

National Youth In Transition Database (NYTD)

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National Youth In Transition Database (NYTD) Overview & Description

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What is NYTD?

- ***Federally mandated data collection system that:***
 - Tracks the independent living services provided to youth; and
 - Measures states' success in preparing youth for their transition from foster care to adulthood.

What is NYTD?

- Legal basis is Public Law 106-109 that established the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP).
- CFCIP provides States with flexible funding to carry out programs to support youth transitioning from foster care to self-sufficiency (Michigan: Youth In Transition [YIT] funds).
- The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published the final rule on February 26, 2008 that established NYTD.

What data must be collected for NYTD?

NYTD requires states to engage in two data collection activities:

- 1. *Services:*** Independent living services paid for or provided by the State to youth.
- 2. *Outcomes:*** States must collect demographic and outcome information on certain youth in foster care whom the State will follow over time to collect additional outcome information.

Independent Living Services

- IL Needs Assessment
- Academic Support
- Post-secondary educational support
- Career preparation
- Employment programs or vocational training
- Housing education and home management training
- Budget and financial management
- Health education and risk prevention
- Family support and healthy marriage education
- Mentoring
- Supervised Independent Living
- Room and board and financial assistance
- Education financial assistance

Youth Outcome Data

- Financial self-sufficiency
- Experience with homelessness
- Educational attainment
- Parenting status
- Positive adult connections
- High risk behavior
- Access to health insurance

Which youth must data be reported on for independent living services?

- States will collect and report information on any open or closed case foster youth between the ages of 14 and 21 receiving at least one independent living service during each 6 month report period (Oct-March; April-Sept)
- All independent living services paid for or provided by DHS including services provided by a foster parent, contractor, other public agency, etc.

When must the data be reported to ACF?

- ***States must collect the data every six months and report it to the federal government.***
- Report periods are:
 - October 1-March 31 (Data must be entered by April 30th).
 - April 1-September 30 (Data must be entered by October 31st).

Where and how do we record the data for NYTD?

- ***Independent living services data***
 - Services Worker Support System for Foster, Adoptive and Juvenile Justice youth (SWSS FAJ)
 - Private child placing agencies must report information to DHS purchase of service (POS) monitors for data entry.
- ***Survey data***
 - Hard copy surveys.
 - Online at www.michigan.gov/fyit

Why is the data collection important?

- Identifies the services youth are receiving.
- Identifies strengths and weaknesses in the services provided to older youth in foster care.
- Helps the State identify and improve the services to youth by targeting funding.

Why should Michigan comply?

- PL 106-109 requires the ACF to impose a financial penalty of between 1% and 5% on any State that fails to comply with the reporting requirements.
- Penalties are assessed biannually.
- Penalties are assessed on:
 - Required participation rates.
 - Accuracy of data.

What happens if Michigan doesn't collect the data or the data is incorrect?

- Michigan will be financially penalized by the federal government resulting in a loss of up to 5% or \$300,000 of YIT funds annually.
- Baseline survey data must be collected on 80% of the eligible foster youth and 60% of the follow-up surveys.

Why should you be involved?

- Improve services for foster youth.
- Improve outcomes for foster youth.
- Preserve YIT funding.

**National Youth In Transition
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Services Tracking**

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NYTD Services Tracking

- SWSS-FAJ
 - YIT/IL Services Database

This tab is selected when Youth in Transition funds need to be utilized or information is entered for a youth receiving other Independent Living Services.

Services Worker Support System - Children

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Child Information

Case Name : Log #
Case # : Program: CFC
Assigned: Status: Active

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Child's Last Name: First Name: Christina Middle Name:
AKA Name: Case No.:

Foster Care Worker: Legal Status: 55 Youth in Transition
Secondary Worker: Living Arrangement: 01 Parental Home Eligibility: 13 Title IV-E

Case Information
Acceptance Date: 03/27/2008 Ref Source: 1 Protect Svcs Customer Id:
YIT / IL Info

Child Information
Sex: Male Female DOB: DOB Estimated: Yes No Cell phone #: () -
Birth Certificate: Applied for Received Religion: UK Unknown
Prev. adopted: Yes No Language: English
SSN: Yes No Has the SSN been Verified by SSA: Yes No

Birth Registry Cancel Next>>

Enter AKA or alias name

This section is to gather demographic information. For Legal Status 55 (YIT only) the user is required to complete "Reasons Youth left Foster Care". If the child is still under the care of DHS you do not need to complete this section.

YIT Eligibility

Youth in Transition

Case Name : Log #
Case # : Program: CFC
Assigned: Status: Active

Email:

Supervision Information
County of Supervision: 33 INGHAM Is the Youth currently supervised by: Contract (POS Agency) DHS
Contract Agency Name:
Contract Agency worker Name:
Contract Agency Worker's Phone: () -
Current Living Arrangement: 1 Own Home / Parents

Reasons Youth left Foster Care (Choose all that apply)

1. Successful completion of probation: <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Kinship Guardianship: <input type="checkbox"/>	9. Aged Out: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Supervision Completed - Court Ward: <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Non-relative Adoption: <input type="checkbox"/>	10. Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Placed with Parent: <input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Placed with Relative: <input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Placed with Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/>		

Minimum 5 and maximum 200 characters

Cancel Next >>

This section begins YIT eligibility. In order to qualify for YIT funds, all answers on this page need to be "yes", if not the youth does not qualify for YIT services. This screen will be different depending on the age of the child, whether it is open case services, or closed case services. It is important for any case utilizing YIT funds that a DHS-722 is printed and placed in the case file. You will only need to print this form once unless the eligibility information changes.

YIT Eligibility

Youth in Transition

Case Name: [] Case #: [] Assigned: [] Log #: [] Program: CFC Status: Active

To qualify for YIT Services, all questions must be answered YES and accurately apply to the Youth:
 Is or was the youth requesting YIT services in foster care placement under the care and supervision of the Michigan DHS, another state's child welfare agency, or a Tribe? Yes No

Section 1 (Not in 16 to 17 age group)

1. Youth had an open foster care case after their 14th birthday: Yes No NA

2. YIT funded services will correspond to the youth's last ISP and/or USP and/or DHS 146: Yes No NA

3. Youth is currently between the age of 16 and 20 (ineligible at 21st birthday): Yes No NA

Documentation

Yes No Birth Certificate Initial court order showing date entered Yes No Yes No The requested services correspond to the ISP/USP/CANS Closed Case order showing closed date

This section continues with YIT Eligibility. A CANS (Child Assessments of Needs and Strengths) needs to be completed within the last 90 days of the YIT funded request. The need that YIT funds is paying for has to be identified in the CANS. If the case is closed the user will still have the ability to complete a CANS to reflect the YIT funded need.

YIT Eligibility

Youth in Transition

Case Name: [] Case #: [] Assigned: [] Log #: [] Program: CFC Status: Active

DHS- 722 Eligibility form completed (mm/dd/yyyy): 11/29/2010 YIT Accept Date: 11/29/2010

Is youth currently receiving YIT funded Services? Yes No

Date of last YIT funded Service (mm/dd/yyyy): / /

Last completed CANS (mm/dd/yyyy): 08/09/2010

For YIT funded services, the need/s is/are documented in either CANS/USP, within past 90 days: Yes No Reassessment date(CANS/USP) (mm/dd/yyyy) 11/29/2010

Address

Line 1: []

Line 2: []

City: [] State: MI Zip Code: [] []

This section gathers additional information regarding the youth and information to complete sections of the DHS 4713. In order to add the service requested select the "YIT-4713" button.

YIT Eligibility

Youth in Transition

Case Name :
Case # :
Assigned:

Log # :
Program: CFC
Status: Active

Marital Status: Single
Was youth married at time of child's birth?
Does youth have a connection to an adult; someone who they can go to for advice or guidance?
Was youth ever referred for alcohol or drug assessment or counseling?
Does youth have medical insurance?

Number of Children: 0
Pregnant or expecting? Yes No
Has the youth experienced homelessness?
Was youth ever incarcerated?

Which insurance? Medicaid Yes Transitional Medicaid No
Other Health Insurance Yes If other, then select

YIT - 4713 << Previous Continue

In order to add a service select "new".

Services Worker Support System - Children

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Youth Information

Case Name:
Case #:
Assigned:

Log # :
Program: CFC
Status:

YIT Services Requested History

Date
11/30/2010

View Send E mail Deny **New** Details

Cancel

Please select a date.

This section is for the gathering of data for NYTD (National Youth in Transition Database). This information needs to be completed for all youth that are receiving any Independent Living Services (not just YIT funded).

Services Worker Support System - Children
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Youth Information

Case Name: Log #:
 Case #: Program: CFC
 Assigned: Status: Active

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Highest Educational Level completed: 11th
 Is the Youth currently enrolled and attending:
 Is the Youth receiving any Educational Financial Aid? Yes No Declined
 Is the Youth receiving Special Education Services? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving Academic Support? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving any Post Secondary Educational Support? Yes No
 Was an Independent Living Needs Assessment Completed? Yes No
 Date Needs Assessment was completed: //
 Is the youth participating in a Career Preparation Program? Yes No
 Is the Youth an Adjudicated Delinquent? Yes No

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Please complete all details before proceeding

Second page of NYTD questions.

Services Worker Support System - Children
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Youth Information

Case Name: Log #:
 Case #: Program: CFC
 Assigned: Status: Active

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Is the Youth participating in any Employment Programs or Vocational Training? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving information on Budget and Financial Management? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving Housing Education and Home Management Training? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving Health Education and Risk Prevention Information? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving Family Support and Healthy Marriage Education Training? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving Mentoring Services? Yes No
 Is the Youth in Supervised Independent Living? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving any Room and Board Financial Assistance? Yes No
 Is the Youth receiving any other Financial Support? Yes No Declined

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Click to go to the Next Screen.

Completion of the DHS 4713. You can add multiple services to one DHS 4713.

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Youth Information Case Name: Log #: Case #: Case #: Program: CFC Assigned: Status:

Serv Request Date: 01/19/2011 Provider: Services Received: Amount: Other Text: Comments: (Min 5 chars) Type of Case: Begin Date: End Date: Completion: Worker:

Req Date	Service Received	Type of Case	Begin Date	End Date	Completion	Provider	Amount	Worker
11/30/2010	Driver's Training	CCS-LS55	11/29/2010	01/20/2011	Inadequate	EZ Driving S	\$300	I
11/30/2010	Educational - Boc	CCS-LS55	09/01/2010	12/16/2010	Inadequate	Eastern Mich	\$400	I
12/14/2010	Day Care Expens	CCS-LS55	12/14/2010	12/14/2010	Adequate	dgsdgd	\$25	I

Cancel Add Print 4713 Continue Delete

Please enter the Request Date.

Once all the services are added to the DHS 4713, the user then selects "Send Email" and that will send an email to the Supervisor requesting approval. The Supervisor can then review the request and either approve or deny.

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Youth Information Case Name: Log #: Case #: Case #: Program: CFC Assigned: Status:

YIT Services Requested History

11/30/2010

View Send E mail Deny New Details

Cancel

Please select a date.

National Youth In Transition Database (NYTD) Outcome Data Description & Tracking

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What is NYTD Outcome Data?

A 22 question survey for youth including data on the following areas:

- Financial independence.
- Education.
- Connections with adults.
- Experience with homelessness.
- Parenting status.
- High risk behaviors.
- Access to health insurance.

Who takes the survey?

Surveys due:

1. Youth in foster care within 45 days after 17th birthday in FY 2011 October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011.
 - a) Repeat survey within 45 days after the youth reach 19 and 21 years of age.
2. Youth in foster care within 45 days after 17th birthday in FY 2013, October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013.
 - a) Repeat survey within 45 days after the youth reach 19 and 21 years of age.

Eligibility Samples

The following scenarios describe examples of youth that **are** included in the NYTD baseline population:

- A youth that turns age 17 on January 15, 2011 while she was in foster care. *Outcomes data must be collected by March 1, 2011.*
- A youth that turns age 17 on December 1, 2010 and enters foster care on January 5, 2011. *Outcomes data must be collected by January 15, 2011.*
- A youth that turns age 17 on September 30, 2011 and enters foster care on October 5, 2011. *Outcomes data must be collected by November 14, 2011.*

How do they take the Survey?

- Online or hard-copy.
 - www.michigan.gov/fyit
- Central office will provide a list of youth who are due to take a survey.
 - Survey ID Number
- Caseworkers must ensure each 17 year old takes the survey.
 - The youth can complete the survey individually or can dictate answers to the caseworker in person or by phone.
 - If a youth declines participation, the caseworker must indicate that on the survey.

Tips for Success

- Talk to youth about the importance of gathering their feedback.
- Have a copy of the survey or the link to the online survey with you at all times.
- Keep list of youth who are due posted at your desk.
- Keep in contact with youth and keep contact information up to date.
- Ask other youth to promote taking the survey.
- Use survey incentives such as stipends, etc...

QUESTIONS?