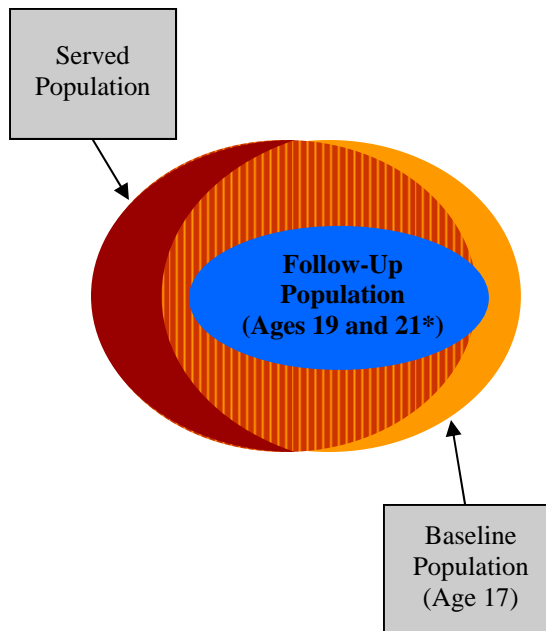


## REPORTING POPULATIONS



\* 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

*Stay connected...  
You can make a  
difference!*



# Make a difference! Make your voice heard! Help improve the quality of services for Foster Youth!

## WHAT IS NYTD?

NYTD stands for the **National Youth in Transition Database**. Beginning in October 2010, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will require all states to engage in two data collection activities. First, the state is to collect information on each youth who receives independent living services paid for or provided by the state and second, the state is to collect demographic and outcome information on certain youth in foster care whom the state will follow over time to collect additional outcome information.

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE INVOLVED?

- **Youth input is very important to the project in Nevada.** Beginning in October 2010, you will be contacted soon after turning 17 and asked to answer some questions on a survey about the services you have received in foster care. This will be done again when you turn 19 and again at age 21. Your feedback, along with foster youth from other states, will be put into a database which will be entered into the NYTD. The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) can not do this without you! This is your chance to make sure that Independent Living services and outcomes for Nevada youth are counted.
- **Help others! Leave a legacy!** DCFS wants all youth to be successful. This is your chance to help make that happen by giving input which will be used to improve services for foster youth.
- **Make your voice heard!** Make sure your voice is counted by giving feedback about the independent living services DCFS has provided to you. DCFS wants your input!
- **Be strategic!** This is your time to get ready for what's next – making decisions about your future, especially continuing or leaving foster care.
- **You can make a difference and help change outcomes. Stay connected!** Your involvement in NYTD will encourage your peers to participate, positively impact your own life and, ultimately improve services for younger youth in Nevada's foster care system.



## 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



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Nevada must survey every youth who turns 17 years old while in foster care commencing October 2010.
- Data must be collected within the first 45 days following your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- You will be surveyed again when you turn 19 and 21 years old even if you are no longer in foster care or receiving independent living services.
- You will be contacted by your worker to complete the survey which includes 22 questions that measure outcomes across six domains:
  - Financial self-sufficiency (9 items)
  - Education (3 items)
  - Positive connections with adults (1 item)
  - Homelessness (1 item)
  - High-risk behavior (4 items)
  - Access to health insurance (4 items)
- You will need to log on to the FosterClub website to complete the survey in which your worker can assist you in doing. If you are unable to access a computer to complete the survey, you can fill out the paper form and submit it to your worker.
- Stay connected. Even though you are no longer in foster care, please stay connected to DCFS, case worker, YAB, whatever, so that the follow-up surveys may be sent to you when you turn 19 and again at 21 years of age. Every two minutes a child enters the foster care system. There is not a minute to waste. You have an opportunity to improve the foster care system for your peers. It's critical for the future of your generation and for the future of America.

