



Our Life...
In Our Own
Voice

2015 Florida NYTD Self-Report
Survey: 1,288 Respondents Ages
18-22 who turned 18 in
Florida's Foster Care System

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Transition & Permanent Connections

How would you describe the role that you have played in the development of your Transition Plan? This plan is developed at age 17 to plan for you leaving Foster Care at age 18.							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I led the development of my independent living plan.	60	116	123	121	144	564	47%
I was involved in the development of my independent living plan but did NOT lead it	40	84	76	77	77	354	29%
I was NOT involved in the development of my independent living plan	7	10	5	11	7	40	3%
I am not aware of my independent living plan	3	6	13	13	12	47	4%
Do not know	29	40	43	37	50	199	17%
Declined	11	21	20	17	15	84	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

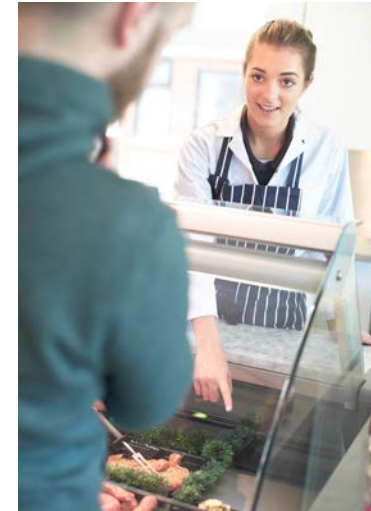
Currently is there at least one adult in your life, other than your caseworker, to whom you can go for advice or emotional support?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	126	232	230	223	253	1,064
No	20	36	46	47	45	194
Declined	4	9	4	6	7	30
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	86%	87%	83%	83%	85%	85%

Do you currently have a close relationship with any members of your biological family?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	98	184	169	175	194	820
No	43	78	97	83	94	395
Declined	7	11	7	14	8	47
Do not know	2	4	7	4	9	26
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	70%	70%	64%	68%	67%	67%

70% of youth at age 18 report they have a "close" relationship with biological family

Employment

Currently are you employed full-time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	3	8	22	22	35	90
No	139	260	251	251	262	1,163
Declined	8	9	7	3	8	35
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	2%	3%	8%	8%	12%	7%



Currently are you employed part-time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	22	46	54	62	75	259
No	121	219	217	209	222	988
Declined	7	12	9	5	8	41
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	15%	17%	20%	23%	25%	21%

Have you been doing anything to find a job during the past month?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	67	118	110	107	119	521
No	49	96	81	72	64	362
Declined	5	8	9	7	7	36
Do not know	4	2	4	6	4	20
Total	125	224	204	192	194	939
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	58%	55%	58%	60%	65%	59%

In the past year, did you complete an apprenticeship, internship, or other on-the-job training, either paid or unpaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	30	45	56	43	62	236
No	111	219	214	224	235	1,003
Declined	9	13	10	9	8	49
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	21%	17%	21%	16%	21%	19%



Education

Currently are you enrolled in and attending high school, GED classes, post-high school vocational training, or college?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	125	235	240	233	237	1,070
No	23	36	36	38	62	195
Declined	2	6	4	5	6	23
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	84%	87%	87%	86%	79%	85%

Which of the following best describes the highest grade you have completed? (If you are currently enrolled in school, do not include the grade that you are in.)							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
8th grade or less	6	6	5	1	2	20	7%
9th grade	9	10	4	3	1	27	10%
10th grade	12	13	14	3	1	43	15%
11th grade	32	44	28	14	2	120	43%
12th grade	14	26	15	10	3	68	24%
Declined	5	7	6	3	3	24	---
Do not know	2	2	1	2	3	10	---
Total	80	108	73	36	15	312	---

Do you have a high school diploma or GED?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	51	140	197	236	281	905
No	94	130	81	34	20	359
Declined	4	5	2	6	1	18
Do not know	1	2	0	0	3	6
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	35%	52%	71%	87%	93%	72%

Which of the following best describes your high school diploma?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I have a regular high school diploma	28	86	130	150	186	580	65%
I have a GED or high school equivalency diploma	22	50	56	75	84	287	32%
I have a certificate of completion	0	3	6	7	8	24	3%
Declined	0	0	3	1	2	6	---
Do not know	1	1	2	3	1	8	---
Total	51	140	197	236	281	905	---

Are there any barriers that are preventing you from continuing your education?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	10	31	32	36	41	150
No	129	231	234	220	247	1,061
Declined	6	9	8	14	7	44
Do not know	5	6	6	6	10	33
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	7%	12%	12%	14%	14%	12%

What is the biggest barrier preventing you from continuing your education?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I have no way to pay for school	1	3	1	4	3	12	9%
I need to work full time	2	1	3	6	6	18	13%
I have child care responsibilities	2	4	8	3	6	23	17%
I don't have transportation	2	5	5	3	8	23	17%
I have been discouraged by significant others	0	0	0	2	0	2	1%
I have academic difficulties	2	5	6	7	6	26	19%
Other (please specify)	1	9	5	6	10	31	23%
Declined	0	3	3	2	1	9	---
Do not know	0	1	1	3	1	6	---
Total	10	31	32	36	41	150	---

*** % of youth experiencing barriers to completing their education who cited each of the given reasons (Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)*

Currently are you using a scholarship, grant, stipend, student loan, voucher, or other type of educational financial aid to cover any educational expenses?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	49	137	159	167	190	702
No	96	132	112	98	108	546
Declined	5	8	9	11	7	40
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	34%	51%	59%	63%	64%	56%

<i>Only asked of those in college, vocational, or graduate school. How are you paying for your education? Select all that apply.</i>							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
Scholarships/fellowships/grants	16	54	63	87	86	306	43%
Student loans	3	7	11	27	33	81	12%
Earnings from employment	0	4	7	4	9	24	3%
Savings	0	1	4	5	7	17	2%
Education and Training Voucher (ETV)	3	15	20	19	22	79	11%
Other assistance from a child welfare agency such as Road to Independence (RTI), Transition Funds, or Aftercare Funds	19	48	70	93	104	334	47%
Assistance from family or friends (including spouse/partner and birth, foster parents or adoptive parents)	0	0	2	7	4	13	2%
Other	2	6	8	9	10	35	5%
Declined	0	2	0	4	5	11	---
Do not know	0	6	7	6	12	31	---
Total	43	143	192	261	292	931	---

Housing/Homeless

Which best describes your current living situation? Select only one.							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
I am living in my own apartment, house, or trailer	45	116	137	144	171	613	49%
I am living with birth or adoptive parents	4	20	19	15	13	71	6%
I am living with a spouse/partner	4	11	13	13	22	63	5%
I am living with other family members	15	25	29	24	22	115	9%
I am living with former foster parents	9	8	11	8	8	44	4%
I am living with friends or a roommate	17	26	31	34	35	143	12%
I am living in a foster home	18	9	6	3	3	39	3%
I am living in a group care setting (including a group home or residential care facility)	20	19	5	5	5	54	4%
I am living in a college dormitory or residence hall	2	8	6	7	5	28	2%
I am living in military barracks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
I am living in a hospital or in a treatment center for mental health or substance abuse problems	0	2	0	0	1	3	0%
I am in detention, jail, prison or another correctional facility	1	2	0	0	0	3	0%
I am couch surfing or moving from house to house	1	5	2	3	4	15	1%
I am homeless (and living in a shelter, in a hotel/motel room, on the street, in a car or other vehicle, in an abandoned building, or at a camping ground)	1	5	4	6	1	17	1%
Other	6	8	9	2	6	31	3%
Declined	4	10	7	11	6	38	---
Do not know	3	3	1	1	3	11	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

In how many different places have you lived during the past twelve months? Please include the place in which you are currently living.							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
0	7	32	38	42	45	164	13%
1	34	83	90	94	128	429	35%
2	42	79	83	72	61	337	28%
3	29	34	34	29	40	166	14%
4	18	13	9	10	7	57	5%
5 or more	9	17	12	10	16	64	5%
Declined	7	9	9	14	4	43	---
Do not know	4	10	5	5	4	28	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

** % of youth who have lived in the given number of places in the past year (Does not include "Declined/Do not know" responses)

Do you feel safe inside your home?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	139	246	257	252	280	1,174
No	5	15	11	5	11	47
Declined	4	10	8	10	6	38
Do not know	2	6	4	9	8	29
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	97%	94%	96%	98%	96%	96%

Do you pay for your housing?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	52	169	210	226	258	915
No	90	87	52	33	34	296
Declined	4	17	14	12	6	53
Do not know	4	4	4	5	7	24
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	37%	66%	80%	87%	88%	76%

Only asked of those who answered Yes

After paying for your housing, do you still have enough for your other living expenses such as food, transportation, or utilities?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	37	132	167	170	186	692
No	15	28	36	50	56	185
Declined	0	4	1	5	8	18
Do not know	0	5	6	1	8	20
Total	52	169	210	226	258	915
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	71%	83%	82%	77%	77%	79%

Have you ever been homeless?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	71	164	187	176	188	786
No	51	74	59	60	69	313
Declined	5	14	11	12	11	53
Do not know	23	25	23	28	37	136
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	58%	69%	76%	75%	73%	72%

Have you ever couch surfed or moved from house to house because you didn't have a permanent place to stay?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	35	56	71	61	70	293
No	105	205	196	200	222	928
Declined	6	15	9	12	10	52
Do not know	4	1	4	3	3	15
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	25%	21%	27%	23%	24%	24%



Health & Well Being

Have you ever given birth or fathered any children that were born?																		
	18			19			20			21			22			TOTAL	** %	
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total			
Yes	14	2	16	47	0	47	61	6	67	73	14	87	81	20	101	318	26%	
No	68	59	127	160	54	214	152	47	199	101	74	175	101	88	189	904	74%	
Declined	2	5	7	12	4	16	10	4	14	7	7	14	10	5	15	66	---	
Total	84	66	150	219	58	277	223	57	280	181	95	276	192	113	305	1,288	---	
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	17%	3%	11%	23%	0%	18%	29%	11%	25%	42%	16%	33%	45%	19%	35%	26%	---	

Have you received family planning counseling or services during the past two years?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	25	20	12	13	13	83
No	115	239	247	247	277	1,125
Declined	5	15	15	15	7	57
Do not know	5	3	6	1	8	23
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	18%	8%	5%	5%	4%	7%

Currently are you on Medicaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	123	217	226	213	237	1,016
No	14	39	30	43	48	174
Declined	2	5	6	5	5	23
Do not know	11	16	18	15	15	75
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	90%	85%	88%	83%	83%	85%

Currently do you have health insurance other than Medicaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	35	57	65	51	70	278
No	96	193	190	197	215	891
Declined	1	5	6	8	7	27
Do not know	18	22	19	20	13	92
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	27%	23%	25%	21%	25%	24%

Currently are you receiving social security payments (Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or dependents' payments)?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	31	29	19	16	19	114
No	113	240	254	254	279	1,140
Declined	6	8	7	6	7	34
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined")	22%	11%	7%	6%	6%	9%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get medical care for a physical health problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	21	22	29	41	38	151
No	115	228	227	212	242	1,024
Declined	4	13	10	16	7	50
Do not know	10	14	14	7	18	63
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	15%	9%	11%	16%	14%	13%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get treatment for a mental health problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	8	11	12	20	16	67
No	132	242	244	237	268	1,123
Declined	5	14	13	17	7	56
Do not know	5	10	11	2	14	42
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	6%	4%	5%	8%	6%	6%

Has there ever been a time during the past two years when you did not get dental care that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	17	31	39	41	60	188
No	120	227	222	212	227	1,008
Declined	5	13	9	16	7	50
Do not know	8	6	10	7	11	42
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do not know")	12%	12%	15%	16%	21%	16%

When did you last have a physical examination by a doctor, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or other health care professional?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
Less than a year ago	109	172	147	154	172	754	65%
1 to 2 years ago	23	56	73	61	60	273	23%
More than 2 years ago	1	13	32	35	41	122	10%
Never	3	4	6	2	4	19	2%
Declined	4	8	12	10	8	42	---
Do not know	10	24	10	14	20	78	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

When did you last have a dental examination by a dentist or hygienist?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
Less than a year ago	109	135	118	102	103	567	49%
1 to 2 years ago	27	79	83	77	72	338	29%
More than 2 years ago	1	22	53	72	95	243	21%
Never	1	5	2	2	2	12	1%
Declined	5	9	14	12	9	49	---
Do not know	7	27	10	11	24	79	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

How many times have you visited an emergency room for medical care during the past two years?							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	** %
0	72	121	129	104	128	554	47%
1	24	64	52	58	69	267	23%
2	16	32	27	34	38	147	13%
3	9	17	27	19	23	95	8%
4	7	10	11	14	5	47	4%
5	2	4	6	3	2	17	1%
6 or more	5	5	11	13	10	44	4%
Declined	5	8	9	16	9	47	---
Do not know	10	16	8	15	21	70	---
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288	---

Are you currently receiving treatment for an alcohol or substance abuse problem?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	6	7	4	3	1	21
No	134	254	258	264	291	1,201
Declined	7	15	12	9	7	50
Do not know	3	1	6	0	6	16
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%

Are you currently receiving counseling for a psychological or emotional problem?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	22	30	16	33	22	123
No	118	231	246	234	272	1,101
Declined	6	15	12	9	4	46
Do not know	4	1	6	0	7	18
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	16%	11%	6%	12%	7%	10%

Were you prescribed medication for a psychological or emotional problem during the past two years?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	32	29	19	37	28	145
No	106	232	242	227	264	1,071
Declined	7	14	12	11	5	49
Do not know	5	2	7	1	8	23
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	23%	11%	7%	14%	10%	12%

Involvement with Criminal Justice

Have you ever been arrested?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	23	29	26	26	21	125
No	119	229	244	241	279	1,112
Declined	6	18	9	9	4	46
Do not know	2	1	1	0	1	5
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not Including "Declined/Do Not Know")	16%	11%	10%	10%	7%	10%

Have you ever been confined in a jail, prison, correctional facility, or juvenile or community detention facility in connection with allegedly committing a crime?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	32	49	36	50	46	213
No	110	209	228	214	251	1,012
Declined	8	19	16	12	8	63
Total	150	277	280	276	305	1,288
Percentage Yes (Not including "Declined")	23%	19%	14%	19%	15%	17%

End of Report