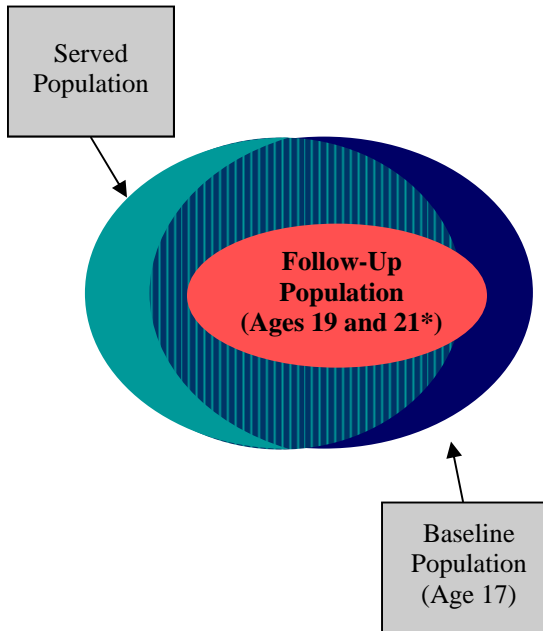


REPORTING POPULATIONS



* Youth are in the follow-up population regardless of their foster care status at ages 19 or 21 and regardless of whether they received independent living services. Youth who participated in the data collection at age 17 but not at age 19 are part of the follow-up population at age 21.

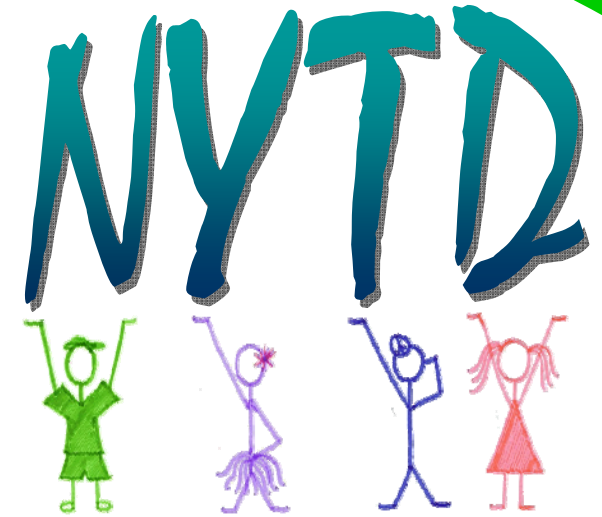


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National Youth in Transition Database

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WHAT IS NYTD?

NYTD stands for the National Youth in Transition Database and will be used to track the independent living services paid for or provided by the state as well as the characteristics of the youth who receive the services. In addition, NYTD will be used to assess Nevada's performance as measured by foster youth outcomes, including educational attainment, welfare dependency, homelessness, non-marital childbirth, incarceration and high-risk behaviors.

Beginning in October 2010, the Administration for Children and Families, (ACF) will require all states to collect information from foster youth about their foster care experiences and the independent living services they received.

The information will be collected through a survey of youth when they turn 17, again when they turn 19, and again at 21.

Surveys will be shared with all DCFS' partners in Nevada and will be sent to ACF for inclusion in the **National Youth in Transition Database**.

WHAT DATA WILL BE COLLECTED?

When NYTD is implemented, Nevada will be asked to report the Independent Living (IL) services provided to all youth in twelve 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



WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

- NYTD will provide much-needed information about the outcomes of young people aging out of foster care, how your foster youth are faring and how your provisions of services might be improved.
- You can engage youth before the youth leaves foster care to ensure their participation and you have the opportunity to involve youth in the NYTD process from the beginning. Since youth are the best resource to help Nevada plan and implement all data collection activities, involving them in the planning will likely garner their "buy in" to future data collection.
- You can assist in explaining the importance of the study. Motivated respondents who understand the goals of the study and the potential benefits to themselves and people like them are more likely to respond. Youth should understand the importance of participating in the NYTD youth outcome survey before they leave foster care. You can be brief and should include information about who is sponsoring the study, a summary of key goals and objectives, and expected benefits.
- When you assist foster care youth in taking the NYTD survey, you also ensure that Nevada's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program allotment is not jeopardized. States are required to get at least 80 % of youth in foster care and at least 60 % of youth who have left care to participate in the youth outcomes survey. If states do not comply with (or meet) the data standards, they can be penalized between one and five percent of their annual Chafee Foster Care Independence Program allotment.

