



# Florida's Youth Survey: Spring 2017

## Who Completed the Survey?

**1039** Youth ages 13-17 completed the Spring 2017 "My Services" survey.

Youth who completed the survey live in a *licensed* foster care placement.

## How is the survey administered?

"My Services" survey, is an on-line self-report survey designed to be completed in modules to better accommodate a youth's schedule during the time the survey is open.

The self-report youth survey is part of the Department's "*Listening to Every Youth...Every Year...*" project.

For Spring 2017, the survey was open from April 15<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Is the survey confidential?

**Survey** answers are private. Cby25® does not share individual survey responses with anyone. Only the Department has access to the youth's identifier and survey response information.

## Survey Data Reports

**CBC Lead Agencies** and their providers can access aggregate youth survey response data by age group and survey period. CBC Lead Agencies and their providers *cannot* access individual youth responses.

Access to the survey data provides CBC Lead Agencies with information that can be used to help identify foster care services that are working well and areas where services can be improved.

# 2017 Florida “My Services” Survey Report

## Age 13-16 Survey Results

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### Updating the Survey

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

In phase one, OCW eliminated some questions that were either no longer applicable or provided information that could be gathered utilizing another data source.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

# Documents, Pictures & Information

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I have a recent photograph of myself taken in the last 3 months.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	178	209	387
No	36	23	59
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	83%	90%	87%



I have a collection of pictures, records of special events, and important papers from my time in foster care.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	118	134	126	138	516
No	67	88	88	94	337
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	64%	60%	59%	59%	61%



I have a recent photograph of siblings taken in the last 3 months.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	115	125	240
No	89	96	185
I do not have siblings	10	11	21
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes (Does not include 'I do not have siblings')	56%	57%	57%

I have a photograph of my relatives taken in the last year.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	116	128	244
No	98	104	202
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	54%	55%	55%

I have access to an original or certified copy of my birth certificate.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	118	144	262
No	96	88	184
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	55%	62%	59%

I know who to ask to get my dependency records.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	123	155	278
No	91	77	168
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	57%	67%	62%

I have a State of Florida identification card.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	27	50	54	102	233
No	158	172	160	130	620
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	15%	23%	25%	44%	28%

I have my Social Security Card.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	93	116	96	108	413
No	92	106	118	124	440
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	50%	52%	45%	47%	49%

# Engaged & Participating in the Foster Care Legal Process

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Do you have a case plan?			
	15	16	Total
Yes	137	159	296
No	71	61	132
I have a case plan, but I don't agree with it	6	12	18
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes [includes response of "I have a case plan, but I don't agree with it"]	67%	74%	

Do you attend your foster care court hearings?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	50	89	84	101	324
Sometimes	59	59	77	78	273
I do not want to attend my foster care court hearings	42	35	28	22	127
No, but I want to attend my foster care court hearings	34	39	25	31	129
Total	185	222	214	232	853

Do you understand what your permanency goal means?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	143	182	172	191	688
No	42	40	42	41	165
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	77%	82%	80%	82%	80%

I understand that I am entitled to have the courts review my permanency goal.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	157	198	184	207	746
No	28	24	30	25	107
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	85%	89%	86%	89%	87%

# Education & Career Path Planning

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## Do you have an Education & Career Path Plan?

(This plan is developed in school and contains information on your career interests and what kind of classes you will take to support your career interests. Your Education and Career plan is also part of your case plan)

	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	84	103	95	125	407
No	101	119	119	107	446
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	45%	46%	44%	54%	47%

## I am currently receiving the education services outlined in my education plan - such as the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), SAT, ACT Preparation or Tutoring

	15	16	Total	%
Yes	129	142	271	61%
No	42	51	93	21%
I do not need educational services	27	27	54	12%
I DO NOT want educational services	16	12	28	6%
Total	214	232	446	

## During this school year - who attended the parent/teacher conferences with you?

[Select all that apply] # of responses/853 respondents

	13	14	15	16	Total
Biological Parent(s)/Family	15	20	12	12	59
Family	31	36	24	17	108
Foster Parents	77	75	76	53	281
Group Home Staff	37	46	40	44	167
Case Worker	38	44	60	68	210
ILS Worker	3	7	2	10	22
Guardian Ad Litem	30	27	29	22	108
Mentor	6	2	7	12	27
Other	5	10	8	10	33
No one attended my parent/teacher conferences	32	49	70	79	230
Total	274	316	328	327	1245

## Who helps with your homework?

[Select all that apply] # of responses/853 responses

	13	14	15	16	Total
Foster Parents	75	75	59	50	259
Group Home Staff	32	30	31	26	119
Mentor	10	14	13	15	52
Tutor	31	39	49	54	173
Teachers at school	60	77	84	78	299
No one helps me with my homework	57	66	69	92	284

Do your foster parents or group home staff review your school grades and report card with you?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	162	187	183	184	716
No	23	35	31	48	137
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	88%	84%	86%	79%	84%

Does your caseworker review your school grades and report card with you?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	127	158	145	161	591
No	58	64	69	71	262
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	69%	71%	68%	69%	69%

I completed a career interest survey in my school.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	93	86	179
No	61	81	142
I do not know	60	65	125
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes [Does not include 'I don't know']	60%	51%	56%

We review my career interests as part of my Education and Career Plan or Case Plan?			
	15	16	Total
Yes	94	121	215
No	55	59	114
Do not have an Education and Career Plan	65	52	117
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes [Does not include do not have an Education and Career Plan]	63%	67%	65%

I have been explained the information on the Bright Futures Scholarship program including information on application deadlines and grade point requirements.

	15	16	Total
Yes	91	119	210
No	123	113	236
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	43%	51%	47%

I HAVE been explained information on other grants, scholarships and waivers.

	15	16	Total
Yes	105	134	239
No	109	98	207
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	49%	58%	54%

I have information on the State of Florida tuition waiver.

	15	16	Total
Yes	69	109	178
No	145	123	268
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	32%	47%	40%

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/independent-living/tuition--fee-exemptions>

## Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 725,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAFE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).



**STEP 1**

Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAID/bt](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAID/bt) to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.



**STEP 2**

Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year of high school, by graduation.



**STEP 3**

**Make the grade, earn the score...and graduate!** The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program, or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.



**STEP 4**

**Know your responsibilities...apply, meet the requirements before graduation & throughout your college career.** (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org)

Customer Service: 1-888-827-2004

Email: [CSF.Aid@fla.gov](mailto:CSF.Aid@fla.gov)

## Tuition and Fee Exemption

Florida provides tuition and fee exemptions to eligible young adults. The waiver is authorized at State (public) Universities, Colleges (public) in the Florida College System, and School District Workforce Education Programs.

Fee exemptions are offered to students if:

- 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. > or;
- 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 15 years of age.

\*\*\*The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 25 years of age. See § 39.5085(1)(c), (d), Fla. Stat. §.

For questions regarding eligibility or how to obtain a Tuition and Fee Exemption form, CF-FSP 5230, contact your local Community Based Case Load Agency or call Florida's Independent Living Resource Center.

Florida's Independent Living Resource Center // serves as an information clearinghouse to address all areas of Independent Living Services.

CALL: 1-844-ILYOUTH (1-844-459-6884)





# Well-Being: Physical, Mental & Emotional Health

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I HAVE LEARNED about healthy personal relationships.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	179	207	205	228	819
No	6	15	9	4	34
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	97%	93%	96%	98%	96%

I HAVE LEARNED how to recognize and protect myself from domestic violence.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	177	208	202	224	811
No	8	14	12	8	42
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	96%	94%	94%	97%	95%

I HAVE LEARNED about the risks of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	178	215	209	230	832
No	7	7	5	2	21
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	96%	97%	98%	99%	98%

Risk Behaviors

In the past 12 months have you been arrested.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	34	54	58	62	208
No	151	168	156	170	645
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	18%	24%	27%	27%	24%

Are you currently taking any prescription medications?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	98	105	104	110	417
No	87	117	110	122	436
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	53%	47%	49%	47%	49%

If answered "Yes" – Asked the following:

Do you understand the possible side effects of your medication?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	70	87	83	97	337
No	28	18	21	13	80
Total	98	105	104	110	417
Percent Yes	71%	83%	80%	88%	81%

# Medication

Is there someone that you talk to about your medications?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes, and I think they listen to my concerns	79	89	83	98	349
I have someone to talk to, but I DO NOT think they listen to my concerns	11	8	13	8	40
I do not have anyone to talk to about my medications	8	8	8	4	28
Total	98	105	104	110	417

# Health & Well-Being

Are you receiving the dental care you need?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	171	212	194	215	792
No	14	10	20	17	61
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	92%	95%	91%	93%	

Are you receiving the mental health care you need?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	102	126	112	120	460
No	10	11	18	11	50
I do not need mental health services	64	76	76	94	310
I am receiving mental health services I DO NOT WANT	9	9	8	7	33
Total	185	222	214	232	853

Are you receiving the substance abuse treatment services you need?					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	30	31	38	31	130
No	24	35	18	16	93
I do not need substance abuse treatment services	129	155	155	178	617
I am receiving substance abuse treatment services I DO NOT WANT	2	1	3	7	13
Total	185	222	214	232	853

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	Total
Yes	133	159	159	179	630
No	52	63	55	53	223
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	72%	72%	74%	77%	74%

"Finding a permanent family is often the primary goal when children and youth enter out-of-home care, but they also may need to establish, re-establish, or strengthen meaningful connections with people who are not immediate members of their permanent families."

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/permanency/planning/connections/>

# Connection to Others

# Foster Care Placement

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In my placement I am treated like a member of the family.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	142	146	134	132	554
No	10	14	11	15	50
I am in a group home and it does not feel like a family	14	26	35	37	112
I am in a group home and it feels like a family	19	36	34	48	137
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes (Includes response 'I am in a group home and it feels like family'.)	87%	82%	79%	78%	82%

In my placement I have enough food to eat.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	183	215	205	215	818
No	2	7	9	17	35
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	99%	97%	96%	93%	96%

I have enough clothing in my size.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	152	179	161	177	669
No	33	43	53	55	184
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	82%	81%	75%	76%	79%

I feel comfortable talking about my family, sisters, and/or brothers with my foster family.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	94	90	95	100	379
No	21	28	22	22	93
I do not live with a foster family	70	104	97	110	381
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes (Does not include responses 'I do not live with a foster family'.)	82%	76%	81%	82%	80%

I receive my personal allowance each week.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	108	137	117	152	514
No	77	85	97	80	339
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	58%	62%	55%	66%	60%

I am able to practice the religion of my choice.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	136	161	152	157	606
No	13	6	12	14	45
I do not have a religion	36	55	50	61	202
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes (Does not include response 'I do not have a religion'.)	91%	96%	93%	92%	93%

# Teen Life

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I participate in the following. [Select all that apply]					
	13	14	15	16	Total
School Club	39	38	40	37	154
Sports Team	43	72	53	60	228
Community Club or Organization	18	30	30	34	112
Faith Based Organization of my choice	36	45	34	39	154
Go to school events,movies,shopping and other unsupervised activities with my friends	85	107	99	120	411
Time with my friends	109	111	110	112	442
Other	10	4	3	7	24
None	25	50	59	61	195



I am allowed to attend Prom.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	181	206	387
No	33	26	59
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	85%	89%	87%

I am allowed to attend Homecoming.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	184	206	390
No	30	26	56
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	86%	89%	88%

In my placement I have privacy when I use the phone.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	148	175	179	198	862
No	37	47	35	34	177
Total	185	222	214	232	1039
Percent Yes	80%	79%	84%	85%	83%

I have a cell phone.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	143	175	318
No	71	57	128
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	67%	75%	71%

I have a computer.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	105	111	216
No	109	121	230
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	49%	48%	49%

I have internet in my foster home/foster care placement.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	158	183	341
No	56	49	105
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	74%	79%	77%

In my placement, I am learning to cook by helping cook our meals OR cooking my own meals.			
	15	16	Total
Yes, I am allowed to cook	152	184	336
No, I am not allowed to cook	30	30	60
I am allowed to cook, but I DO NOT want to	32	18	50
Total	214	232	446

In my foster care placement, I practice life skills by setting my own alarm clock and get ready for school/work on time.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	180	198	378
I am allowed to have my own alarm clock and practice getting ready for school/work on time, but I DO NOT want to	21	16	37
No, I am not allowed to have my own alarm clock	13	18	31
Total	214	232	446

# Building Life Skills

I have my own savings account.					
	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	44	36	32	42	154
No	141	186	182	190	699
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	24%	16%	15%	18%	18%



I have a learners permit.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	33	55	88
No	181	177	358
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	15%	24%	20%

I have a drivers license.	
	16
Yes	9
No	223
Total	232
Percent Yes	4%

Have you successfully completed a driver's education course?			
	15	16	Total
Yes	42	61	103
No	162	154	316
I Had the opportunity to take a driver's education course and I did not want to take course	10	17	27
Total	214	232	446

# Learn to Drive

## KEYS TO INDEPENDENCE

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR A PARENT TO GET THEIR TEENAGER A DRIVER'S LICENSE?

EXPENSES

FOUR HOUR DRIVER'S EDUCATION COURSE	\$17
LEARNER'S LICENSE EXAM AND LICENSING FEE	\$71
SIX HOUR DRIVING COURSE INCLUDING USE OF CAR, PICK UP AND DROP OFF	\$360
AVERAGE CAR INSURANCE FOR ONE YEAR	\$3052.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3500.88</b>

### ABOUT K&I

#### Am I ready to get a learner's permit and a driver's license?

It is important that the youth, caregiver, case manager and others involved with the youth have a discussion about the readiness of the youth and that it be included in the youth's transition plan. The youth and caregiver roles and responsibilities form included in the application packet is intended to provide a basis for this discussion and must be signed by both the youth and the caregiver. The youth and the caregiver should review the [DMV section for Teen Drivers](#).

#### Do I qualify for the Keys to Independence Program?

To qualify for reimbursement for the costs associated with learners permit and driver's license you must:

- Be in licensed foster care
- Be between 15-21 year old
- Meet the Department (DMV) requirements for application of a learner's intermediate or full privilege license
- Complete a comprehensive driver's education course if you are requesting reimbursement for the costs for expenses related to an intermediate or full driver's license.
- Have approval of your primary caregiver who will use the same standard that they would use for their own child - we call this the reasonable and prudent parent standard

[www.keystoindependence.org](http://www.keystoindependence.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	Total
Yes	90	123	114	120	447
No	95	99	100	112	406
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	49%	55%	53%	52%	52%

**I am getting job experience by volunteering.**

	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	45	79	80	109	313
No	140	143	134	123	540
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	24%	36%	37%	47%	36%

**I have been told about youth employment programs in my area, by my Case worker or staff.**

	13	14	15	16	Total
Yes	65	106	89	132	392
No	120	116	125	100	461
Total	185	222	214	232	853
Percent Yes	35%	48%	42%	57%	46%

# Employment

I am currently employed.			
	15	16	Total
Yes	10	27	37
No	204	205	409
Total	214	232	446
Percent Yes	5%	12%	9%

If answered "Yes" – Asked the following:

Are you employed:			
	15	16	Total
Part-time	9	17	26
Full-time (over 30 hours per week)	1	5	6
Seasonal	0	3	3
On-call	0	2	2
Total	10	27	37

What additional help do you need to get a job? (Select all that apply) =# of responses/446 respondents			
	15	16	Total
Better reading and/or math skills	30	35	65
Job coaching	44	43	87
Proper clothing	37	51	88
Learning how to complete a resume	50	51	101
Interviewing skills	67	61	128
Learning how to work out problems with coworkers and bosses	34	32	66
Learning how to complete a job application	52	38	90
Finding companies that are hiring	91	78	169
None	75	85	160

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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I have a collection of pictures, records of special events, and important papers from my time in foster care.	
	17
Yes	128
No	58
Total	186
Percent Yes	69%

I have a recent photograph of myself taken in the last 3 months.	
	17
Yes	167
No	19
Total	186
Percent Yes	90%

I have a photograph of my relatives taken in the last year.	
	17
Yes	109
No	77
Total	186
Percent Yes	59%

I have access to an original or certified copy of my birth certificate.	
	17
Yes	151
No	35
Total	186
Percent Yes	81%

I have a State of Florida identification card.	
	17
Yes	133
No	53
Total	186
Percent Yes	72%

I have my Social Security Card.	
	17
Yes	119
No	67
Total	186
Percent Yes	64%

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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I know who to ask to get my dependency records.	
	17
Yes	121
No	65
Total	186
Percent Yes	65%

Do you attend your foster care court hearings?	
	17
Yes	113
Sometimes	52
I do not want to attend my foster care court hearings	10
No, but I want to attend my foster care court hearings	11
Total	186

Do you have a case plan?	
	17
Yes	137
No	42
I have a case plan, but I don't agree with it	7
Total	186

Do you understand what your permanency goal means?	
	17
Yes	159
No	27
Total	186
Percent Yes	85%

I understand that I am entitled to have the courts review my permanency goal.	
	17
Yes	172
No	14
Total	186
Percent Yes	92%

17: Foster Care Legal Process

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## Do you have an Education & Career Path Plan?

(This plan is developed in school and contains information on your career interests and what kind of classes you will take to support your career interests. Your Education and Career plan is also part of your case plan)

	17
Yes	97
No	89
Total	186
Percent Yes	52%

## I am currently receiving the education services outlined in my education plan - such as the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), SAT, ACT Preparation or Tutoring

	17
Yes	105
No	48
I do not need educational services	23
I DO NOT want educational services	10
Total	186

## During this school year - who attended the parent/teacher conferences with you?

[Select all that apply] # of responses/186 respondents

	17
Biological Parent(s)/Family	6
Family	13
Foster Parents	38
Group Home Staff	34
Case Worker	42
ILS Worker	9
Guardian Ad Litem	17
Mentor	6
Other	9
No one attended my parent/teacher conferences	63
Total	237

## Who helps with your homework? [Select all that apply] # of responses/186 responses

	17
Foster Parents	33
Group Home Staff	22
Mentor	13
Tutor	35
Teachers at school	61
No one helps me with my homework	73
Total	237

17: Education

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Education

Do your foster parents or group home staff review your school grades and report card with you?	
	17
Yes	128
No	58
Total	186
Percent Yes	69%

Does your caseworker review your school grades and report card with you?	
	17
Yes	125
No	61
Total	186
Percent Yes	67%

I have information on the State of Florida tuition waiver.	
	17
Yes	108
No	78
Total	186
Percent Yes	58%

I have been explained the information on the Bright Futures Scholarship program including information on application deadlines and grade point requirements.	
	17
Yes	109
No	77
Total	186
Percent Yes	59%

I HAVE been explained information on other grants, scholarships and waivers.	
	17
Yes	114
No	72
Total	186
Percent Yes	61%

I am currently taking classes that support the post-secondary education goal that I chose.	
	17
Yes	82
No	104
Total	186
Percent Yes	44%

Do you have someone that is assisting you with applying for a post-secondary education program?	
	17
Yes	87
No	80
I DO NOT want Help	19
Total	186
Percent Yes	47%

I have completed the following admissions/vocational tests: (Select all that apply) # of responses/186 respondents	
	17
PSAT	36
SAT	46
ACT	29
College Placement Test	13
ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	10

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Risk Behaviors

I HAVE LEARNED about healthy personal relationships.	
	17
Yes	178
No	8
Total	186
Percent Yes	96%

I HAVE LEARNED how to recognize and protect myself from domestic violence.	
	17
Yes	175
No	11
Total	186
Percent Yes	94%

I HAVE LEARNED about the risks of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.	
	17
Yes	178
No	8
Total	186
Percent Yes	96%

In the past 12 months have you been arrested.	
	17
Yes	39
No	147
Total	186
Percent Yes	21%



# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Medication

Are you currently taking any prescription medications?	
	17
Yes	77
No	109
Total	186
Percent Yes	41%

If answered "Yes" – Asked the following:

Do you understand the possible side effects of your medication?	
	17
Yes	66
No	11
Total	77
Percent Yes	86%

Is there someone that you talk to about your medications?	
	17
Yes, and I think they listen to my concerns	69
I have someone to talk to, but I DO NOT think they listen to my concerns	5
I do not have anyone to talk to about my medications	3
Total	77

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Health & Well-Being

Are you receiving the dental care you need?	
	17
Yes	178
No	8
Total	186
Percent Yes	96%

Are you receiving the mental health care you need?	
	17
Yes	106
No	17
I do not need mental health services	58
I am receiving mental health services I DO NOT WANT	5
Total	186

Are you receiving the substance abuse treatment services you need?	
	17
Yes	28
No	20
I do not need substance abuse treatment services	133
I am receiving substance abuse treatment services I DO NOT WANT	5
Total	186

## 17: Connection to Others

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)?	
	17
Yes	146
No	40
Total	186
Percent Yes	78%

I have a mentor.	
	17
Yes	69
No	84
I would like to have a mentor	33
Total	186
Percent Yes	37%

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Teen Life

I receive my personal allowance each week.	
	17
Yes	107
No	79
Total	186
Percent Yes	58%

I have my own savings account.	
	17
Yes	60
No	126
Total	186
Percent Yes	32%

I have a cell phone.	
	17
Yes	145
No	41
Total	186
Percent Yes	78%

I have a computer.	
	17
Yes	92
No	94
Total	186
Percent Yes	49%

I have internet in my foster home/foster care placement.	
	17
Yes	150
No	36
Total	186
Percent Yes	81%

I have a learners permit.	
	17
Yes	51
No	135
Total	186
Percent Yes	27%

Have you successfully completed a driver's education course?	
	17
Yes	76
No	105
I Had the opportunity to take a driver's education course and I did not want to take course	5
Total	186

I have a drivers license.	
	17
Yes	14
No	172
Total	186
Percent Yes	8%

# Age 17: Services and Supports

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## 17: Employment

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.	
	17
Yes	93
No	93
Total	186
Percent Yes	50%

I am getting job experience by volunteering.	
	17
Yes	75
No	111
Total	186
Percent Yes	40%

I have been told about youth employment programs in my area, by my Case worker or staff.	
	17
Yes	98
No	88
Total	186
Percent Yes	53%

I HAVE LEARNED specific employment skills based on my interest and abilities.	
	17
Yes	127
No	55
I am currently attending a training program specific to my interests and abilities	4
Total	186
Percent Yes	68%

I am currently employed.	
	17
Yes	40
No	146
Total	186
Percent Yes	22%

What additional help do you need to get a job? (Select all that apply)	
	17
Better reading and/or math skills	29
Job coaching	36
Proper clothing	25
Learning how to complete a resume	51
Interviewing skills	47
Learning how to work out problems with coworkers and bosses	31
Learning how to complete a job application	29
Finding companies that are hiring	55
None	48

# Age 17: Transition Planning

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I have signed my Independent Living Transition Plan and it has been filed with the court.	
	17
Yes	73
No	42
I do not know	68
I had the opportunity to develop my Independent Living Transition Plan -I DO NOT WANT to develop a transition plan	3
Total	186

Did you develop a budget for your housing and other expenses when you leave foster care?	
	17
Yes	76
No	110
Total	186
Percent Yes	41%

Do you know what life skills you need to learn and practice to better prepare you for turning 18 and leaving foster care?	
	17
Yes	156
No	30
Total	186
Percent Yes	84%

Have you been informed of your option to remain in Extended Foster Care past the age of 18?	
	17
Yes	170
No	16
Total	186
Percent Yes	91%

Do you plan to remain in Extended Foster Care when you turn 18?	
	17
Yes	113
No	57
Total	170
Percent Yes	66%

Do you understand that you can decide to return to Foster Care up to your 21st Birthday?	
	17
Yes	53
No	4
Total	57
Percent Yes	93%

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