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Dear Youth/Alumni Youth:

Enclosed you will find a survey that will only take a few minutes of your time to complete. The survey will be used to improve services for youth in foster care.

Under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Act, States receive funding to help youth transitioning out of foster care. The law also requires that a data collection system be developed to track the independent living services provided to youth and report on outcomes that measure states' success in preparing youth for their transition from foster care to independent living. To meet this requirement, the National Youth in Transition Database, or NYTD, was created and this survey was developed.

Youth are being surveyed at age 17, 19, and 21, regardless of whether they are still in care.

If you are no longer in care, you may have received information on NYTD before you were emancipated.

This is your chance to make sure that Independent Living services and outcomes for youth in your state are counted. We know that the outcomes of many youth who leave care are not always that positive. By participating and being active with NYTD, you can help change those outcomes.

Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope. If you would prefer to complete the survey on-line, please click on this link:

<https://www.NYTDOlderYouthSurvey.com/A535/respid=125785635>

If at some point during the data collection period, your circumstances change and you would like to update your survey, you may do so for thirty days after the receipt of first notification. However, you will need to complete the survey in its entirety again. If you should move and are agreeable to continue helping our State with the data information, please let us know your new contact information by using the number or address below.

We thank-you for your participation and willingness to improve services for Older Youth in Missouri's foster care program.

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