

## NYTD 102

### **What is the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)?**

In 1999, Public Law 106-169 established the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP), providing States flexible funding to carry out independent living programs that assist youth in care as well as those transitioning to adulthood. The law also requires the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to develop a data collection system to track the independent living services provided to youth and to develop outcomes that measure States' performance in preparing youth for their transition from foster care to independent living. To meet this requirement, ACF published a proposed rule in the Federal Register in July 2006 and issued a final rule in February 2008. The regulation (45 CFR 1356.80 through 1356.86) establishes the National Youth in Transition Database, or NYTD.

### **What data must be collected and reported by States?**

The NYTD regulation requires States to engage in two data collection and reporting activities. First, States will collect and report basic demographic data on each youth and the independent living (IL) services provided to them by the State in thirteen broad categories:

- independent living needs assessment
- academic support
- post-secondary educational support
- career preparation
- employment programs or vocational training
- housing education and home
- management training
- budget and financial management
- health education and risk prevention
- family support and healthy marriage
- education
- mentoring
- supervised independent living
- room and board financial assistance
- education financial assistance

Second, States will conduct a baseline survey of youth in foster care at age 17 and will conduct a follow-up survey with these youth at ages 19 and 21 to collect and report information about the following youth outcomes:

- financial self-sufficiency
- experience with homelessness
- educational attainment
- positive connections with adults
- high-risk behavior
- access to health insurance

States will collect and report outcomes information on a new cohort of youth every three years.

## **When must States begin collecting and reporting data?**

States must begin collecting NYTD data on October 1, 2010 and must transmit their first semiannual data file no later than May 15, 2011. NYTD will follow the same reporting schedule as AFCARS.

## **What standards must States' data submissions meet?**

To comply with NYTD standards, States' data submissions must meet certain file format requirements and data accuracy standards. States must also meet a youth participation rate standard for the NYTD outcomes survey. States that do not comply with these data standards, may be penalized between one and five percent of their annual Chafee Foster Care Independence Program allotment.

## **Where can I obtain more information?**

You can review the DHS Procedures Manual, Chapter IV, Section 29, Outcomes (page 29) at [http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety\\_model/procedure\\_manual/ch04/ch4-section29.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section29.pdf) or contact Rosemary Iavenditti, DHS ILP Coordinator, [rosemary.iavenditti@state.or.us](mailto:rosemary.iavenditti@state.or.us).

## **Where can I obtain a copy of Oregon's survey?**

Oregon is partnering with FosterClub, Inc., to capture survey data from foster youth. Effective October 1, 2010, caseworkers should assist their 17 year-old youth to take the survey listed at the following link: <http://www.fosterclub.com/nytd>. (This is to be completed within 45 days of the youth's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.)

If a youth is actively engaged in contracted ILP services, DHS caseworkers should coordinate the survey completion with the ILP Provider to ensure no duplication of efforts or responses.

## **Will training be available?**

DHS is providing basic information regarding the NYTD requirement during the Youth Transition Policy training (February – August 2010). Detailed NYTD training will be available prior to October 2010.