



# National Youth in Transition Database

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Inform youth they will receive a letter on their 17th birthday which lets them know an interviewer will soon contact them to complete a survey or they can choose one of the following:

- Go online – use the password included in the letter or person id to access and complete the survey.
  - Call (toll free) 1-800-974-5456 to complete the survey with an interviewer.
  - Fill out and return a postage paid form which tells us a good time to call the youth. Someone will call them as soon as they receive the form.
- Encourage youth to participate and receive a gift card (for each survey completed at age 17, 19 and 21)

## WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Data collected for NYTD will provide feedback from youth who are in and have transitioned from foster care. This information may lead to:

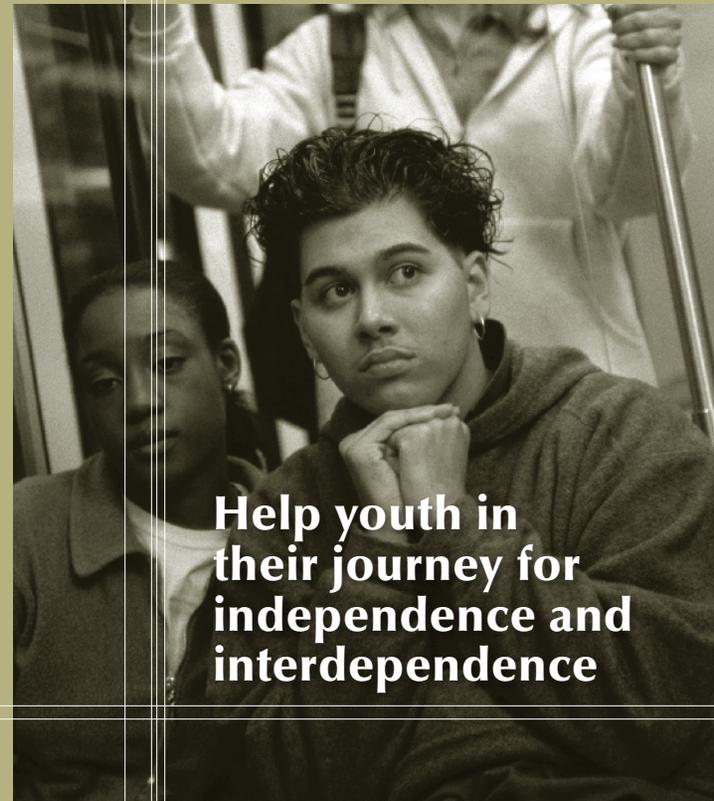
- Improved services for youth
- Reduced homelessness for youth
- Enhanced educational and career success for youth
- Impact life productivity



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their journey for  
independence and  
interdependence

## WHAT IS NYTD?

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) is a federal requirement in all states to gather information from foster youth about their foster care experiences and the independent living services they receive.

The information will be collected through surveying foster youth within 45 days after their 17th birthday.

Youth may be surveyed again at ages 19 and 21. Youth will receive a gift card in appreciation of their participation.

Children's Administration has asked the Department of Social and Health Services Research and Data Analysis Division to conduct the data collection for Washington state.

Survey results will be shared with CA staff, caregivers, and all of our partners in Washington State and will be sent to the federal government for inclusion in the National Youth in Transition Database.



## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Caregivers, group home staff, and social workers are crucial partners in making sure every youth completes a survey soon after turning 17. We need your help to meet the 45 day deadline to survey the youth. **In fact we can't do this without you!**
- Youth may be contacted again at age 19 and 21, for a follow-up survey. You may receive a call from us to inquire about possible contact information.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF WASHINGTON DOES NOT COLLECT THE REQUIRED DATA?

- Children's Administration will be assessed monetary penalties which will be taken from Washington's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.
- Funds from this program support foster youth in their transition to adulthood and helps youth build skills in:
  - Daily Living Skills
  - Educational Support
  - Career Exploration
  - Vocational Training
  - Job Placement and Retention

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Through NYTD we have the opportunity to learn what happens to foster youth as they leave care and how to better serve youth while they are in care!
- Partner with us in making sure we collect the required data in Washington and ensure a better future for our foster youth!

**Remember, States' participation is mandated by the federal government.**



## DID YOU KNOW

The National Youth in Transition Database is a Federal requirement in all states.