

National Youth in Transition Database

"No decision about us, without us!"



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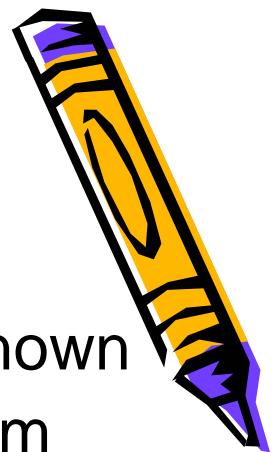


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1. What is NYTD?

- NYTD is part of a Public Law 106-169 which is known as the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP). It's called the LINKS Program in NC.
- The law requires ALL states, meaning NC, to collect data about the LINKS services in that state AND what happens to foster youths as they get older.
- Youths in foster care will answer NYTD survey questions. The answers become the data that will tell us how services for older youths in foster care need to change.



2. Why is my social worker bugging me about it?



- Because you know more about how the LINKS services make a difference in your life than your social worker does.
- You are the right age to get involved in this survey. NC is expected to have 80% participation of all youths who are the correct age.
- We need you! Mainly because you are an expert on independent living services in NC.



3. What kind of questions will be asked?



Simply put... questions only you can answer!

There is no right or wrong answer, but you will be asked for the truth about the services you receive.

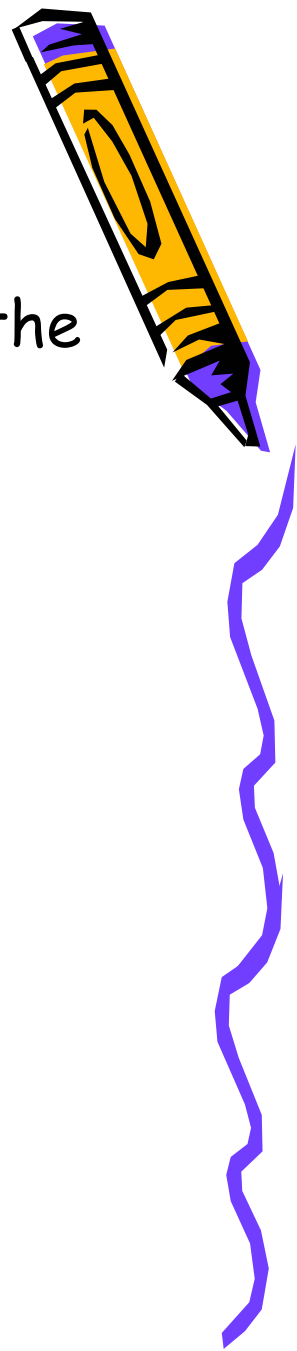
Services can improve only if young people really tell us what helps and what doesn't.

There are **30** questions and each one has several options to choose from.

You will be asked to make the best choice from those options.



Kinds of Questions



The topics for the questions will hit on most of the LINKS outcomes.

- ✓ Financial self-sufficiency
- ✓ Experience with homelessness
- ✓ Educational achievement
- ✓ Positive adult connections
- ✓ High risk behaviors
- ✓ Access to health insurance

Example of question:

Are you currently enrolled in and attending high school, GED classes, vocational training, or college?

- Yes
- No
- Declined/Prefer Not To Answer



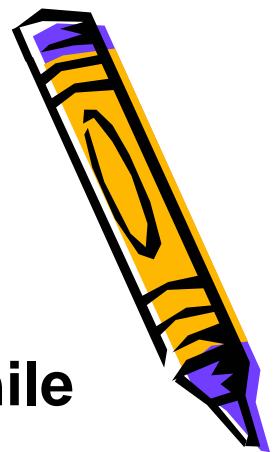
4. Why Me?

- ✓ Basically you are the correct age, and/or your birthday falls within the time frame for the first group.
- ✓ You will need to complete the survey during the month of your 17th birthday.
- ✓ Youths in this FIRST group include:
 1. All youth that are in foster care and have their 17th birthday between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011 (federal fiscal year), regardless of whether the youth receives any independent living services.
 2. Youth who entered foster care between his or her 17th birthday and 45 days after this date.
- ✓ As part of this group you will be surveyed again when you are 19 and again at 21 years old.
- ✓ Which means you will take the survey only once at ages 17, 19, and 21.
 - ✓ NYTD data will then have information about how you are doing and use it to help others improve their lives.
 - ✓ A new group will start every three years.



Examples of youth included in the first survey group:

- **A youth that turns age 17 October 15, 2010 while in foster care.**
 - Youth survey must be completed by November 29th, 2010.
- **A youth that turns age 17 on December 1, 2010 and enters foster care on January 5, 2011.**
 - Youth survey must be completed by January 15, 2011.
- **A youth that turns age 17 on September 30, 2011 and enters foster care on October 5, 2011.**
 - Youth survey must be completed by November 14, 2011.



Examples of youth not included in the first group:



A youth that turns age 17 on September 30, 2010 and enters foster care on October 1, 2010.

No survey data is collected because the youth turned age 17 before October 1, 2010.

A youth that turns age 17 on October 15, 2010 and enters foster care on December 10, 2010.

No survey data is collected because the youth entered foster care more than 45 days after turning age 17.

A youth that turns age 17 while in foster care on October 1, 2011.

No survey data is collected because the youth turned age 17 after September 30, 2011.



5. What's in it for me?



You will receive an incentive (either cash or gift card) valued at \$25 for participating each time you complete the survey. **NOTE:** You can only complete the survey ONCE at each age (17, 19, and 21). Trying to take the survey more than once is not possible as the system will lock you out.



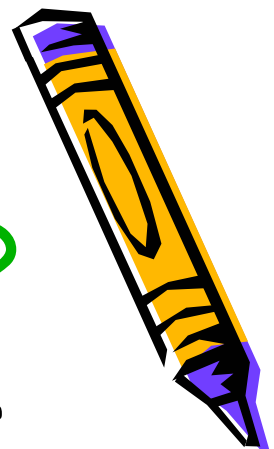
You will also have the chance to help all other youths in foster care by sharing your experience.

This chance only exists if you participate.

Think about it!



6. How do I get to the Survey?



The survey can be accessed from **ANY** computer location.

<http://prod.ncsurveymax.com/Login.aspx?SurveyID=n2KH882>

If you have trouble getting to a computer, please ask your social worker for assistance.

Example: John Doe, born 10-3-1993

SSN- 555-55-8888 (hint: remember last four digits)

User ID : Johndoe10031993

To help you remember your user ID:
firstnamelastnamemmddyyyy

Password: 100319938888

To help your remember your password:
mddyyyylastfourdigitsofSS#



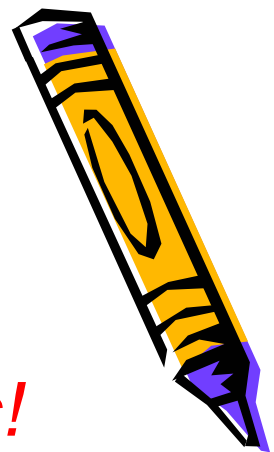
7. What are they gonna do with what I say?

Try to improve independent living services!

“NYTD is giving us a chance to take ownership of our experiences through the survey and to be viewed as experts. It is critical that foster youth are engaged in all decisions being made regarding our lives; “No decisions about us, without us!” The NYTD Survey allows me to make things better for future foster youth. Current and former foster youth deserve the chance for our input to be valued and acknowledged. NYTD encourages current and former foster youth to work together and take the survey to establish ownership while positively changing foster care”

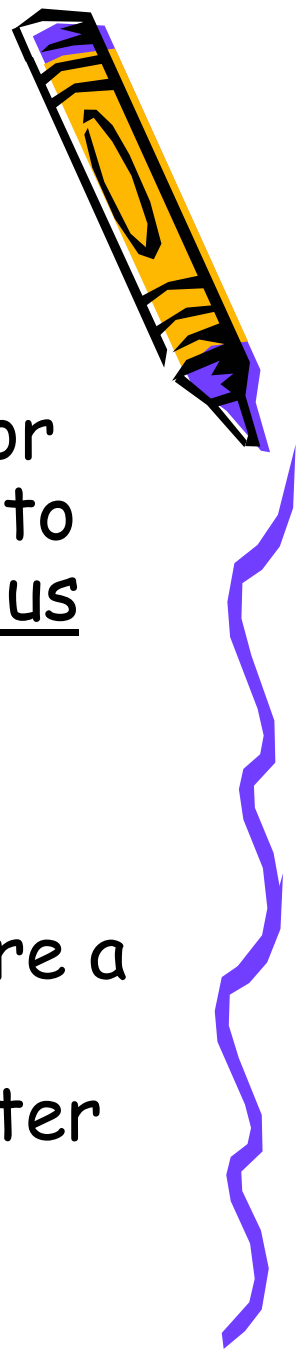
– JT, Former Foster Youth (from NYTD Technical Assistance Brief No. 6 issued August 2010 by NRCYD)

*Go ahead... join JT and give it a shot.
It won't hurt AND has the potential to really help!*

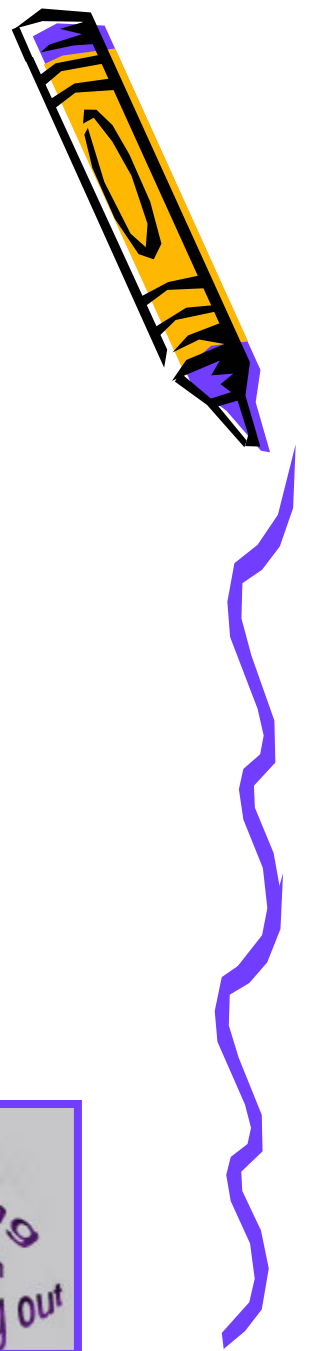


8. Will NYTD really help NC youths in foster care?

- NYTD is just starting so we can't say for sure how this will help but we can say - to make changes, we need the data to tell us what changes to make.
- We can say that we want NYTD to help youths in NC and other states as well.
- In NC we are making teens in foster care a priority. NYTD will help us collect information to make services in NC better and ultimately change lives of young people just like you.



Thank you!!!!



- We really hope you will participate in NYTD and help us speak out and make the changes needed in foster care.
- If you'd like more information about SaySo visit www.saysoinc.org, call 800-820-0001 or email sayso@ilrinc.com
- For more information about NYTD or to find out if you should participate, contact your county LINKS social worker.

