ OPEN END

8 Don't Know

Q56-N What's the main reason that you did not get the counseling or therapy that you thought you needed?

_____ OPEN END

8 Don't Know

Q57-C Did you have an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007?

1 Yes

2 No

8 Don't know

Social Worker Questions

**Q58-C How many social workers have you had since you've been in foster care?
(IWR CLARIFICATION: Please answer this for all times you have been in
foster care.)**

_____ # SOCIAL WORKERS

8 Not sure

Q59N Do you know your current DCFS or DSHS social worker's name?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

Q60-N Do you know how to contact your current social worker?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

**For the next few questions please think about the social worker you had in 2007.
If you had more than one, please answer for the social worker who was with you
the longest in 2007.**

**Q61-FP About how often did you talk on the telephone or communicate by email
with your social worker in 2007? Would you say . . .**

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 LESS OFTEN, OR
- 7 OR NEVER IN 2007
- 8 don't know

**Q62-FP About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker
in 2007? Would you say about . . .**

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 LESS OFTEN
- 7 OR NEVER IN 2007 → SKIP to Q65
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q65

Q63-N Were any of these face-to-face visits at your placement?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q65
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q65

Q64-FP About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker at your placement in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 OR LESS OFTEN
- 8 don't know

Q65-FP Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of support provided by your social worker? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
- 4 OR VERY DISSATISFIED
- 8 don't know

Q66-FP What is the main reason that you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q67-N Do you know how to get help from DCFS – the Division of Child and Family Services - after hours or on weekends?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

Sibling Relations

Q68-FC How many living biological sisters or brothers do you have?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven or more
- 8 Don't know → Skip to Q72

Q69-FC How many are living with you in your current placement?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven or more
- 8 Don't know → Skip to Q72

UNCONDITIONAL SKIP → IF Q68 = Q69 THEN SKIP TO Q72

Q70-FP In a typical month in 2007, how often did you have visits and other forms of contact with your brothers and sisters who were not living with you? Would you say . . .

- 0 NOT AT ALL
- 1 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
- 2 ONCE A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 3 TWICE A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 4 THREE TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 5 FOUR TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 6 OR MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q72

Q71-N What is the main reason that you had so little contact with your brothers and sisters?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Now I have a few questions about your dependency case and your experience with court hearings.

Court Awareness

Q72-N In your dependency case in 2007, did you have a Guardian Ad Litem, sometimes referred to as a GAL, or a court appointed special advocate, sometimes referred to as a CASA, or did you have both, or none of these?

- 1 Guardian Ad Litem
- 2 Court appointed special advocate
- 3 Both
- 4 None of these
- 8 Don't know

Q73-N Were you represented by an attorney?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q74-N Do you feel that your wishes or interests were heard in court in 2007?
Would you say . . .

- 1 DEFINITELY YES
- 2 PROBABLY YES
- 3 PROBABLY NOT
- 4 or, DEFINITELY NOT
- 8 Don't know

Q75-FP In 2007, how often were you notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings? Would you say . . .

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 ABOUT HALF THE TIME
- 4 RARELY
- 5 NEVER
- 6 OR WERE THERE NO COURT HEARINGS IN 2007 → SKIP TO Q79
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q79

Q76-FP In 2007, how many dependency court hearings did you attend?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three or more
- 8 Don't Know

Q77-N In 2007, how many dependency court hearings that you know of did you miss?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three or more
- 8 Don't Know

Q78-N Were you advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Service Awareness

Next I will ask you about some programs that are available for young adults in foster care.

Q79-FC Have you ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program to help young adults in foster care with school-related problems? (*IWR: If they ask what this program is, say "It's a program that your social worker may have mentioned to help with school problems. It is a new program, mainly for grades 1-10, so you may not have heard of it."*)

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q80-FC Have you heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program, mentoring programs available through Independent Living agencies?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q81-FC Have you heard about the "you-can-go-to-college" or all-day "Foster Care to College" workshops put on by Independent Living providers and Treehouse?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q82-FC Another program is the Make-It-Happen summer college experience. Have you heard about that program? (*IWR: Make-It-Happen is a 4-day summer program on a college campus for young adults in foster care who are thinking of going to college*)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Job Opportunities

Q83-FC Now I would like to ask you some questions about your work experience. Are you currently working for pay?

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q87
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q84-FC Did you ever do any work for pay?

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q86
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q86

Q85-FC Did you ever want to work, but couldn't find any paying jobs?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q86-FC Are you currently looking for work?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q87-N Would you say that your main caregivers are supportive, not supportive, or neutral about your working or looking for work?

- 1 Supportive
- 2 Not supportive
- 3 Neutral
- 8 Don't know

Q88-FC How prepared do you feel you are to get a full-time job? Would you say you are . . .

- 1 VERY WELL PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNPREPARED
- 4 OR VERY UNPREPARED
- 8 don't know

Independent Living

Q89-FC Did a social worker ever refer you to the Independent Living or the Transitional Living program, also referred to as the IL or the TL program?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q90-FC Did you ever participate in an Independent Living, or a Transitional Living program?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q92
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q92

Q91-N Why didn't you participate?

_____ OPEN END

88 Don't Know

Q92-FC In 2007 did you complete a Life Skills Assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment? (IWR: You would have done this on a computer, and a social workers or an Independent Living provider may have helped you with it. It asks questions about career planning, housing, money-management, work-life, etcetera.)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q94
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q94

Q93-N Did your social worker or IL provider review the results with you?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q94-N Did your social worker or Independent Living provider invite you to develop an Independent Living Plan, a Learning Plan, or an IL plan?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q96
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q96

Q95-N Did you participate in developing this Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q97
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q97

Q95A-N Why didn't you participate in developing this IL Plan?

_____ **OPEN-END**

- 8 Don't Know

Q96-N Do you know whether an Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan was developed for you?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q98
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q98

Q97-FC How well do you think your IL Plan will help you in making the transition to adulthood? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 NOT VERY WELL
- 4 OR, NOT AT ALL
- 8 Don't know

**Q98-N Have you received any information or training about any of these topics?
 The first one is . . .**

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. How to succeed in high school or college	1	2	3
B. Assistance with applying to colleges	1	2	3
C. Preparing for college	1	2	3
D. Finding a job	1	2	3
E. Keeping a job	1	2	3
F. Finding housing	1	2	3
G. Daily living skills	1	2	3
H. Interpersonal skills	1	2	3
I. Advocating for yourself	1	2	3
J. Making healthy connections with your biological family	1	2	3
K. Making healthy connections with your extended family	1	2	3

Youth Aging Out – for Youth 17+ (IF Q18>2) All others SKIP to Q107

Q99-N Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q104
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q104

Q100-N Has this meeting taken place yet?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know

Q101-N When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet, when is it scheduled?

___MONTH
 ___DAY
 ___YEAR

Q102-N (Were you able/will you be able) to participate in this shared planning meeting?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q104
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q104

Q103-N What is the main reason you (weren't able/won't be able) to participate?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't know

Q104-C For the next three questions please answer YES or NO for each.

Casey Item #47 (Chafee)	YES	No	Not Sure
A. Did you and your social worker or IL Provider talk about developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?	1	2	3
B. Did you participate in developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?	1	2	3
C. Do you have a written plan for your transition from foster care?	1	2	3

**Q105-C I am going to read five questions, and ask you to respond YES or NO.
 The first one is . . .**

Casey Item #47 (Chafee)	YES	No	Not Sure
A. Are you taking or have you completed a Driver's Education class?	1	2	3
B. Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?	1	2	3
C. Do you have a driver's license or ID card from Washington State?	1	2	3
D. Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?	1	2	3
E. Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?	1	2	3

Q106-FC Overall, how prepared do you feel to live on your own? Would you say that you are . . .

- 1 VERY PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 NOT VERY PREPARED
- 4 OR NOT AT ALL PREPARED
- 8 don't know

Physical Safety Questions

Finally, I have just a few questions about safety. I want to emphasize that no one, including your foster parents, will be able to see your individual answers to the survey. All your answers will be kept confidential. However, I am required by law to report it to DSHS if you mention any kind of abuse. OK?

Q107-N In 2007 was there ever a time when another person at your placement made you feel physically unsafe? (*IWR: This can be any placement in 2007, not just the current placement.*)

- 1 yes
- 2 no → SKIP to Q112
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q112

Q108-N Was this person . . .

- 1 A FOSTER PARENT
- 2 ANOTHER ADULT
- 3 Or ANOTHER YOUNG ADULT
- 1 Don't know

Q109-N What is the main reason that you felt unsafe?

OPEN END _____

Q110-N Did you . . .

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. Tell your social worker about this	1	2	8
B. Tell someone else about this	1	2	8

Q111-N Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact? I assure you that we will maintain your confidentiality, but that we have to report this to DSHS for any further action.

- 1. Yes, wants to be contacted
- 2. Yes, wants phone number of someone to contact
- 3. No, does not want assistance
- 8. Don't know

IF YES, WANTS TO BE CONTACTED → FILL OUT PAPER FORM

Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IF YES, WANTS PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE TO CONTACT → OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- The statewide intake phone number is **1-866-END-HARM** (for reporting child abuse and/or neglect)

Here are some other suggestions for getting help. You may want to contact . . .

- Your social worker
- A trusted adult friend
- Your counselor
- Your local mental health center or crisis line

Demographic questions

We're almost done with the survey, and I have just a few more questions.

Q112-FC Thinking about your own personal hopes and goals for the future, are you . . .

- 1 VERY OPTIMISTIC
- 2 FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC
- 3 NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC
- 4 OR NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC
- 8 don't know

Q113-N What is the main reason you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 9 Don't know

I have just a few questions about you for statistical purposes.

Q114-FP (IWR: ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY)

For survey purposes, I need to ask, are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Q115-FC Were you born in the United States?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q117
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q117

Q116-FC In what year did you move to the United States?

_____ YEAR

- 98 Don't know

Q117-FP **How would you describe the geographic area in which you live?
Would you describe it as . . .**

- 1 A RURAL AREA
- 2 A SMALL TOWN
- 3 A SUBURB
- 4 OR A CITY OR URBAN AREA
- 8 don't know

Q118-FC **Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q119-FP **Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes
you. [IWR: Read categories if R gives you a race/ethnicity that does
not fit the list.**

- 2 American Indian
- 3 Black or African American
- 4 Asian, Hawaiian, or pacific islander
- 5 Hispanic or Latin American
- 6 Caucasian or white
- 7 Eskimo or Aleut
- 8 Some other ethnicity _____
- 88 don't know

Q120-FP **Do you have a computer in your placement?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q122
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q122

Q121-FP **Do you have access to the Internet in your placement?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q122-CH **What is the zipcode of your current placement?**

_____ ZIPCODE

- 8 Don't Know

The next questions are about your sexual orientation or gender identity, whether you are heterosexual or whether you self identify as a gay male, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or are questioning your sexual orientation. For each question please just answer yes, no, or not sure, or tell me to skip over it if you prefer not to answer.

Q123-N People may become aware of their sexual orientation or gender identity at any time in their life; however, it is common to gain this awareness in adolescence and early adulthood. A person's sexual orientation or gender identity is often an important factor in how they get along in a foster care situation. Do you know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to THX
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to QTHX

Q124-N Do you think your foster parents know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q125-N Do you currently identify as heterosexual or straight?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q130
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q126-N Do you currently identify as homosexual (gay male, lesbian female)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q127-N Do you currently identify as bisexual?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q128-N Do you currently identify as transgender (gender queer, gender fluid)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q129-N How old were you when you became aware of your sexual orientation or gender identity?

_____ AGE IN YEARS

- 8 Don't know

Q130-N Has your sexual orientation or gender identity created any problems for you in your foster care placements?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to THX
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to THX

Q131-N What kinds of problems?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't know

Q132-N Did you . . .

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. Tell your social worker about this	1	2	8
B. Tell someone else about this	1	2	8

Q133-N Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact.

- 1. Yes, wants to be contacted
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- 8. Don't know

IF YES, WANTS TO BE CONTACTED → FILL OUT PAPER FORM

Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IF YES, WANTS PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE TO CONTACT → OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- *Sex Information Line is 1-888-307-9275*
- The statewide intake phone number is **1-866-END-HARM** (for reporting child abuse and/or neglect)

Here are some other suggestions for getting help. You may want to contact . . .

- Your social worker
- A trusted adult friend
- Your counselor
- Your local mental health center or crisis line

Closing

THX This completes the survey. Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this survey and share your opinions about these issues.

As was mentioned in the letter, we will enter your name in a random drawing for one of three chances to receive a cash award of \$100 for your assistance in this study. If you have any additional comments or questions about Washington's Foster Care system or about this survey, I can take note of them now.

_____ OPEN END

Questions for the Interviewer

In1 How candid was the respondent?

- 1 very candid
- 2 moderately candid
- 3 somewhat candid
- 4 not candid
- 8 Not sure

Section O. This section is filled out by the interviewer about the quality of the interview

[CATI NOTE: Use standard interviewer questions]

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP FLYERS



WHAT: Come share your thoughts about your experiences growing up in foster care as part of Washington State's efforts to improve foster care. The session will last about one and a half hours, and the discussion will be casual and informal.

WHY: This is a chance to express your views about foster care, and participate in a pleasant social gathering. Snacks and a financial gift (stipend) will be provided to those participating in the discussion.

WHO: Participants can be between the ages of 15-19 and are either in foster care now or were in foster care sometime in 2007.

WHEN: Friday, June 20th, from Noon to about 1:30.

WHERE: Catholic Family & Child Service in Yakima

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WHO: Participants can be between the ages of 15-19 and are either in foster care now or were in foster care sometime in 2007.

WHEN: Monday, June 23rd, from 4:00PM to about 5:30PM.

WHERE: The YMCA Center for Young Adults – 2100 24th Ave S
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WHO: Participants can be between the ages of 15-19 and are either in foster care now or were in foster care sometime in 2007.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 24th, from 11:30AM to about 1PM.

WHERE: Catholic Family & Child Service facility in Pasco

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- WHO:** Participants can be between the ages of 15-19 and are either in foster care now or were in foster care sometime in 2007.
- WHEN:** **Thursday, June 26th, from Noon to about 1:30.**
- WHERE:** Volunteers of America building located at:
525 West 2nd Avenue
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PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 23, 2008.

CALL BOB AT 688-1115 AND LET HIM KNOW, OR LEAVE A MESSAGE. IF ANYONE HAS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN HELP.



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