



NYTD

National Youth in Transition Database

NYTD Implementation Training
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NYTD Background

- Public Law 106-169
 - Established John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program
 - Provides States with flexible funding to carry out programs that assist youth transitioning from foster care to self-sufficiency
 - Requires the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to develop a data collection system to track IL services States provide to youth and develop outcome measures that may be used to assess States' performance in operating their independent living programs



What is NYTD

- ACF published final rule on February 26, 2008
 - Rule establishes NYTD
 - NYTD=data collection system designed by ACF to meet compliance with PL 106-169
- NYTD requires states to engage in two data collection activities
 - 1- State must collect information on each youth who receives IL services paid for or provided by the State and transmit this information to ACF biannually.
 - 2- State must collect demographic and outcome information on certain youth in foster care whom the State will **follow over time** to collect additional outcome information.



Why is it important?

- PL 106-169 requires ACF to impose a penalty of between **1% and 5%** of the State's annual allotment on any State that fails to comply with the reporting requirements.
 - Penalties assessed biannually
 - 2.5% max per reporting period
 - Penalties assessed on
 - required participation rates
 - accuracy of data



What does this mean for LA?

- Survey all of our youth ages 14-23 every six months beginning October 1, 2010
 - DCFS case manager to survey youth in Foster Care
 - DCFS case manager to survey youth in YAP
 - Independent Living Providers to survey youth no longer in care and not in the YAP program
 - Can include youth who were adopted or in guardianship relationship at age 16 or older.
 - OJJ case manager to survey youth in OJJ custody
- Collect data/surveys twice a year (FFY=Oct.1-Sept. 30)
 - October 1st -March 31st
 - April 1st -September 30th



Surveys and Flyers

- Surveys and additional information and forms found on the internet site:
 - www.dcfs.louisiana.gov/YouthLink
- Different survey for different populations depending on the year (3 different surveys and populations/groups of youth)



Flyer

- Information that must be given to youth at time of survey
 - There is a flyer for youth, depending on which population/group they fall into. It must be given to and discussed with youth before survey is administered.
 - **Make it sound interesting. We have to get youth to want to do and keep up with. Find a way to make them have ownership of this.**
 - The flyer is for the youth to keep
 - There is an additional caregiver flyer that may be given to the caregivers for information.



Surveys

- Administration of Surveys
 - Must be conducted with the youth and must contain the youth's answers.
 - We are allowed to discuss with youth and assist them to understand what each question means but we **cannot** change their answers
 - Determine which survey to administer by what population the youth falls in.



Surveying Youth

- Survey must be done in person with youth by case manager, IL provider, or appointed person
 - Region that has court jurisdiction over youth must ensure surveys completion, even if survey is actually conducted by a worker who has the child's case in another area
 - For case manager, ensure that you complete surveys on the kids on your case load...the Regional NYTD Contact will ensure the surveys for the youth in the court jurisdiction have been submitted
 - Complete during monthly home visit
 - If you are able to complete survey on internet with youth by way of mobile laptop, etc., show them how to get to the website and where to find the survey and items. Assist them in navigating the website.



Trouble-Shooting

- Youth who refuse to participate or that we cannot find...
 - If in Served Population: Survey must still be complete
 - gather information from any resources, case record, TIPS, etc. to complete survey and submit it
 - If in Baseline Population: Survey must be complete up to ? 34 regardless of participation (same process of above)
 - at ? 34 it gives choices of:

Youth Declined, Parent Declined, Youth Incapacitated, Youth Incarcerated, Runaway/Missing, Unable to Locate/Invite, Death, Not in Sample

Pick a reason you cannot complete 35-58 and submit



Field Specific Process to Follow

1. First identify the child and which survey to complete
2. Second give the youth the flyer and discuss NYTD, as per the flyer
3. Third, conduct the survey, paper or mobile (preferably mobile)
4. Fourth, submit the survey on the internet

*** Regional Administrators will designate a Regional NYTD Contact that will keep track of the regions NYTD survey completion

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Regional NYTD Contacts

- Will be responsible for knowing every child in jurisdiction and ensuring surveys are completed and submitted on time
- DCFS NYTD Liaison, Christy Tate, will check with Regional NYTD Contacts monthly to discuss survey completion and identify needs/ offer assistance
- Tools to help us keep track
 - New reports being designed for the dashboard to track who surveys must be completed on monthly
 - Further information to follow



Populations

- Group/Populations
 - There are 3
 - Served Population
 - Baseline Population
 - Follow-up Population



Served Population

- **The served population consists of any child receiving at least one independent living service paid for or provided by the State agency within the given reporting period. Age and foster care status do not apply.**
 - NYTD recognized independent living service is:
 - 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.



Served Population Cont.

- Due to service provision this population will include youth ages 14 to 23 for the State of Louisiana.
- These IL services had to have been paid for or provided by the agency regardless of the manner in which it is delivered (e.g., inclusive of services provided through a foster parent, relative caregiver, contracted service provider, other public agency, in some instances case manager, etc.)



Baseline Population

- **The baseline population consists of all 17 year olds in foster care during a federal fiscal year in which such outcomes data is due, regardless of whether the youth receives any services.**
 - The youth must have been in foster care on or within 45 days following his or her 17th birthday during the specified reporting year.
- Surveys must be collected between October 1st and March 31st and then April 1st and September 30th
 - FFY 2010-2011, 2013-2014, and 2016-2017



Baseline Population Breakdown

- 17 years old
 - Birthday between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011
 - In foster care for any amount of time on or within 45 days of their birthday
 - Information must be collected within 45 days of birthday
 - Repeat FFY 2013-2014 and FFY 2016-2017



Baseline Population Examples

- Examples: Youth who Are included.....
 - A youth that turns age 17 on December 1, 2010 and enters foster care on January 5, 2011
 - Survey must be complete by January 15, 2011
 - A youth that turns age 17 on September 30, 2011 and enters foster care on October 5, 2011
 - Survey must be complete by November 14, 2011
 - A youth that turns age 17 on October 15, 2010 while she was in foster care
 - Survey must be complete by November 29, 2010



Baseline Population Examples

- Examples: Youth who **Are Not** Included....
 - A youth that turns age 17 on September 30, 2010 and enters foster care on October 1, 2010
 - No survey is due because the youth turned age 17 before the beginning of a FFY in which baseline outcomes data are required to be collected
 - A youth that turns age 17 on October 15, 2010 and enters foster care on December 10, 2010
 - No survey is due because the youth entered foster care more than 45 days after their 17th birthday
 - A youth that turns age 17 while in foster care on October 1, 2011
 - No survey is due because the youth turned age 17 during a FFY in which baseline surveys are not required



Follow-Up Population

- The follow-up population is a subgroup of each baseline population, who are surveyed again at age 19 and age 21.
 - A sample of the baseline population from each FFY that baseline was collected
 - Youth go through a new survey at age 19 and those same youth do again at age 21.
 - The task at hand....
 - keeping up with our youth
 - who will complete these surveys



Cautions in Populations

- During years when a baseline population or follow-up population survey is conducted, do not complete a served population survey on these youth...only complete the survey for the group they fall in.
- During years when a baseline population or follow-up population survey is not conducted, the youth that would have fallen into these ages (17, 19, 21) should be surveyed with the served population survey



Timelines

- When to conduct surveys
 - Served Population
 - Start conducting these surveys on October 1st and then again on April 1st of each year for every child in the population. As new children come in, conduct survey within 30 days of entry into care.
 - Baseline Population
 - Start conducting these surveys on October 1, 2010 and end on September 30, 2011 for FFY 2010-2011.
 - Only collect during FFY 2010-2011, 2013-2014, and 2016-2017
 - Once youth has 17th birthday, complete survey within same month of birthday...deadline to complete is within 45 days of 17th birthday.
- When to submit survey
 - Upon collection



Timelines Continued

Due dates of surveys for both time periods every FFY

October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

- Surveys turned in as they are completed.
Deadline is April 1st.

April 1, 2011-September 30, 2011

- Surveys turned in as they are completed.
Deadline is October 1st.



FFY Breakdown

- FFY 2010-2011
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude all youth that fall into the baseline group
 - Baseline Population

- FFY 2011-2012
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population Only
 - This year all youth fall into served population since there are no baseline or follow-up populations



FFY Breakdown Cont.

- FFY 2012-2013
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the follow-up population
 - Follow-Up Population 19 year olds
 - This will be the sample from the Baseline Population from FFY 2010-2011
- FFY 2013-2014
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the baseline group
 - Baseline Population



FFY Breakdown Cont.

- FFY 2014-2015
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the follow-up group
 - Follow-Up Population 21 years old
 - This will be the sample from the Baseline Population from FFY 2010-2011
- FFY 2015-2016
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the follow-up group
 - Follow-Up Population 19 years old
 - This will be the sample from the Baseline Population from FFY 2013-2014



FFY Breakdown Cont.

- FFY 2016-2017
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the baseline group
 - Baseline Population
- FFY 2017-2018
- Conduct Survey On
 - Served Population
 - Exclude any youth that fall into the follow-up group
 - Follow-Up Population 21 years old
 - This will be the sample from the Baseline Population from FFY 2013-2014



TIPS to Determine Population

- Does the youth fall in the correct age range to be surveyed?
 - Review this for the youth you are involved with on October 1st and April 1st and as new kids come in throughout year or turn 17 throughout year
 - If yes, continue.....
- What FFY is it and what surveys are due that year?
- After determining youth is in the age range...does the youth have their 17th birthday between October 1st and September 30th of FFY 2010-2011, 2013-2014, or 2016-2017
 - Then ask...were they in care on or within 45 days of birthday?
 - If yes, conduct baseline survey
 - If no, conduct served survey



TIPS for DCFS

1. On October 1 and April 1 every year examine case load and determine which youth needs to be surveyed and which population they fall into.
2. Conduct those surveys during the next monthly home visit
3. As youth enter care determine the need for the survey and which population they fall into
 - For served population: conduct survey within 30 days of entry into care
 - For baseline population: conduct survey within same month as birthday
4. As youth enter your case load, ensure that they have had their survey completed...if not complete it



TIPS for IL providers

- On October 1 and April 1 every year examine youth served and determine which youth needs to be surveyed and which population they fall into.
- Only conduct surveys on youth that are not in the custody of the State or YAP, DCFS or OJ. (DCFS and OJJ will conduct the surveys on the children in custody)
- As new youth come into program, assess the need to survey them, conduct survey and submit



TIPS for OJJ

- On October 1 and April 1 every year examine youth served and determine which youth needs to be surveyed and which population they fall into.
- Conduct those surveys and submit them
- As new youth come into program, assess the need to survey them, conduct survey and submit



Tasks to Ensure Success

- Collect all data/surveys necessary to meet federal requirements
- Ensure we collect the right data for the right population
- Ensure we conduct the right survey for each child
 - Making sure they are in the right survey group for the specific FFY at hand
- Keeping up with our youth beyond foster care
 - Developing annual Baseline Reunion for 17 year olds.



Future Projects

- Developing a database for NYTD
- Exploring more ways to keep up with our youth and keep them interested in keeping up with us so that we can complete follow-up surveys



Questions

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