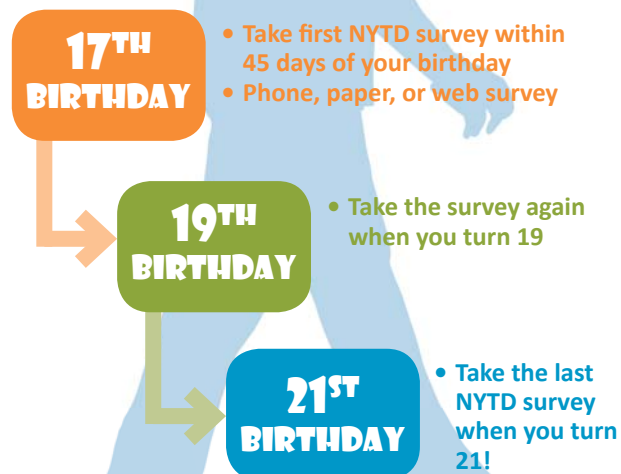


What is NYTD?

NYTD stands for the **National Youth in Transition Database**, a federal initiative requiring each state to collect data directly from youth about their experience in foster care.

The NYTD team in New York State is the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Center for Technology in Government (CTG) at the University at Albany, and Stony Brook University.

Every three years youth in care who are turning 17 will be asked to participate. If you are eligible you will be contacted by foster care staff or by telephone from an interviewer on the NYTD team. If you choose to participate, NYTD asks that you complete the survey within 45 days from your 17th birthday.



Your participation will have a positive influence on the foster care system. This is your opportunity to provide input and make a difference!

What if I have questions about the NYTD data collection?

There are several ways to find out more information about NYTD.

Phone

You can call the NYTD Project Coordinator:

Hours: Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone number: 518-442-3937

During off-hours, you may leave a phone message or email. Please leave the following information in your message:


- ✧ Your name
- ✧ Your phone number or email address where you can be reached
- ✧ Your question

Email

- ✧ You can email your questions to:
NYTDsurvey@ctg.albany.edu.
- ✧ Please provide your name in the email.

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The only people who truly know what it's like to be in foster care are the youth who have been there.

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

The NYTD is giving you an opportunity to provide input by sharing basic information about your employment, education, health care situation, and other services you have received. By collecting information from you when you are 17, 19, and 21 the NYTD project is hoping to understand which services have been successful and which ones need improvement.

The information you share will be put into a national database and be used to help improve foster care services around the country. All information provided in the survey will be kept confidential.

Youth across the country are being asked to participate 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, change services so that they make sense for young people like you, and provide support for the necessary services that offer the most help to you.

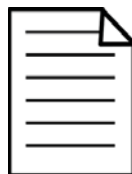
You have the right to be heard and the NYTD team wants to make sure someone is listening!

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete but will have a lifetime of impact! You can complete the survey in one of three ways:



PHONE

The NYTD team will call you and ask the questions over the phone



PAPER

Your caseworker may give you a paper survey or you can download it from the website



WEB

You can complete the web survey at nytd.ctg.albany.edu

The NYTD data collection covers 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.

The NYTD survey is...

✧ **Completely voluntary**

- You do not have to participate.
- To decline, simply let your caseworker, foster parent, or phone interviewer know by saying, "I do not wish to participate."
- Refusing to participate 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**

- Your answers are confidential.
- All answers from paper, phone, or web surveys will be stored in a protected file.

