

## What is Florida NYTD?

Florida NYTD is a survey comprised of questions from the Federal National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), the Florida IL Checklist and questions developed by youth, young adults, the Department and other stakeholders in the child welfare system.

Beginning in August of 2016 the Office of Child Welfare (OCW) began a comprehensive review of the administration of the Florida NYTD Survey. The goal is to move toward a more user-friendly survey, one that will not only appropriately capture the young adult voice but inform all licensed caregivers and Child Welfare Professionals on their practices strengths and needs.

In phase one, OCW eliminated questions were either no longer applicable or provided information that could be gathered utilizing another data source.

In May of 2017, OCW facilitated a workgroup with pertinent stakeholders, gathering critical feedback and recommendations. Efforts are still underway to revamp survey administration and tools.



### 2017 Survey Data Report



## Who takes the Florida NYTD Survey?

Young people ages 18-22, who turned 18 in licensed foster care are the identified survey population. Many of the young adults completing the survey are receiving services through Florida's *Extended Foster Program, Postsecondary Education Services and Supports* and/or *Aftercare*.

The survey can be completed on-line, on paper or by telephone. The Spring 2017, Florida NYTD survey was administered from April 15<sup>th</sup> —June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

This report contains the survey responses of **887**

## Survey Data Reports

Florida NYTD survey answers are private. CBC Lead Agencies and their providers can access aggregate survey response data by age group and survey period.

CBC Lead Agencies and their providers *cannot* access individual survey responses.

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# Transition Planning

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: <b>Stable Housing</b>							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	44	113	89	103	122	471	53%
Somewhat	18	36	45	37	64	200	23%
Barely	0	11	8	8	10	37	4%
Not at all	3	4	4	7	7	25	3%
Declined	4	18	9	11	19	61	--
Don't know	12	16	19	15	31	93	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: <b>Education or Training</b>							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	48	123	103	123	151	548	62%
Somewhat	12	36	42	28	51	169	19%
Barely	3	3	5	4	9	24	3%
Not at all	3	2	3	4	4	16	2%
Declined	5	15	8	10	14	52	--
Don't know	10	19	13	12	24	78	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: <b>Health Care</b>							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	39	107	90	105	124	465	52%
Somewhat	18	42	44	33	66	203	23%
Barely	5	7	9	12	7	40	5%
Not at all	2	3	8	3	10	26	3%
Declined	5	16	8	11	17	57	--
Don't know	12	23	15	17	29	96	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs: <b>Employment</b>							
	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	26	85	69	72	94	346	39%
Somewhat	19	46	40	31	62	198	22%
Barely	4	7	20	18	25	74	8%
Not at all	13	15	18	21	26	93	10%
Declined	5	20	8	17	16	66	--
Don't know	14	25	19	22	30	110	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

# Transition Planning

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs:  
**Developing relationships with *individuals* who could be potential sources of support**

	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	42	101	75	88	105	411	46%
Somewhat	18	35	45	40	69	207	23%
Barely	3	15	14	15	16	63	7%
Not at all	3	12	13	10	16	54	6%
Declined	5	16	9	13	18	61	--
Don't know	10	19	18	15	29	91	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

How adequate was your independent living/transition plan when it came to addressing the following needs:  
**Developing relationships with *organizations* that could be potential sources of support**

	18	19	20	21	22	Total	%
Very	37	94	73	88	109	401	45%
Somewhat	19	38	43	39	65	204	23%
Barely	2	13	15	13	15	58	7%
Not at all	8	11	18	14	18	69	8%
Declined	5	19	9	12	19	64	--
Don't know	10	23	16	15	27	91	--
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887	--

Transition Plans provide a  
 “road map” of needed  
 services and supports for  
 young adults as they  
 “transition” from foster care.

Federal Law and Florida  
 Statutes establish  
 requirements and timelines  
 for Transition Planning.

# 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	58	142	129	141	189	659
No	21	50	43	34	58	206
Declined	2	6	2	6	6	22
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percentage Yes (Not including 'Declined')	73%	74%	75%	81%	77%	76%

Are there any barriers that are preventing you from continuing your education?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	11	18	23	16	29	97
No	65	165	145	149	203	727
Declined	3	9	4	8	7	31
Do not know	2	6	2	8	14	32
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percentage Yes (Not including 'Declined'/'Do not know')	14%	10%	14%	10%	13%	12%

If answered "Yes" – then asked the following question↓



## Positive Pathways Program

PPP was created by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to improve postsecondary outcomes and career transitions for former foster youth who are attending Florida's public post-secondary educational system. Many of these students are eligible for the state's generous tuition and fee exemption, which allows colleges, universities, and technical colleges to waive costs of students' education.

Because adequate support and guidance is as important as funding to educational success, the Florida Legislature, in 2013, mandated that DCF collaborate with the Board of Governors (BOG), the Florida College System (FCS), and the Florida Department of Education (DOE) to help eligible youth transition to and through post-secondary educational settings (Chapter 409, Florida Statutes).

Earlier this year, DCF contracted with Educate Tomorrow Corporation (ET), a 501(c)(3) organization, to manage the program. PPP partners with Florida Reach, the state-wide volunteer initiative that was co-founded by DCF, in 2013. ET has established a strong foundation upon which PPP can build a program comprised of the foster care liaisons recently appointed by the BOG and FCS.



## What is the biggest barrier preventing you from continuing your education? (97 young adults asked this question)

	18	19	20	21	22	Total
No way to pay for school	1		2	1	2	6
I need to work full time	0	2	2	1	8	13
I have child care responsibilities	1	5	3	0	7	16
I don't have transportation	3	3	3	4	3	16
I have been discouraged by significant others	2	0	1	0	0	3
I have academic difficulties	1	2	9	2	3	17
Other: Please specify	2	6	2	7	5	22

# Employment

Currently are you employed full-time [35 hrs. per week or more]?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	5	26	22	25	45	123
No	74	167	146	148	198	733
Declined	2	5	6	8	10	31
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Not including 'Declined')	6%	13%	13%	14%	19%	14%

Currently are you employed part-time?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
YES	21	49	51	48	73	242
No	58	143	114	123	167	605
Declined	2	6	9	10	13	40
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Not including 'Declined')	27%	26%	31%	28%	30%	29%



Have you had a job for which you were paid at any time during the past year?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	20	57	48	41	64	230
No	33	66	53	65	64	281
Declined	1	3	4	4	8	20
Do not know	1	1	1	3	4	10
Total	55	127	106	113	140	541
Percent Yes (Not including 'Declined'/'Do not know')	38%	46%	48%	39%	50%	45%

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	13	29	36	28	64	170
No	65	159	129	147	174	674
Declined	3	10	9	6	15	43
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Not including 'Declined')	17%	15%	22%	16%	27%	20%

# Employment

Have you been doing anything to find a job during the past month?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	32	64	56	65	73	290
No	21	53	41	41	51	207
Declined	0	8	8	4	11	31
Do not know	2	2	1	3	5	13
Total	55	127	106	113	140	541
Percent yes (Not including 'Declined'/'Do not know')	60%	55%	58%	61%	59%	58%

If answered "Yes" – then asked the following question↓

Which of the following have you done to find a job during the past month? Select all that apply:						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Contacted employers	22	34	24	31	45	156
Contacted employee agency	6	10	8	19	26	69
Contacted friends or relatives	10	12	13	20	23	78
Contacted school/university employment center	0	7	4	12	12	35
Sent out resumes	9	20	16	25	31	101
Filled out job applications	22	51	45	42	55	215
Searched/responded to help wanted ads	8	15	17	19	25	84
Had a job interview	11	23	17	20	25	96
Attended job training programs	2	5	4	7	10	28
Asked my caseworker and/or independent living worker for help	7	10	1	6	13	37
Declined	0	0	0	1	1	2
Do not know	0	4	1	2	0	7
Total	97	191	150	204	266	908

# Housing

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	32	77	86	95	126	416
I am living with birth or adoptive parents	2	9	3	8	16	38
I am living with a spouse/partner	3	7	10	9	23	52
I am living with other family members	6	19	18	14	24	81
I am living with former foster parents	3	12	9	6	7	37
I am living with friends or a roommate	9	13	17	16	25	80
I am living in a foster home	6	20	3	2	1	32
I am living in a group care setting (including a group home or residential care facility)	8	19	8	3	3	41
I am living in a college dormitory or residence hall	1	3	2	3	2	11
I am living in a hospital or in a treatment center for mental health or substance abuse problems	0	1	1	0	0	2
I am in detention, jail, prison or another correctional facility	1	1	0	0	0	2
I am couch surfing or moving from house to house	0	0	0	4	1	5
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)	0	3	2	2	7	14
Other (Please specify)	5	4	7	6	6	28
Declined	4	5	5	11	9	34
Do not know	1	5	3	2	3	14
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887

# Housing

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	23	68	79	107	153	430
No	10	17	28	26	44	125
Declined	0	0	1	6	5	12
Do not know	1	0	3	0	5	9
Total	34	85	111	139	207	576
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	70%	80%	74%	80%	78%	77%

In the past year have you accessed funding from Aftercare to prevent you from becoming homeless?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	26	56	61	42	80	265
No	40	109	94	117	149	509
Declined	4	11	3	12	15	45
Do not know	11	22	16	10	9	68
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	39%	34%	39%	26%	35%	34%



# Housing

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	17	35	42	49	66	209
No	59	149	127	122	171	628
Declined	5	9	5	9	14	42
Do not know	0	5	0	1	2	8
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	22%	19%	25%	29%	28%	25%

In the past two years were you homeless at any time						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	13	31	30	42	56	172
No	66	156	140	130	181	673
Declined	2	11	4	9	16	42
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887

# Financial & Transportation

Currently are you receiving public food assistance?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	41	96	87	76	109	409
No	37	94	83	97	134	445
Declined	3	8	4	8	10	33
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined')	53%	51%	51%	44%	45%	48%

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	15	22	13	14	13	77
No	63	168	157	159	228	775
Declined	3	8	4	8	12	35
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined')	19%	12%	8%	8%	5%	10%

# Financial & Transportation

Do you currently have an open bank account, such as a checking or savings account?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	56	134	121	133	187	631
No	24	53	47	39	51	214
Declined	1	5	5	6	12	29
Do not know	0	6	1	3	3	13
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	70%	72%	72%	77%	79%	75%

Do you have a reliable means of transportation to school and/or work?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	61	154	134	144	199	692
No	14	26	31	27	41	139
Declined	2	14	4	8	7	35
Do not know	4	4	5	2	6	21
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	81%	86%	81%	84%	83%	83%

# Health & Well-Being

Currently are you on Medicaid?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	67	155	137	134	183	676
No	7	23	23	31	47	131
Declined	1	7	2	6	8	24
Do not know	6	13	12	10	15	56
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	91%	87%	86%	81%	80%	85%

Has there ever been a time during the past year when you did not get medical care for a PHYSICAL HEALTH problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	11	21	34	24	29	119
No	61	154	129	138	203	685
Declined	3	9	5	13	12	42
Do not know	6	14	6	6	9	41
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	15%	12%	21%	15%	13%	15%

Has there ever been a time during the past year when you did not get DENTAL CARE that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	9	23	33	29	39	133
No	64	150	133	136	192	675
Declined	4	12	4	11	16	47
Do not know	4	13	4	5	6	32
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	12%	13%	20%	18%	17%	16%

Has there ever been a time during the past year when you did not get treatment for a MENTAL HEALTH problem that you thought you needed?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	6	9	16	13	13	57
No	68	171	148	148	220	755
Declined	2	8	5	14	13	42
Do not know	5	10	5	6	7	33
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	8%	5%	10%	8%	6%	7%

# Health & Well-Being

In the past two years, did you give birth to or father any children that were born?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	11	25	32	32	61	161
No	64	159	137	138	180	678
Declined	6	14	5	11	12	48
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined')	15%	14%	19%	19%	25%	18%

Have you received family planning counseling or services during the past year?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Total
Yes	8	15	11	5	12	51
No	67	161	159	163	224	774
Declined	3	13	3	10	8	37
Do not know	3	9	1	3	9	25
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	11%	9%	6%	3%	5%	7%

# Health & Well-Being

In the past two years, were you 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	16	26	15	11	19	87
No	62	158	154	154	221	749
Declined	3	14	5	16	13	51
Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent Yes (Does not include 'Declined')	21%	14%	9%	7%	8%	12%

# Connections

Do you currently have a close relationship with any members of your biological family?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Grand Total
Yes	54	129	105	115	151	554
No	25	55	63	53	84	280
Declined	1	11	5	11	13	41
Do not know	1	3	1	2	5	12
Grand Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent yes (Does not include 'Declined' or 'Do not know')	68%	70%	63%	68%	64%	66%

Currently is there at least one adult in your life, other than your caseworker, to whom you can go to for advice or emotional support?						
	18	19	20	21	22	Grand Total
Yes	71	159	140	146	195	711
No	7	30	31	22	47	137
Declined	3	9	3	13	11	39
Grand Total	81	198	174	181	253	887
Percent yes (Does not include 'Declined')	91%	84%	82%	87%	81%	84%

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## *End of Report*

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