

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 11: Older Youth Services Section 17: National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) survey lets older youth share their own thoughts about their foster care experience with the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS).

POLICY STATEMENT

DCS uses the NYTD survey to collect important information from older youth in the Older Youth Services (OYS) program.

Youth who are 17 years old (up to 45 days after their birthday) and in a foster care-eligible placement must take the survey.

DCS makes sure these youth complete the survey and that their answers are entered into the NYTD system.

DCS also collects information through a NYTD follow-up survey. This survey is given to a group of older youth who:

1. Already took the first NYTD survey;
2. Are either still in a foster care eligible placement or have aged out; and
3. Are 19 years old and again when they turn 21.

DCS will make sure a contracted NYTD provider helps each qualified older youth fill out the survey. Then, the DCS NYTD Coordinator (or designee they choose) will enter the survey answers into the case management system.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [42 USC 677: John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood](#)