

MNYTD Minnesota National Youth in Transition Database

SSIS MNYTD Survey Due Search, MNYTD Survey Search
and MNYTD Service Search
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Federal Requirement

- Congress passed a law establishing the **John H. Chafee Foster care Independence Program**. This law provides States with funding to carry out programs to help youth transition from **foster care** to self-sufficiency.
- The law required the Administration for Children and Families to develop a data collection system to track the **independent living services** states provide to youth and develop outcome measures to assess states' performance in operating their independent living programs.
- The law requires **ACF** to impose a penalty of between one and five percent of the state's annual Chafee allotment for any state that does not comply with the reporting requirements.

State Requirement

- The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) requires that states conduct two client-specific data collection activities on an ongoing basis.
- First, the state must collect information on each youth who receives **independent living services** paid for or provided by the state and transmit this information to **ACF** on a semiannual basis.
- Second, the state must collect outcome information on all youth who are in **foster care** on or within 45 days after their 17th birthday.
- The state must also locate the same youth within 45 days of their 19th and 21st birthdays to collect updated outcome information.
- States began collecting data on October 1, 2010.

Services

The **independent living services** and supports reported fall into these eleven broad categories:

- independent living needs assessment
- academic support
- post-secondary educational support
- career preparation
- employment programs or vocational training
- budget and financial management
- housing education and home management training
- health education and risk prevention
- family support and healthy marriage education
- mentoring
- supervised independent living.
- financial assistance for education, room and board and other aid

States must also identify the youth's education status, individualized education plan and whether the youth has been adjudicated delinquent.

Baseline Survey

States must survey youth regarding six outcomes:

- financial self-sufficiency
- experience with homelessness
- educational attainment
- positive connections with adults
- high-risk behavior
- access to health insurance

States are to collect the outcomes information by conducting a survey of youth in **foster care** on or around their 17th birthday, also referred to as the **baseline population**. States must collect and report outcome information on a new cohort of youth every three years.

Follow-up Survey

- Updated outcome surveys for youth around the time of their 19th birthdays; and again around the time of the 21st birthdays are referred to as the **follow-up population**.
- States must collect outcome information on these older youth after they leave the state's **foster care** system, regardless of whether they are still receiving **independent living services** from the state when they are 19 or 21 years old.
- DHS has contracted with a vendor to locate and survey 19 and 21 year olds.

Penalty

For a state's data to comply with the NYTD standards, it must:

- Meet file format requirements and contain accurate data
- Meet a 90 percent data quality check (i.e., be free of missing or invalid data)
- Provide full or partial outcome survey information
- Achieve a minimum outcomes survey participation rate
- States will be penalized between one and five percent of their annual Chafee **Foster Care** Independence Program allotment for each reporting period if these **data standards** are not met

The MNYTD Federal Reporting Year and Periods

MNYTD Federal Reporting Year

- October – September

MNYTD Federal Reporting Periods

- October – March
- April - September

MNYTD Federal Reporting Periods

Federal Reporting				
Year	Period	Period Date Range	Population	Age
2017	A	Oct 2016 - Mar 2017	Baseline	17
2017	B	Apr 2016 - Sep 2017	Baseline	17
2018	A	Oct 2017 - Mar 2018	Follow-up	21
2018	B	Apr 2017 - Sep 2018	Follow-up	21
2019	A	Oct 2018 - Mar 2019	Follow-up	19
2019	B	Apr 2018 - Sep 2019	Follow-up	19
2020	A	Oct 2019 - Mar 2020	Baseline	17
2020	B	Apr 2019 - Sep 2020	Baseline	17
Etc.				

Questions?

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