Agenda For Today

- Introduction
- Overview of NYTD Bulletin Part 1
- NYTD Technology Application (HZA)
- Wrap-up and Evaluation

Learning Objectives

- Understand NYTD federal mandates and how to implement them at the local level
- Understand roles and responsibilities of youth, county child welfare agencies, and other stakeholders
- Gain tips, tools, and techniques for engaging youth

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Learning Objectives (cont’d)

- Understand NYTD survey questions and connection to measuring youth outcomes and improving services
- Understand the value of NYTD for youth, programs and agencies

NYTD: What Is It?

- National Youth in Transition Database
- Mandated by federal law in 1999 by the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act to:
  - Track Independent Living Services states provide to youth;
  - Develop outcome measures that may be used to assess state performance in operating their Independent Living Programs

Who Is NYTD Tracking?

- Served Population
  - Any youth receiving at least one service paid for by the IL Program
- Baseline Population
  - All youth in foster care any time between their 17th birthday and the 45 days following their birthday
- Follow-Up Population
  - A sample of the baseline population when they turn 19 and again at age 21
Where Is PA Starting?

- Pennsylvania is starting with capturing Baseline Population data
- Guidance will come out in the future regarding the implementation of the other phases

What Is The Timeline For Data Collection?

- Baseline Population is collected during FFY 2011 – October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011
- New Baseline Population will be collected every 3 years – FFY 2014, FFY 2017, FFY 2020 (states may collect every year)
- Follow-Up Population will be collected 2 years and 4 years after the Baseline Population (i.e. 19 year olds and 21 year olds)

What Is The Timeline For Data Collection? (cont’d)

- OCYF intends to implement the Follow-Up Population data collection on time
The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program

Visual Timeline

- FFY 2011 Baseline Population
  - FFY 2014 Baseline Population
  - FFY 2017 Baseline Population

- FFY 2011 Follow-Up Population
  - FFY 2013 Follow-Up Population (19 year olds)
  - FFY 2015 Follow-Up Population (21 year olds)

Where Is The Database?

- Hornby-Zeller and Associates, Inc. (HZA) is developing and managing the database
- The database will be online at www.GetNYTD.org starting October 1, 2010

Who Exactly Is In The Baseline Population?

- Any youth that turns 17 years old during the FFY 2011 (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011)
- AND was in foster care on his or her 17th birthday
- OR entered foster care between his or her 17th birthday and 45 days after this date
NYTD Baseline Or Not?

- A youth turns 17 on September 30, 2010 and enters foster care on October 1, 2010
- A youth turns 17 on October 15, 2010 and enters foster care on December 10, 2010
- A youth turns 17 on October 1, 2011 and is already in foster care
- A youth turns 17 on February 17, 2011 and is already in foster care

NYTD Baseline Or Not?: Answers

- A youth turns 17 on September 30, 2010 and enters foster care on October 1, 2010: NO
- A youth turns 17 on October 15, 2010 and enters foster care on December 10, 2010: NO
- A youth turns 17 on October 1, 2011 and is already in foster care: NO
- A youth turns 17 on February 17, 2011 and is already in foster care: YES

How Is “Foster Care” Defined?

- Non-relative Foster Homes
- Kinship Foster Homes
- Group Homes
- Emergency Shelters
- Residential Facilities
- Child Care Institutions
- Pre-Adoptive Homes
What Is NOT Considered "Foster Care"?

- Youth who are in their own homes under the supervision of the County Child Welfare Agency
- Youth Development Centers/Youth Forestry Camps
- Detention Centers
- Secure Residential Facilities
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
- Hospitals

The Process: Identification

- All County Child Welfare Agencies are responsible for identifying and tracking youth that meet the Baseline Population criteria
- Tools to Identify Youth
  - AFCARS data
  - Supervisor and Caseworker identification
  - PILOTS data

The Process: Registration

- All youth identified as part of the Baseline Population must be registered in the NYTD database by the county NTYD User(s)
- County NYTD User(s) may register youth in the database as follows:
  - Individual registration at www.GetNYTD.org, OR
  - Bulk registration at www.GetNYTD.org, OR
  - By calling the PA NYTD Helpdesk at 1.800.436.4105
The Process: Registration (cont'd)

- NYTD County User(s):
  - This person or persons are identified by the County Child Welfare Agency and have access to input and manage the NYTD Database for the county's youth.
  - County Child Welfare Agencies can identify one or more persons to be County Users based on their needs.
  - Only County Child Welfare Agencies will have access to the database – private provider agencies are not granted user access.

The Process: Registration (cont'd)

- The following information is needed when registering youth:
  - Name
  - Record/AFCARS number
  - Date of birth
  - Sex
  - Race
  - Ethnicity

The Process: Completing The Survey

- Only Youth may answer the survey.
- After youth are registered by the County User each youth should be given their unique password in order to complete the survey online.
The Process: Completing The Survey (cont’d)

- The questions cannot be changed
- The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes for youth to complete
- Youth should answer ALL survey questions
- Preference is for youth to complete the survey online

The Process: Completing The Survey (cont’d)

- Youth may also complete the survey by phone by calling the Helpdesk at 1-800-436-4105
- Hard copy forms may be sent to HZA in self-addressed stamped envelopes for entry into the database

Tips, Tools, And Techniques To Engage Youth In Completing The Survey

- Explain the importance of the survey to youth
- Develop youth outreach group comprised of youth that have completed the survey and can encourage their peers to do so as well
- Sit with youth while they complete the survey

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Tips, Tools, And Techniques To Engage Youth In Completing The Survey (cont'd)

☐ Connect the survey questions to bigger discussions about the youth's life and where he or she wants to be in the future
☐ Determine agency budget, policies, and procedures regarding stipends for survey completion

Timeframe For Completing The Survey

☐ The survey must be completed by all Baseline Population youth within 45 days of the youth turning 17 during the FFY
  ☐ The 45 days starts when the youth turns 17 regardless of when they entered care.
  ☐ For example: A youth turns 17 on January 1, 2011. They enter foster care on February 1, 2011. The survey must be completed by February 15, 2011.

Timeframe For Completing The Survey (cont'd)

☐ The survey must still be completed even if the 45 days falls outside of the FFY reporting period for the Baseline Population
  ☐ For example, if a youth turns 17 on September 28, 2011 the survey must be completed within 45 days even though 43 of those days occur outside of the FFY 2011. The Survey must be completed by November 12, 2011.
The Process: Tracking Completion

- All registered youth will be tracked by the NYTD database with reminders sent for surveys that have yet to be completed at the following intervals:
  - When the youth turns 17 years and 15 days old
  - When the youth turns 17 years and 30 days old
- Once the youth turns 17 years and 46 days old the survey will be closed (survey may still be sent in the mail)

The Process: Outcome Reporting Status

- The following options are available for youth in the Baseline Population:
  - Youth Participated
  - Youth Declined
  - Parent Declined
  - Youth Incapacitated
  - Youth Incarcerated
  - Runaway/Missing
  - Unable to locate/Invite
  - Death

Penalties For Non-Completion

1 percent – 5 percent reduction in federal Chafee funds for Pennsylvania
Action Plan

- Review and Complete the Implementation Assessment
  - What are our strengths? What are our challenges?
  - Create an individual/county action plan focused on the following questions:
    - What are our Goals related to successful NYTD implementation?
    - What Action Steps will we take to meet our goals?
    - Who will be responsible for the different action steps?
    - Who is or should be the County NYTD User?
    - What are our Timelines for completion?
    - What resources, including technical assistance, do we need?

Our Best Thinking

- Share highlights from small group discussions of plans
- Focus on solutions to potential barriers

Questions And Answers