

Your participation is very important. In Washington State, when you turn 17 you may be contacted and asked how you are doing and about services you have received.

You may be contacted again at age 19 and 21 for a follow-up survey.

DID YOU KNOW?

The DCYF Research and Data Analysis Division partners with the Department of Social and Health Services Research and Data Analysis Division to conduct the data collection for Washington state.

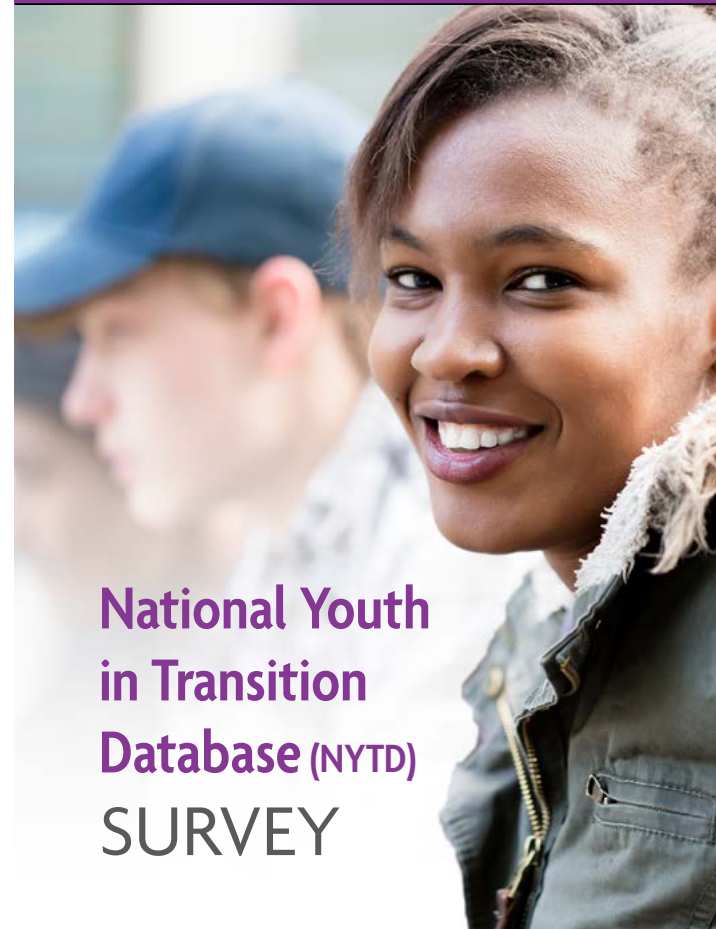


Your Voice Counts!

Data collected for NYTD will provide feedback from youth who are in and have transitioned from foster care. Your answers can help:

- Improve services for youth.
- Reduce homelessness for youth.
- Enhance educational and career success for youth.

Contact us toll-free at 1-800-974-5456, email DSHsurveys@dshs.wa.gov or visit www.independence.wa.gov.



National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) SURVEY



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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What is the NYTD?

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) requires all states to gather information from foster youth about their foster care experience and the independent living services provided to them.

Your feedback helps Washington state learn how to make life better for youth in care as they move into adulthood.

Why should I be involved?

- **WE WANT YOUR OPINION!**
Make sure your time in foster care is counted. Share your feedback about the Independent Living (IL) services DCYF provided to you.
- **REPRESENT YOUR PEERS!**
This is your chance to help improve IL services and outcomes for all youth in foster care in your state.

- **GET READY!**
Use the survey to help guide your next steps and make decisions about your journey to adulthood.
- **GET CONNECTED!**
Call 1-800-974-5456 or email **DSHSSurveys@dshs.wa.gov** if you have questions or comments about the survey.

What is my role?

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Complete the survey when you turn 17 and encourage your peers in foster care who are 17 to do the same.
- **REMEMBER,** we may contact you again at age 19 and 21 to complete another survey.

What kinds of questions will I be asked?

- Your education.
- Your jobs and career.
- Where you live.
- Your access to health care and services.

