

# Do You Want to Improve the Help that Older Youth Receive in Foster Care?

If you are a youth in foster care or alumni, you can help by taking the NYTD survey when asked. The National Youth in Transition Database, also called NYTD, is a data collection system to track independent living services and how successful they are preparing youth to transition out of care. The data is collected by surveying youth in care and alumni youth about their lives. The information will be used to improve the services provided to older youth in Missouri. Youth will be surveyed at age 17, 19, and 21.

## NYTD wants your opinion on:

- **Financial Self Sufficiency:**

Are you working part or full-time?  
Are you receiving any financial assistance?

- **Educational Attainment:**

Are you attending school?  
What is your highest level of education?

- **Connections with Adults:**

Is there at least one adult in your life that you can go to for advice and support?

- **Homelessness**

Have you ever been homeless?

- **High-Risk Behavior**

Have you been referred for alcohol or drug abuse counseling or assessment?  
Have you ever been in jail or prison for allegedly committing a crime?

- **Access to Health Insurance:**

Do you have health insurance other than Mo Healthnet/Medicaid?  
Does your health insurance cover medical, mental health and prescription services?

**This is your chance to help youth in foster care.** Make sure that independent living services and outcomes for Missouri youth are counted. **Take the survey!** It only takes a few minutes to change the future for all older youth in care!

**“Reaching out to Missouri’s youth so that we might touch the future generation.”**

