



Independent Living 2009 Survey Summary

Independent Living Transitional Services Critical Checklist



Joint Project by:
Independent Living Services Advisory Council,
the Community-Based Care Lead Agencies and
the Department of Children and Families

Items included:

- Life Skills
- Housing
- Education
- Employment
- Health
- Corrections or Juvenile Justice
- Case Plan, Aftercare and Transitional Services

Over 6,500

Total surveys



2009 Independent Living Survey

This is Florida's Third Annual IL Survey

The Survey includes

- Children in foster care ages 13 -17 years of age
- Former foster children ages 18-22 years of age

The Survey is a joint project of the

- Independent Living Statewide Advisory Council (ILSAC),
- The Community-Based Care Agencies and
- The Department

Florida's IL Survey is among the most comprehensive in the nation.



2009 Independent Living Survey Summary

The Survey is Designed for

- Youth ages 18 thru 22 years of age, receiving Road to Independence (RTI)
- Youth ages 18 thru 22 of age receiving after care and/or transitional services
- Youth ages 13 thru 17 years of age in licensed out-of home care



Eligible Youth and Young Adults

Potentially eligible (as of June 30, 2009)

- Ages 13 thru 17 years 4,055
- Ages 18 thru 22 years 5,735

Road to Independence

- Number of 18 to 22 year-olds receiving
Road to Independence payments
(as of June 2009) 2,045



Independent Living 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- The percentage of youth ages 13-17 who completed a standardized life skills assessment increased from 69% in 2007 to 82%
- Written plan for participation in age appropriate activities for 17-year-olds improved from 47% in 2007 to 76%
- 17 year-olds passing the FCAT from 42% to 54%
- For two consecutive years, 18 to 22 year-olds have described their housing as safe, stable and affordable (over 90%)



Independent Living 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- 54% of 22 year-olds responded that they have reliable transportation
- Over 90% of young adults 18 through 20 responded that they receive health care coverage through Medicaid
- After turning 21, this figure drops into the 40-45% range, due to becoming ineligible for Medicaid
- For 18-22 year-olds, from 2008-2009, full-time employment dropped from 6% to 3% (if full-time students and are working, it is usually part-time)



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Life Skills	2007	2008	2009
1 -1 Completed standardized life skills assessment (age 14)	63%	69%	79%
1-1 Completed standardized life skills assessment (age 17)	80%	81%	87%
1-2 Open and active bank account (age 17)	21%	33%	33%
1-4 Youth has children (females at age 17)	16%	16.6%	14.3%
1-6 Written plan for participation in age appropriate activities (age 17)	47%	65%	76%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Housing	2007	2008	2009
2-3 Youth has safe, affordable housing (age 18 and older)	84%	95% - Safe 91 % - Stable 87% - Affordable	96% - Safe 91% - Stable 91% - Affordable
2-4 Youth age 16 or 17 has been formally evaluated for subsidized independent living	50%	62%	62%
2-5 Youth has spent at least one night homeless in past 12 months (under age 18)	7%	N/A	N/A
2-5 Youth has spent at least one night homeless in past 12 months (18 and older)	12%	14%	14%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Education	2007	2008	2009
3-1 Youth is at or above grade level (age 13)	60%	61%	63%
3-1 Youth is at or above grade level (age 17)	45%	56%	50%
3-2 Youth has passed grade level FCAT (age 17)	42%	42%	54%
3-3 If not on grade level is youth is receiving remedial education.	60%	66%	60%
3-6 Percent in school or military (all ages)	88%	68%	69%
3-7 Completed Grade 12, GED, vocational or college (age 21)	75%	77%	68%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Employment	2007	2008	2009
4-1 Percent with full time job (age 18 thru 22)	17%	6%	3%
4-1 Percent with any job (age 18 thru 22)	63%	29%	22%
4-3 Percent with full time job who have benefits	43%	52%	60%
4-4 Average wage reported Note: 2007 results included all ages 13-22 and was not broken down in similar dollar ranges	\$7.45	11% <min. wage + tip 31% min. wage 22% min. wage to \$8/hr 24% \$8/hr to \$10/hr 10% over \$10/hr	14% <min. wage + tip 36% min. wage 21% min. wage to \$8/hr 22% \$8/hr to \$10/hr 8% over \$10/hr



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Health	2007	2008	2009
5-1 Health insurance coverage - Medicaid shown in parentheses (age 18 to 20)	93% (92%)	91% (90%)	92% (91%)
5-1 Health insurance coverage – Medicaid shown in parentheses (ages 21 and 22)	56% (49%)	44% (37%)	45% (39%)
5-2 Received dental services in last year (age 13 to 17)	58%	70%	67%
5-2 Received dental services in last year (age 18 and older)	28%	31%	30%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Corrections or Juvenile Justice	2007	2008	2009
6-1 Youth has been arrested in past 12 months (age 17)	31%	31%	35%
6-1 Youth has been arrested in past 12 months (age 18 and older)	19%	20%	20%
6-2 Youth is currently on probation or under juvenile court supervision (age 17)	25%	23%	29%
6-3 Youth is currently incarcerated or has been incarcerated in within the paste 12 months (age 17)	19%	17%	20%
6-3 Youth is currently incarcerated or has been incarcerated in within the past 12 months (age 21)	13%	8%	10%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Transportation	2007	2008	2009
7-1 Youth has a reliable means of transportation to school or work (all ages) <i>Note: In 2007 survey, transportation to school and work were combined in to one question.</i>	81%	86%school 26% work	89%school 21% work
7-2 Youth has successfully completed driver's education (age 17)	10%	22%	22%
7-2 Youth has successfully completed drivers' education (age 18)	20%	32%	37%
7-3 Currently has regular driver's license (age 18) <i>Note: In 2007 survey, the response values were different.</i>	12%	61%	62%
7-3 Currently has regular driver's license (age 19) <i>Note: In 2007 survey, the response values were different.</i>	40%	75%	70%



Selected Results

Comparing 2007-2009

Case Plan, Aftercare and Transitional Services	2007	2008	2009
8-1 Case plan filed with the court (age 13 to 17)	55%	77%	74%
8-1 Youth involved in case plan development (age 13 to 17)	29%	51%	59%
8-2 Youth has signed his or her independent living transition plan (age 17 and older)	64%	64%	64%
8-3 Youth connected to adult mentor (age 13 to 17)	29%	41%	47%
8-3 Youth connected to adult mentor (age 18 and older)	38%	42%	46%