National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)

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Agenda

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  - Teresa Musser, OCYF
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NYTD Overview

NYTD is more than a survey. It is a *movement* to ensure that every youth has access to the resources they need to successfully transition out of foster care into adulthood.

What is NYTD?

- National Youth in Transition Database
- This federal program requires states to collect information on youth transitioning out of foster care.
- The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) requires states to compile and report data about these youth every six months.
- There are two components – youth outcomes (survey-driven) and independent living services (service- driven).
- In PA, data is collected via the **GetNYTDPA.org** website.

Youth Outcomes

- **Baseline surveys** are administered to all 17-year-olds in out-of-home care

- **Follow-up surveys** are administered to a random sample of baseline youth when they turn 19 and 21.

- **Six outcomes** are measured via baseline & follow-up surveys:

  - Financial self-sufficiency
  - Experience with homelessness
  - Educational attainment
  - Positive connections with adults
  - High-risk behavior
  - Access to health insurance

Independent Living (IL) Service / Served Data

Any IL service **paid for or provided by** the agency, regardless of the youth's age:

- Special education
- Independent living needs assessment
- Academic support
- Post-secondary educational support
- Career preparation
- Employment programs or vocational training
- Budget and financial management
- Housing education and home management training
- Health education and risk prevention
- Family Support/Healthy Marriage Education
- Mentoring
- Supervised independent living
- Room and board financial assistance
- Education financial assistance
- Other financial assistance

With NYTD, There's always something going on…

A baseline survey

OR

A follow up survey; and

Always IL service data

	Baseline	Follow-Up	IL/SERVED
FFY 2017	Baseline Survey (17-year olds)		Served
FFY 2018		21-year olds	Served
FFY 2019		19-year olds	Served
FFY 2020	Baseline Survey (17-year olds)		Served
FFY 2021		21-year olds	Served
FFY 2022		19-year olds	Served
FFY 2023	Baseline Survey (17-year olds)		Served
FFY 2024		21-year olds	Served
FFY 2025		19-year olds	Served
FFY 2026	Baseline Survey (17-year olds)		Served

Youth Surveys – Baseline (Counties are Responsible)

- Baseline survey data are submitted to the federal government **every third FFY**
  - **We just completed a baseline year** - FFY 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)
- Baseline surveys are to be completed by every 17-year old in foster care on their 17th birthday or who enter care up to 45 days following that 17th birthday.
- **Counties are responsible** for administering and educating youth on the importance of completing baseline surveys.
- The state is to achieve an **80 percent** participation rate.
- Counties may choose to administer baseline surveys during "off" years

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FFY 2017	Cohort #3		
FFY 2018			Cohort #2
FFY 2019		Cohort #3	
FFY 2020	Cohort #4		
FFY 2021			Cohort #3
FFY 2022		Cohort #4	
FFY 2023	Cohort #5		
FFY 2024			Cohort #4
FFY 2025		Cohort #5	
FFY 2026	Cohort #6		

Youth Surveys - Follow-Up (PCG is Responsible)

- Follow-Up surveys are administered **two and four years after baseline surveys**
  - FFY2021 21-year old Follow-Up surveying began 10/1/2020 for a sample of youth who completed baseline surveys in FFY 2017
- A **random sample** of participants is identified for follow-up surveys
- **PCG is responsible** for administering both follow-up surveys
- The state is penalized if the response rate is below **60 percent**
  - Exclusions for incarceration, incapacitation or death

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Educate Youth & Maintain Engagement

- It is important to educate young adults about NYTD when they participate in the 17-year old baseline survey, to include:
  - they may be contacted at ages 19 and/or 21 to complete follow-up survey
  - there are gift card incentives for completing these follow-up surveys

- Continuously engage youth
  - As you know, life circumstances can be fluid for these youth,
  - Maintain accurate contact information in order to facilitate follow-up surveys

- An answer to at least one outcome question constitutes a valid survey.

Independent Living (IL) Service / Served Data

- At the end of **every six-month period**, counties will either enter service data at GetNYTDPA.org or submit a spreadsheet to PCG.
  - Youth's MCI number
  - Youth's name
  - Youth's demographics
  - Youth's highest achieved education level
  - Yes/No for each service category

- Service data must be submitted **within 15 days** of the end of the period
  - We are in the process of closing out the 2020B reporting period (April to September)
  - Current period's service data (2021A, October - March) must be submitted by April 15th through GetNYTDPA.org or a spreadsheet submitted to PCG.

Note: It is recommended that counties update their IL service data on an ongoing basis to improve accuracy of data and to minimize challenges with end-of-period submission deadlines.

NYTD Program Statistics

PA vs. National & PA Regional Outcomes from

17yr. old Baseline Survey

Pennsylvania* vs. National**
Participation Rates, 17yr. old Baseline

*PA Statistics for Cohort #3 from 2020A Submission
**National Statistics for Cohort #2 (2014) reported in NYTD Brief #7, November 2019 - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/nytd_data_brief_7.pdf (Federal Cohort #3 data not yet available)

Pennsylvania Regional Participation Rates, 17yr. old Baseline

Pennsylvania vs. National Financial Self-Sufficiency & Education, 17 yr. old Baseline

Pennsylvania Regional Financial Self-Sufficiency & Education, 17 yr. old Baseline

PA vs. National Statistics
Percent of Access to Health Insurance Behaviors at Age 17

Pennsylvania Regional Statistics
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PA vs. National Statistics
Percent of Youth Indicators of High-Risk Behaviors at Age 17

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Pennsylvania / National
IL Services Provided

Pennsylvania Regional IL Services Provided

What Now / What’s Next?

-FFY 2020 Baseline Surveys

-FFY 2021 Follow-up: 21yr olds

FFY 2020 Baseline Surveys

- A Baseline Survey must be completed when a youth turns 17 while in out-of-home care or enters out of home care within 45 days following their 17th birthday.
- During the year, the group is divided into two parts based on the youth's date of birth
  - "A" sample: youth with 17th birthday between October 2019 - March 2020
    - Surveys were to be completed by April 15, 2020
  - "B" sample: youth with 17th birthday between April 2020 - September 2020
    - Surveys were to be completed by October 15, 2020
    - **Counties should be wrapping up any outstanding surveys for this group**

FFY 2020 Baseline Surveys

- Baseline surveys must be administered when
  - A youth turns 17 while in out-of-home care; or
  - A youth enters out-of-home care within 45 days following their 17th birthday

- When a youth becomes eligible for a baseline survey, register them in GetNYTDPA.org, including:
  - Name
  - MCI number
  - Demographics (DOB, race, ethnicity)

- GetNYTDPA.org will provide a seven-character “passcode” that allows the youth to complete the survey
  - Youth then enters that passcode at GetNYTDPA.org to complete the survey

- A paper survey option is also available.

Baseline Survey Timeline

Baseline surveys must be administered when:

- A youth turns 17 while in out-of-home care; or
- A youth enters out-of-home care within 45 days following their 17th birthday

FFY 2020 Baseline Surveys

- Baseline surveys for FFY 2020 were to be completed through **September 30th**.
- A random sample of youth who complete a baseline survey in FFY 2020 will participate in the 19- and 21-year old follow up surveys in FFYs 2022 and 2024.
- **County is responsible** for registering eligible youth and administering the baseline survey

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FFY 2021 Follow-Up Surveys

- The sample is divided into two parts based on the youth's date of birth

  - **A Sample:** youth with 21st birthday between October 2020 - March 2021
    - Samples were sent to counties in late September 2020 via SeGov
    - County can also log in to GetNYTDPA.org to see the list of youth in sample
    - PCG has mailed out survey packets to youth in this sample
    - Completed surveys are due March 31, 2021

  - **B Sample:** youth with 21st birthday between April 2021 - September 2021
    - Samples will be sent to counties in late March 2021 via SeGov
    - County can also log in to GetNYTDPA.org to see the list of youth in sample
    - PCG will mail out survey packets to youth in this sample on or about April 1, 2021
    - Completed surveys are due September 30, 2021

FFY 2021 Follow-Up Surveys

- Once the county receives their list, staff start conducting research to locate the youth
  - In addition to county efforts, PCG and SWAN LSI will also conduct research of publicly-accessible resources to help find contact information of youth.

“I found contact information for a youth in my county’s follow-up sample. What do I do now?”

- Contact PCG to provide that contact information
- County may also administer the survey to the youth by phone or in person
- Youth who complete a follow-up survey receive a gift card (Walmart or Sheetz)

FFY 2021 Follow-Up Surveys

- The current round of follow-up surveys began **October 1, 2020**
- A random sample of youth who completed a baseline survey in FFY 2017 have been identified to participate in the 21-year old follow up surveys

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Peer Presentation

NYTD Survey Process

Allegheny County, PA

Educational Liaison Team

CYF Transition Age Youth

Educational Liaison Team

Educational Liaisons

- Responsible for completing NYTD Surveys
- Educational planner for youth ages 14-24
- 10 staff co-located in 5 child welfare regional offices
- Evaluate student abilities, interests, and talents to develop academic and career goals
- Advise students on college majors, admission requirements, financial aid, and technical school options
- Ensure youth complete Chafee ETG application and are knowledgeable about Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program
- Organize and accompany students on college tours
- Provide care packages to youth living on a college campus
- Served 761 youth in FY 18-19

NYTD Survey Process: Checks & Balances

Manager receives survey alerts from database (about 10x/week)

Manager forwards alert to Educational Liaison (cc Supervisor)

Supervisor follows up with Educational Liaison to ensure survey is completed

Finding Youth: Collaboration

If the Educational Liaison is not actively engaged with the youth, they will:		
Try other methods like Client View data base and social media	Collaborate with other programs (412 Youth Zone, Action Housing, KidsVoice)	Contact County Paralegals to run Accurint search for address

Questions?

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Next Steps & Questions

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We Are Here

Going forward with NYTD…

- **Record on an ongoing basis** which youth are receiving any of the fifteen independent living **services** that must be reported through NYTD
  - Send data to PCG after period ends on September 30th
  - Send data to PCG after period ends on March 31st
  - Keep sending data to PCG at the end of each six-month period

- Through September 30th, during a Baseline Year, **when a youth turns 17** while in out-of-home care, or enters out of home care within 45 days following their 17th birthday:
  - Register the youth in GetNYTDPA.org and get a passcode
  - Administer the survey to the youth or give them the passcode and GetNYTDPA.org address

- Through September 30th, during a Follow-Up year for **19-year olds and 21-year olds**:
  - Administer the survey to the youth or give them the passcode and GetNYTDPA.org address
  - Coordinate with PCG in identifying viable contact information for youth in the follow up sample.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Historically, people have different interpretations of what the service delivery categories are. Please clarify the categories.

Answer: The NYTD Served Element Definitions are available when mousing over the element names on the IL/Served Population data entry screens at getnytdpa.org. Additionally, a separate document with the element definitions will be posted on the site with this presentation and session recording.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Please clarify how to report service activities for shared/JPO cases.

Answer: Understanding that youth transition in and out of various systems during their time in care, including the juvenile justice system, counties should report all Independent Living services it paid for or provided during the reporting period.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can counties conduct surveys for youth who may be incarcerated?

Answer: Yes, ACF wants to know about the “Risk Behaviors” foster care youth are experiencing. Working with corrections treatment staff may be beneficial in getting surveys completed. Completed surveys from incarcerated youth can only help the county/state participation rate.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What approach can be used to get surveys completed when youth express feeling overwhelmed by the survey?

Answer: The best approach is to get the youth to complete as many questions as they are comfortable and capable of answering. The ACF does give credit for partially completed surveys.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the best approach to getting surveys completed when a youth enters care within a few days of the 45-day window closing?

Answer: When preparing for intake of a youth after their 17th birthday and with little time remaining in the 45-day window, it is suggested that the intake process could include the baseline survey. ACF does not offer any leniency regarding the baseline survey timeline.

Question: What is the best approach to getting surveys completed when a youth is leaving care within a few days of the 45-day window closing?

Answer: When preparing for the discharge of a youth after their 17th birthday and within a short period of time remaining in the 45-day window, it is suggested that the discharge process could include the baseline survey. ACF does not offer any leniency regarding the baseline survey timeline.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the best approach to getting surveys completed if a youth does not have an MCI#?

Answer: A hardcopy survey can be completed for a youth even if an MCI# is not readily available, The focus should be on getting the survey completed timely. The administrative processes of securing an MCI# and/or getting the survey into the system should be a secondary consideration that can be coordinated with appropriate county staff and/or the Help Desk at getnytdpa.org as needed.

System Demonstration

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Adding / Editing / Viewing Records for Served Population

Copying Youth from One Period to the Next

Adding New Records

Row Number	Child ID (MCI Number)	Child's First Name	Child's Last Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD /YYYY) or (M/D/YY)	Gender	RACE						
						American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Unknown	Decline
1	[redacted]			11/9/200	Female	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
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Finalization of Records

SERVICES										
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Finalizing the Period

Served Youth Record Management

Select date period: 04/01/2015 - 09/30/2015

Add Records | Edit Records | View Records

Finalize Period

All records from the previous period (10/01/2014 - 03/31/2015) are now marked with the "Finalized" status. If all data entry is complete for this period, please click the button below to submit data for your county. By clicking this button, all youth records for the previous period will be locked and no more changes will be allowed. The data records may still be viewed at any time for your convenience.

Finalize Last Period

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