



Florida's Youth Survey: Spring 2016

Listening to Every Youth...Every Year...

Who completed the survey?

1102 Youth

completed the “My Services” survey

Youth ages 13-17 and living in a licensed foster care placement are eligible to take the survey.

How is the survey administered?

Taking the survey is voluntary; however, youth are encouraged to complete the “My Services” survey.

“My Services” is an on-line survey designed to be completed in modules and responses are saved to better accommodate a youth’s schedule.

When is the survey

The Spring survey period for the 13-17 year olds is usually March 1st—April 30th. This year the survey was open from April 15th—May 31st .

Is the survey confidential

Survey answers are private. Each youth has a unique log-in password issued by the Department. Cby25® Initiative can access the youth’s name, password, date of birth and survey responses. We can not access other identifier information. We do not know the youth’s gender, address or type of placement.

Only the Department has access to all of the youth’s identifier and survey response information.

Survey Data Reports

The Statewide survey data report is published on the DCF website. The report is also sent to youth advocacy groups, ILSAC, the CBC Lead Agencies and other stakeholders.

The CBC Lead Agencies can access the youth survey response data by age group through a data portal. The name of the youth and their password is not stored in the CBC data portal..



1.

I have a recent photograph of myself taken in the last 3 months.

	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	132	174	192	182	200	880
No	45	39	50	53	35	222
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	75%	82%	79%	77%	85%	80%

I have a collection of pictures, records of special events, and important papers from my time in foster care.

	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	97	132	128	123	155	635
No	80	81	114	112	80	467
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	55%	62%	53%	52%	66%	58%



I have a recent photograph of my siblings taken in the last 3 months.

	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	89	109	126	109	122	555
No	85	92	106	118	94	495
I do not have siblings	3	12	10	8	19	52
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes <small>[Does not include responses of "I do not have siblings"]</small>	51%	54%	54%	48%	56%	53%

I have a photograph of my relatives taken in the past year.

	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	99	116	129	127	141	612
No	78	97	113	108	94	490
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	56%	54%	53%	54%	60%	56%

I have access to an original or certified copy of my Birth Certificate.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	88	116	125	143	186	658
No	89	97	117	92	49	444
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	50%	54%	52%	61%	79%	58%

I have a State of Florida Identification Card.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	30	39	61	97	166	393
No	147	174	181	138	69	709
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	17%	18%	25%	41%	71%	36%

I have my Social Security Card.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	66	90	88	98	151	493
No	111	123	154	137	84	609
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	37%	42%	36%	42%	64%	45%

I know who to ask to get my dependency records. (Access to the Foster Care Case File)						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	105	121	137	143	172	678
No	72	92	105	92	63	424
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	59%	57%	57%	61%	73%	62%

Of the 540 youth ages 15-17, who responded they had a Case Plan ...
59% stated "Yes" - they helped develop their own case plan

Do you have a case plan?				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	179	154	181	514
No	56	69	47	172
I have a case plan but I don't agree with it	7	12	7	26
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes [Includes responses of: "I have a case plan but I don't agree with it"]	77%	71%	80%	76%

Do you attend your foster care court hearings?							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Yes	57	90	116	110	133	506	46%
Sometimes	43	65	74	66	60	308	28%
No, but I want to attend my foster care court hearings	38	22	25	29	17	131	12%
I do not want to attend my foster care court hearings	39	36	27	30	25	157	14%
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102	

On September 29, 2014, Public Law 113-183, The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act; was signed into law amending Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

A 9/25/16 "Informational Memo" from the Department, provided guidance on provisions in the law that seek to empower foster children to actively participate in the development of their own case plan and transition plan.

Specific to youth age 14 years of age and older in out-of-home care: "The case plan and any revision or addition to the plan shall be developed in consultation with the child. The child may choose up to two (2) members of the case planning team who are not the foster parent or case manager. The case manager shall document the reasons for excluding a team member chosen by the child when it is believed that the individual will not act in the best interests of the child."

In addition, Florida Statutes, require that the child's caregiver participate in developing the case plan for the child and his or her family and that the caregiver work with others in the implementation of the plan, including participation in team meetings and court hearings.

Do you understand what your permanency goal means?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	131	173	197	189	196	886
No	46	40	45	46	39	216
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	74%	81%	81%	80%	83%	80%

I understand that I am entitled to have the courts review my permanency goal.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	147	188	213	200	215	963
No	30	25	29	35	20	139
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	83%	88%	88%	85%	91%	87%

I want to be adopted.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	57	70	79	61	29	296
No	79	112	115	134	179	619
I am not sure	41	31	48	40	27	187
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes <small>[Does not include responses of: "I am not sure"]</small>	42%	38%	41%	31%	14%	32%

Do you have an Education & Career Path Plan? (This may be your EPEP)						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	38	49	50	43	79	259
No	139	164	192	192	156	843
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	21%	23%	21%	18%	34%	24%

I am currently receiving the education services outlined in my education plan - such as FCAT, SAT, ACT Preparation or Tutoring.							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Yes	109	127	155	141	143	675	61%
No	34	48	52	64	58	256	23%
I do not need educational services	26	26	22	21	21	116	11%
I do not want educational services	8	12	13	9	13	55	5%
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102	

Who helps you with your homework?							
[Select all that apply] * % = # of responses / 1102 respondents							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	*%
Foster Parents	60	57	55	39	29	240	22%
Group Home Staff	45	52	54	56	47	254	23%
Mentor	11	13	18	18	18	78	7%
Tutor	55	60	58	63	59	295	27%
Teachers at School	58	78	81	69	72	358	32%
No one helps me with my homework	50	69	84	87	100	390	35%
TOTAL	279	329	350	332	325	1615	



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During this school year, who attended parent/teacher conferences with you?							
[Select all that apply] * % = # of responses / 1102 respondents							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	*%
Biological Parent(s)/Family	15	9	12	8	5	49	4%
Family	18	20	17	16	12	83	8%
Foster Parents	50	57	57	55	46	265	24%
Group Home Staff	35	46	43	51	62	237	22%
Caseworker	34	38	51	56	71	250	23%
ILS Worker	2	5	1	7	9	24	2%
Guardian Ad Litem	17	15	29	26	21	108	10%
Mentor	1	3	3	4	7	18	2%
Other	5	9	14	11	13	52	5%
No one attended my parent/teacher conferences	51	68	92	77	83	371	34%
TOTAL	228	270	319	311	329	1457	

34% of the youth surveyed reported...
“no one attended my parent/teacher conferences”

Do your foster parents or group home staff review your school grades and report card with you?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	154	182	193	172	180	881
No	23	31	49	63	55	221
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	87%	85%	80%	73%	77%	80%

Does your caseworker review your school grades and report card with you?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	122	151	160	136	158	727
No	55	62	82	99	77	375
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	69%	71%	66%	58%	67%	66%

I completed a Career Interest Survey in my school.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	75	74	93	242
No	94	95	77	266
I do not know	73	66	65	204
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes [Does not include: "I do not know"]	44%	44%	55%	48%

We review my career interests as part of my Education & Career Plan/Case Plan.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	97	92	149	338
No	75	78	49	202
Do not have an Education & Career Plan	70	65	37	172
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	40%	39%	63%	47%

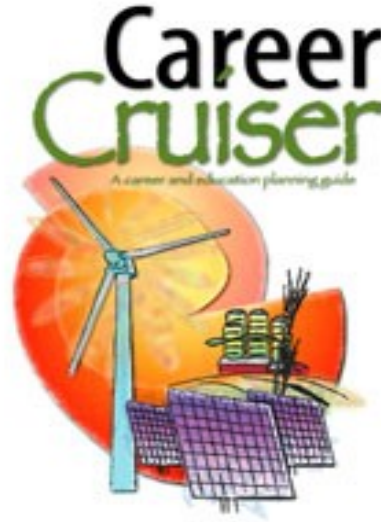
Parent Primer On Career Exploration

What Are Career Clusters And Why Are They Important?

A career cluster consists of occupations that have been grouped according to common knowledge and skills. While students will want to learn more about individual occupations, it is also a good idea to identify clusters in which they are interested.

The 16 Career Clusters are:

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture, Construction
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications
- Business, Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Financial Services
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics



Career Cruiser
A career and education planning guide

*Do not confuse MAI with a college major. Students do not select a college major as part of this process.

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/college-career-planning/k-12-schools/career-resources.shtml#cruiser>



I have been explained information on the Bright Futures Scholarship program including information on application deadlines and grade point requirements. *Asked only of youth in 9th grade or above, OR age 15 and older.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	0	41	100	85	146	373
No	0	31	142	150	89	414
TOTAL	0	72	242	235	235	787
Percent Yes	0%	57%	41%	36%	62%	47%

I have information on the State of Florida tuition waiver.

	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	68	83	143	294
No	174	152	92	418
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	28%	35%	61%	41%

My caseworker has explained to me that I may be eligible for a State of Florida Tuition Waiver and other benefits if I leave foster care to legal guardianship if after the age of 16.

	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	116	141	183	440
No	126	94	52	272
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	48%	60%	78%	62%

My caseworker has explained to me that I may be eligible for a State of Florida Tuition Waiver and other benefits if I am adopted after the age of 16.

	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	110	138	171	419
No	132	97	64	293
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	45%	59%	73%	59%

State of Florida
Department of Children and Families

Rick Scott
Governor
Mike Carroll
Secretary

Date: _____

To: Florida Public State University, Public Florida College System Institution, or Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Program

From: _____, Department of Children and Families
or Community Based Care Lead Agency

Subject: Tuition and Fee Exemption for Students Receiving or Formerly Receiving Services from the Department of Children and Families

Please accept this letter certifying that _____ (name), whose date of birth is _____, meets one of the following criteria necessary to obtain exemption from paying tuition and fees at a Florida public state university, public Florida College System institution or public postsecondary career and technical program, pursuant to the "Florida K-20 Education Code," Section 1000.25(1)(q)-(s), Florida Statutes (check one):

☐ He or she is or was at the time he or she reached age 18 in the custody of the Department of Children and Families;

☐ He or she was adopted from the Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997;

☐ He or she is or was at the time of reaching age 18 in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085, F.S.;

☐ He or she is or was at the time of reaching age 18 in the custody of a non-relative under s. 39.5085, F.S.; or,

☐ He or she was placed in a guardianship by the court after spending at least 6 months in the custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age.

The tuition and fee exemption CANNOT be used at an out-of-state educational institution or in-state private university, private community college or private postsecondary career and technical program. Please contact _____

For information on *Florida's Tuition and Fee Exemption*

www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/independent-living/tuition--fee-exemptions

I have been explained information on other grants, scholarships and waivers. Asked only of youth in 9th grade or above, OR age 15 and older.

	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	45	116	103	162	427
No	27	126	132	73	360
TOTAL	72	242	235	235	787
Percent Yes	63%	48%	44%	69%	54%

I am currently taking classes that support the post-secondary education goal that I chose.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	105	92	115	312
No	137	143	120	400
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	43%	39%	49%	44%

Do you have someone that is assisting you with applying for a post-secondary education program? <small>[Asked of youth age 15 & older and in 9th grade or above]</small>				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	35	61	113	209
No	106	110	68	284
I DO NOT want Help	38	27	23	88
TOTAL	179	198	204	581
Percent Yes	20%	31%	55%	36%

Vocational
School/ProgramTechnical
School/Program

College

University

I have completed the following admissions/ vocational tests: <small>[Select all that apply] * % = # of responses / 581 respondents</small> <small>[Asked of youth age 15 & older and in 9th grade or above]</small>					
	15	16	17	TOTAL	*%
PSAT	31	38	46	115	20%
SAT	18	33	55	106	18%
ACT	3	15	40	58	10%
College Placement Test	2	1	14	17	3%
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude	1	4	17	22	4%

I have LEARNED about healthy personal relationships.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	166	199	229	223	228	1045
No	11	14	13	12	7	57
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	94%	93%	95%	95%	97%	95%

I have LEARNED how to recognize and protect myself from domestic violence.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	158	196	229	215	228	1026
No	19	17	13	20	7	76
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	89%	92%	95%	91%	97%	93%

I have LEARNED about the risks of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	171	207	237	226	229	1070
No	6	6	5	9	6	32
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	97%	97%	98%	96%	97%	97%

Learning about the risks of...
drugs, alcohol, tobacco &
domestic violence

In the past 12 months have you been arrested?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	31	41	62	65	64	263
No	146	172	180	170	171	839
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	18%	19%	26%	28%	27%	24%

Are you currently taking any prescription medications?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	86	101	131	106	107	531
No	91	112	111	129	128	571
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	49%	47%	54%	45%	46%	48%

Do you understand the possible side effects of your medication?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	62	87	110	84	93	436
No	24	14	21	22	14	95
TOTAL	86	101	131	106	107	531
Percent Yes	72%	86%	84%	79%	87%	82%

Is there someone that you talk to about your medications?							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Yes, and I think they listen to my concerns	74	79	114	88	99	454	85%
I have someone to talk to, but I DO NOT think they listen to my concerns	10	14	12	12	6	54	10%
I do not have anyone to talk to about my medications	2	8	5	6	2	23	4%
TOTAL	86	101	131	106	107	531	

Healthcare
Services

Are you receiving the dental care you need?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	157	192	212	205	211	977
No	20	21	30	30	24	125
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	89%	90%	88%	87%	90%	89%

Are you receiving the mental health care you need?							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Yes	108	111	146	130	133	628	57%
No	10	13	17	14	23	77	7%
I do not need mental health services	56	77	75	77	72	357	32%
I am receiving mental health services I DO NOT WANT	3	12	4	14	7	40	4%
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102	

Are you receiving the substance abuse treatment services care you need?							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Yes	27	27	44	42	44	184	17%
No	36	30	30	29	32	157	14%
I do not need substance abuse treatment services	112	151	165	156	156	740	67%
I am receiving substance abuse treatment services I DO NOT WANT	2	5	3	8	3	21	2%
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102	

In the last 12 months have you changed foster care placements?						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	65	73	95	100	96	429
No	112	140	147	135	139	673
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	37%	34%	39%	43%	41%	39%

429 youth surveyed reported:
 “YES”, I have changed foster care
 placements in the last 12 months -
 and asked the following 3 questions...

When I had to move from one foster home to another, I knew why I was being moved.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	53	53	88	79	89	362
No	12	20	7	21	7	67
TOTAL	65	73	95	100	96	429
Percent Yes	82%	73%	93%	79%	93%	84%

When I had to move from one foster home to another, I asked to be moved.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	32	32	45	38	45	192
No	33	41	50	62	51	237
TOTAL	65	73	95	100	96	429
Percent Yes	49%	44%	47%	38%	47%	45%

When I moved, I was able to take my things with me.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	61	65	84	81	87	378
No	4	8	11	19	9	51
TOTAL	65	73	95	100	96	429
Percent Yes	94%	89%	88%	81%	91%	88%

In my placement I am treated like a member of the family.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	117	124	139	124	136	640
No	9	18	19	33	20	99
I am in a group home and it feels like a family	30	36	44	35	53	198
I am in a group home and it does not feel like a family	21	35	40	43	26	165
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes [Includes responses of "I am in a group home and it feels like a family"]	83%	75%	76%	68%	80%	76%

My foster parent(s) took/have taken me to doctor's appointments.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	99	107	102	101	107	516
No	11	11	14	17	16	69
I do not live with a foster family	67	95	126	117	112	517
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes [Does not include responses of "I do not live with a foster family"]	90%	91%	88%	86%	87%	88%

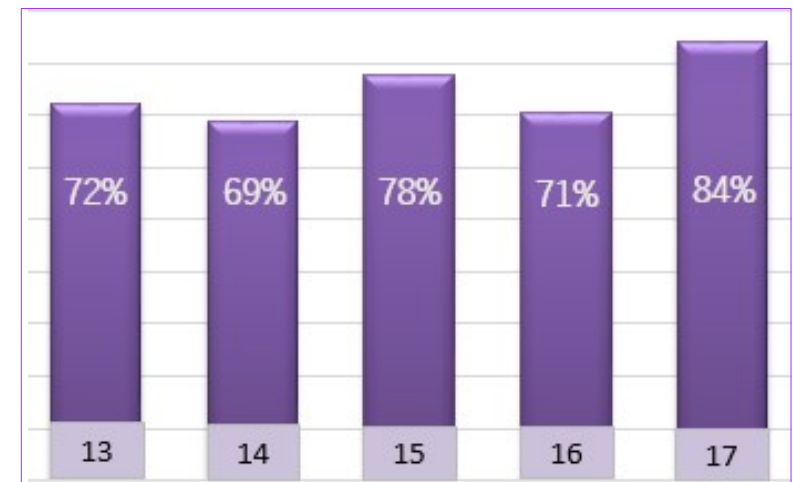
I feel comfortable talking about my family, sisters and/or brothers with my foster family.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	79	90	92	77	83	421
No	24	18	16	24	15	97
I do not live with a foster family	74	105	134	134	137	584
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes [Does not include responses of "I do not live with a foster family"]	77%	83%	85%	76%	85%	81%

My foster family helps arrange visits with my family and/or brothers/sisters as allowed by the courts.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	80	83	76	71	69	379
No	24	26	31	28	30	139
I do not live with a foster family	73	104	135	136	136	584
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes [Does not include responses of "I do not live with a foster family"]	77%	76%	71%	72%	70%	73%

Is there an adult in your life that you go to for advice and support? (DO NOT count your caseworker, foster parents, or staff at a group home)						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	128	147	188	166	198	827
No	49	66	54	69	37	275
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	72%	69%	78%	71%	84%	75%

I have a mentor.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	58	69	82	74	97	380
No	78	100	115	99	102	494
I would like to have a mentor	41	44	45	62	36	228
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	33%	32%	34%	31%	41%	34%

75% of the youth ' surveyed report they have at least one adult (outside of the foster care system) they could go to for advice and support



Food...Clothing...Religion'

In my placement I have enough food to eat.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	171	199	229	211	220	1030
No	6	14	13	24	15	72
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	97%	93%	95%	90%	94%	93%

I have enough clothing in my size.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	144	167	176	153	178	818
No	33	46	66	82	57	284
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	81%	78%	73%	65%	76%	74%

I am able to practice the religion of my choice.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	127	166	155	154	160	762
No	16	14	14	21	13	78
I do not have a religion	34	33	73	60	62	262
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	89%	92%	92%	88%	92%	91%
[Does not include responses of "I do not have a religion"]						

I participate in the following: [Select All That Apply]							
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
School Club	30	32	41	27	34	164	15%
Sports Team	38	49	61	34	49	231	21%
Community Club or Organization	23	22	20	17	24	106	10%
Faith Based Organization of my choice	49	39	35	28	40	191	17%
Go to school events, movies, shopping and other unsupervised activities with my friends	60	93	97	83	94	427	39%
Time with my friends	80	103	105	95	118	501	45%
Other	18	17	17	20	17	89	8%
None	43	59	73	92	69	336	30%

Extracurricular Activities, Friends & Teen Life

I want to participate in activities but...

40% I do not have Transportation

40% I do not have money

20% I am not allowed

I am allowed to spend the night with friends from my school or social group.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	130	119	126	375
No	112	116	109	337
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	54%	51%	54%	53%

I am allowed to Date.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	198	190	203	591
No	44	45	32	121
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	82%	81%	86%	83%

I am allowed to attend Prom.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	213	199	198	610
No	29	36	37	102
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	88%	85%	84%	86%

I am allowed to attend Homecoming.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	217	202	201	620
No	25	33	34	92
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	90%	86%	86%	87%

I am allowed to Date.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	198	190	203	591
No	44	45	32	121
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	82%	81%	86%	83%

In my placement I have privacy when I use the phone.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	131	169	194	184	204	882
No	46	44	48	51	31	220
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	74%	79%	80%	78%	87%	80%

I have a cell phone.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	164	152	176	492
No	78	83	59	220
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	68%	65%	75%	69%

I have a computer.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	105	106	107	318
No	137	129	128	394
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	43%	45%	46%	45%

I have internet in my foster home/foster care placement.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	180	166	180	526
No	62	69	55	186
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	74%	71%	77%	74%

I am allowed to use the internet in my foster home/foster care placement.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	162	150	171	483
No	18	16	9	43
TOTAL	180	166	180	526
Percent Yes	90%	90%	95%	92%

If yes: they have internet ↑

I receive my personal allowance each week.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	102	113	131	110	121	577
No	75	100	111	125	114	525
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	58%	53%	54%	47%	51%	52%

I have my own savings account.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	24	14	33	35	63	169
No	153	199	209	200	172	933
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	14%	7%	14%	15%	27%	15%

In my foster care placement, I practice life skills by setting my own alarm clock and getting ready for school/ work on time.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	199	183	214	596
No, I am not allowed to have my own alarm clock	24	36	11	71
I am allowed to have my own alarm clock and practice getting ready for school/work on time, but I DO NOT want to	19	16	10	45
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes [Does not include responses of: I am allowed to have my own alarm clock and practice getting ready for school/work on time, but I DO NOT want to]	89%	84%	95%	89%

In my placement, I am learning to cook by helping cook our meals OR cooking my own meals.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes, I am allowed to cook	172	166	188	526
No, I am not allowed to cook	54	44	26	124
I am allowed to cook, but I DO NOT want to	16	25	21	62
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes [Does not include responses of: I am allowed to cook, but I do not want to]	76%	79%	88%	81%

I have a learners permit.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	23	35	43	101
No	219	200	192	611
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	10%	15%	18%	14%

Have you successfully completed a driver's education course?			
	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	38	72	135
No	186	157	552
I had the opportunity to take a driver's education course and I did not want to take a course	11	6	25
TOTAL	235	235	712
Percent Yes <small>[Does not include responses of: I had the opportunity to take a driver's education course and I did not want to take course]</small>	17%	31%	20%

I have a driver's license.			
	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	1	12	13
No	234	223	457
TOTAL	235	235	470
Percent Yes	0%	5%	3%

Florida's "Keys to Independence" Program

The Florida Keys to Independence Act was signed into law in 2014. It is targeted at youth in licensed foster care between the ages of 15 to 21.'

The Act created a 3-year pilot project. The Department of Children and Families selected Community Based Care of Central Florida (CBCCFL) to operate and manage the program for the entire state.'

The pilot project will reimburse youth and caregivers for the costs associated with driver's education, driver's licenses and other costs related to getting a driver's license as well as motor vehicle insurance.'

Learn about "Keys to Independence"
www.keystoindpendence.org

I am learning job skills and independence by earning extra money by babysitting, mowing lawns, cleaning yards and other activities approved by my foster parent or group home staff.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	90	112	102	110	109	523
No	87	101	140	125	126	579
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	51%	53%	42%	47%	46%	47%

I am getting job experience by volunteering.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	47	69	87	81	100	384
No	130	144	155	154	135	718
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	27%	32%	36%	34%	43%	35%

I have been told about youth employment programs in my area, by my caseworker or staff.						
	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	71	102	91	91	123	478
No	106	111	151	144	112	624
TOTAL	177	213	242	235	235	1102
Percent Yes	40%	48%	38%	39%	52%	43%

What additional help do you need to get a job? Select all that apply] * % = # of responses / 712 respondents					
	15	16	17	TOTAL	%
Better reading and/or math skills	35	34	32	101	14%
Job Coaching	49	45	40	134	19%
Proper Clothing	35	38	30	103	14%
Learning how to complete a resume	58	62	48	168	24%
Interviewing skills	59	66	55	180	25%
Learning how to work out problems with coworkers and bosses	39	33	24	96	13%
Learning how to complete a job application	38	43	33	114	16%
Finding companies that are hiring	79	83	63	225	32%
None	110	81	97	288	40%

Employment

I am currently employed.				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Yes	9	23	33	65
No	233	212	202	647
TOTAL	242	235	235	712
Percent Yes	4%	10%	14%	9%

Are you employed:				
	15	16	17	TOTAL
Part-time	8	17	28	53
Full-time	1	2	3	6
Seasonal	0	0	0	0
On-call	0	4	2	6
TOTAL	9	23	33	65

If yes: they are employed ↑

I have LEARNED specific employment skills based on my interest and abilities.	
	AGE 17
Yes	163
No	65
I am currently attending a training program specific to my interests and abilities	7
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	69%

12% of youth ages '16-17 report "yes" ' they are employed'

I have signed my Independent Living Transition Plan and it has been filed with the court.	
	AGE 17
Yes	88
No	55
I do not know	88
I had the opportunity to develop my Independent Living Transition Plan, but I DO NOT WANT to develop a transition plan	4
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	37%

37% of the 17 year olds 'report they do not know if:'
 "they have signed their 'Independent Living Transition Plan and it has been filed with the court'"

Have you been informed of your option to remain in Extended Foster Care past the age of 18?	
	AGE 17
Yes	210
No	25
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	89%

If yes: they have been informed of the option to remain in Extended Foster Care ↑

Do you plan to remain in Extended Foster Care when you turn 18?	
	AGE 17
Yes	134
No	76
TOTAL	210
Percent Yes	64%

If no: they do not plan to remain in Extended Foster ↑

Do you understand that you can decide to return to Foster Care up to your 21st Birthday?	
	AGE 17
Yes	74
No	2
TOTAL	76
Percent Yes	97%

Do you know what life skills you need to learn and practice to better prepare you for turning 18 and leaving foster care?	
	AGE 17
Yes	193
No	42
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	82%

Did you develop a budget for your housing and other expenses when you leave foster care?	
	AGE 17
Yes	84
No	151
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	36%

I KNOW what housing programs are available in the community where I will be living when I leave foster care.	
	AGE 17
Yes	144
No	52
I do not know where I will be living when I leave foster care	39
TOTAL	235
Percent Yes	61%

End of Report'

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