

What is NYTD?

NYTD stands for the *National Youth in Transition Database*.

Beginning in October of 2010, the Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requiring every state to track the **independent living services** provided to young people in foster care.

The New York State NYTD team consists of:

- ✧ NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)
- ✧ Center for Technology in Government (CTG) at the University at Albany/SUNY
- ✧ Stony Brook University/SUNY

When you turn 17, the NYTD team will ask you to participate in the data collection survey.

There will also be an opportunity for some youth to participate in a follow-up survey when they turn 19 and 21, which will provide better information about which services have been successful.



What if I have questions about the NYTD data collection?

There are several ways to find out answers to your questions:

Phone

Call the CTG/UAlbany help desk:

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone number: 518-442-3892
Ask for: Amanda

Email

Email your questions to:
NYTDsurvey@ctg.albany.edu

Website

www.ctg.albany.edu/projects/nytd

All messages received during off-hours will be returned the next day during business hours.



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Help plan for the future of independent living services in New York State by participating in the NYTD data collection.

Your experience is important. You have the ability to impact how things are done.

NYTD is Important

The only people who truly know what it's like to be in foster care are the youth who have been there. NYTD offers youth across the country an opportunity to provide input by sharing basic information about the services they receive.

This information is being put into a national database to help improve foster care services all around the country.

By participating in the survey, you can leave a lasting legacy by providing lawmakers with information that will:

- ✧ help kids in foster care achieve their goals for the future,
- ✧ tailor services so that they make sense for young people like you, and
- ✧ provide support for the necessary services.

**You have the right to be heard and
NYTD New York wants to
make sure someone is listening!**



How Can You Participate?

Within 45 days of your 17th birthday you will be contacted to participate in the NYTD data collection by either:

- ✧ Foster Care Staff **OR**
- ✧ Stony Brook University Telephone Interviewer

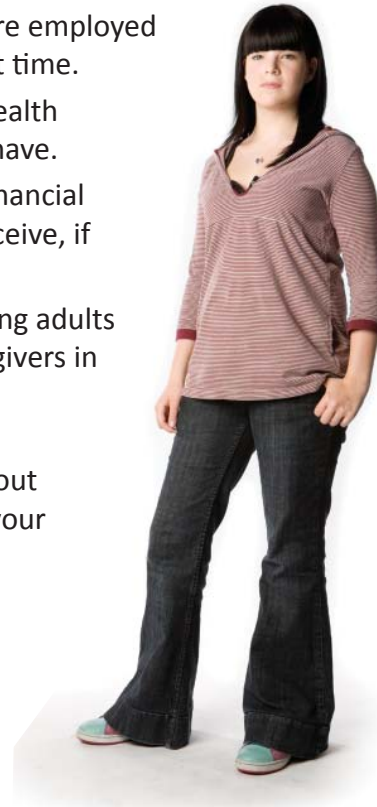
You can choose to participate in English or Spanish by:

- ✧ Phone **OR**
- ✧ Returning a paper survey in the mail

You will be asked things like...

- ✓ Your current level of education.
- ✓ Whether you are employed full time or part time.
- ✓ What kind of health insurance you have.
- ✓ What kind of financial support you receive, if any.
- ✓ If you have caring adults and other caregivers in your life.
- ✓ Some basic information about your plans for your future.

**It only takes a few
minutes to have a
huge impact!**



The NYTD Data Collection Is ...

✧ **Completely voluntary**

You do not have to participate. Refusing to participate in the NYTD will not be used in any way against you. You do not have to participate in order to receive services or support now or in the future.

✧ **Confidential**

The answers you provide will be kept strictly confidential. Your name and information will be encrypted.

Paper surveys are sealed and sent directly to CTG/ UAlbany for entry into the NYTD database.

Telephone interviews are conducted by Stony Brook staff, who have signed confidentiality agreements with OCFS.

**The choice to participate is
completely up to you!**

