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Today's Presentation

Introduction to NYTD data

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The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) collects case-level information on young people who have had experiences with foster care to help us understand how (and how well) states prepare youth in the child welfare system for adulthood.

The Family First Act

The Family First Prevention Services Act was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018. This act reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. The John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program is guided by this reformed legislation.

What information is collected ?

States are required to use NYTD to collect data on youth and the services they receive. They are also required to survey youth preparing to exit foster care and youth who have left foster care.



Demographics like...

- **Date of birth**
- **Sex**
- **Race and ethnicity**
- **Foster care status**
- **Tribal membership**
- **Delinquency**
- **Educational level**



Services such as...

- **Academic supports**
- **Career preparation**
- **Budgeting**
- **Mentoring**
- **Health education**
- **Housing education**
- **Financial assistance**



Outcomes including...

- **Financial self-sufficiency**
- **Educational attainment**
- **Homelessness**
- **High-risk behaviors**
- **Connections with adults**
- **Access to health insurance**

Opportunities and Impacts



A puzzle piece:

- NYTD provides data on the experiences of youth preparing to exit foster care and the outcomes of youth who have left foster care
- Descriptive reports can provide States and the public with an overall, national picture of the aging-out population
- Common identifier used for youth in NCANDS, AFCARS, and NYTD allows us to link child maltreatment and foster care experiences with reported outcomes

Opportunities and Impacts



Program improvement:

- NYTD provides a source of data to assist in determining the effectiveness of independent living programs
- NYTD information may be able to help agencies develop new or adjust existing services to be more effective and efficient

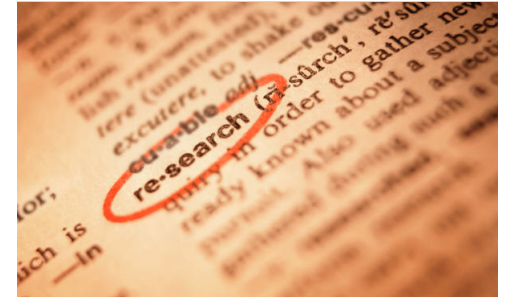
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Youth empowerment:

- In many States, youth are engaged as *partners* in the process of NYTD implementation
- Youth want to hold their States accountable and data gives them information and tools to do this

Opportunities and Impacts



Research:

- Longitudinal analyses can inform best practices and discretionary grant decisions
- Analyses can inform policy (amending or creating legislation)
- Reports may encourage universities and/or research organizations to conduct studies and program evaluations
- Some States add their own questions or administer an expanded survey instrument called “NYTD Plus”

NYTD Data Quality - Compliance

Data Collection occurs on a semi annual basis:

The NYTD regulation lists compliance standards to assess whether state data meet minimal standards for timeliness and quality (45 CFR 1356.85).

Once data compliance is assessed, states have an opportunity to resubmit a corrected file. States that do not meet data quality standards are assessed a penalty.

NYTD Data Quality - ONSITE REVIEWS

Between 2014–2016, seven states conducted pilot reviews which led to the development of the current onsite NYTD review protocol. This is a chance for a federal team comprised of staff from the central office, regional program offices as well as young adult reviewers to work in partnership with states to assess their data collection efforts and program implementation.

Goals of the Review:

- Comprehensively evaluates states' policies and practices related to collecting and reporting timely, reliable and accurate data:
- Validating and verifying that the state's child welfare information system can collect, manage and report required data
- Assessing the state's survey methodology
- Exploring how states use NYTD data to evaluate the quality of services provided to youth in transition as part of a Continuous Quality Improvement framework.

When are NYTD data collected and reported?

NYTD Data Collection Schedule (FY 2011 – 2019)

Reporting Population	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19
Information on youth receiving services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Information on youth outcomes (17-year-olds in foster care)	✓ Cohort 1			✓ Cohort 2			✓ Cohort 3		
Information on youth outcomes (At age 19)			✓ Cohort 1			✓ Cohort 2			✓ Cohort 3
Information on youth outcomes (At age 21)					✓ Cohort 1			✓ Cohort 2	

Baseline Population

The baseline population includes all youth in foster care who reach their 17th birthdays in FY 2011 or in every third fiscal year following FY 2011.

The cohort of youth eligible for follow up at ages 19 and 21 are a subset of these baseline youth.

Follow-up Population

To be eligible for follow up at age 19*:

At age 17, the youth must have:

- participated in the survey within 45 days of turning age 17
- been in foster care at the time of taking the survey
- answered at least one survey question that was not 'declined' or 'not applicable'

To be eligible for follow up at age 21*:

- in the follow-up population at age 19
- not reported to be deceased at age 19

*For states that opt to sample, only youth randomly chosen to be in the sample are included in the follow-up population

Sampling

Sampling frame: All youth who participated in the survey at age 17 (i.e., all youth eligible for follow-up at age 19)

Sample size: a simple random sample at a 90% confidence level plus 30% (attrition)

See 45 CFR 1356.84 (c), Appendix C; Technical Bulletin #5

Sample States

Any state where a calculated sample size plus 30% would not be larger than the number of baseline youth is eligible to sample (roughly >85)

Cohort 1: 12 states (GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, MA, OH, PA, TN, TX, WA)

Cohort 2: 15 states (CO, GA, IL, IN, IA, KY, LA, MA, MD, MO, OH, PA, TN, TX, WA)

NYTD Datasets

Services:

- FY 2011 – 2017: Roughly 100,000 young adults each year have been reported to have received at least one independent living service

Outcomes:

Cohort 1 (FY 2011, 2013, 2015):

- 15, 597 of 29,565 eligible youth participated at age 17
- 7,845 of 11,712 eligible youth participated at age 19
- 6,985 of 11,675 eligible youth participated at age 21

Cohort 2 (FY 2014, 2016):

- 16,481 of 23,781 eligible youth participated at age 17
- 8,899 of 12,310 eligible youth participated at age 19

QUESTIONS

More information about NYTD is available at the Children's Bureau website:
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/nytd>

NYTD

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) collects information on youth in foster care, including sex, race, ethnicity, date of birth, and foster care status. It also collects information about the outcomes of those youth who have aged out of foster care. States began collecting data in 2010, and the first data set was submitted in May 2011.

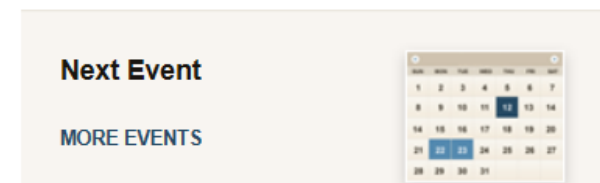
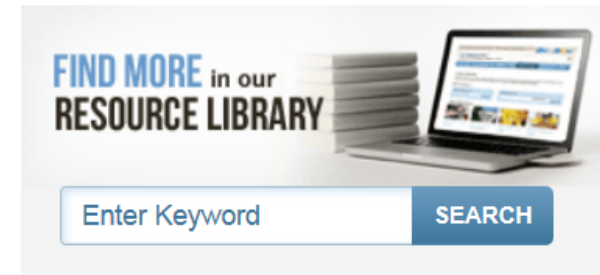
Our [Q&A](#) summarizes responses to questions posed by states regarding implementation of the National Youth in Transition Database.

[About NYTD](#) - General information about NYTD

[Federal Guidance on NYTD](#) - Policy issuances and other guidance related to NYTD, including questions and answers

[NYTD Reviews](#) - Current information on NYTD Reviews, including review schedules, review procedures and final reports

[NYTD Data Briefs](#) - Summarizes findings from State NYTD data submissions compiled by the Children's Bureau



Next week...

- Date: Wednesday August 12th from 12pm - 1pm
- Presenter: Erin McCauley, BCTR at Cornell University
- Topic: Data structure—examining the service versus the outcomes file, how to get the data, and available resources at the BCTR