

INDIANA NYTD: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



WHAT IS NYTD?

The National Youth in Transition Database is a federal program created by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) that all states use to track and report the Independent Living services offered to older youth in foster care. NYTD reports help improve the quality of services provided to youth in foster care.



Part of NYTD's purpose is to hear from you, former and current youth in foster care, so your experiences and knowledge can influence the policies and programs being offered by the state. By completing a NYTD survey, you help change the way lawmakers and service agencies do their work to create more positive outcomes for all youth in Indiana.

NYTD SURVEY

The NYTD Youth Outcomes Survey is one key way the state of Indiana learns from your experiences and improve programs and policies for future youth in foster care.

All youth in foster care at age 17 take the survey, and some will be invited to take the survey again when they turn 19 and 21.

Anyone who completes the survey contributes to improved services for youth who are or were in foster care in Indiana. On top of that youth will also get a gift card for their participation. The survey can be taken online, over the phone or by mail.

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WHO IS PINK LEAF?



Pink Leaf is a company dedicated to helping youth navigate their adolescence and enter adulthood with the skills to succeed in all spheres of life. With a vision of empowering youth by teaching various life and career skills, Pink Leaf offers hands-on experiential learning camps, and certification opportunities.

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SURVEY FAST FACTS

Who takes the survey?

All youth in foster care aged 17, and a subset of these youth at age 19 and 21.

How do I know if I am eligible to take it?

You can check your eligibility by calling Pink Leaf at 765-283-6680, or by visiting YouNYTD.com.

What do I get for taking the survey?

All survey participants earn a gift card of their choice to Walmart, Target, or Meijer, ranging from \$25-\$100 each.

Why should I care?

In addition to earning the gift card, the information you give helps improve services for future of youth in foster care!



NYTD SURVEY (CONTINUED)

At age 17, youth have 45 days from their birthday to complete the survey. At 19 and 21, youth have from the day of their birthday until the end of the survey cycle to complete the survey. So if the survey cycle is April 1-September 30 and your birthday is May 15th, you would have between May 15th and September 30th to take the survey. As soon as you complete it, contact Pink Leaf and we will send you a gift card of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to your choice of Walmart, Target, or Meijer.



The sooner you complete the survey, you sooner you get your gift card. While I'm sure the gift card is the thing you'll be the most excited about getting, don't underestimate the importance of the opportunity to share your experiences in foster care. Your survey responses will help DCS make better decisions to provide support for foster youth. So when you get a call, text, email, letter, or message on social media from Pink Leaf, be sure to respond to help Hoosier foster youth and earn some money in the process! Be sure to keep in touch with us so you can find out if you are eligible to take the survey at age 19 and 21. And if you have suggestions for how to engage more youth, please let us know by calling or texting the NYTD team at 765-283-6680 and by joining our Facebook group for updates and news about resources and support as you enter adulthood.

We can't wait to hear from you!

WHO IS PINK LEAF? (CONTINUED)

Our company name "Pink Leaf" originates from the first culinary arts program in which youth created, named and opened a cafe they called Pink Leaf. From that first experience, Pink Leaf continues to develop programs and experiences for youth age 14-23. Thousands of youth have participated in learning experiences in fields such as culinary arts, building trades, car maintenance, career exploration, emergency preparedness including CPR and First Aid certification, computer coding, and more.

Pink Leaf's focus on empowering youth includes working with the NYTD Youth Outcomes Survey. Our ongoing connections and support of youth who are or were in foster care helps produce lasting change for young adults learning to live independently. Pink Leaf's programs are shaped by the aspirations and goals of the youth; in short, you help us provide meaningful experiential programs when you tell us your dreams, your desires, and your needs. Thank you for contributing to this work!



Above: The Pink Leaf Team