

# The Alliance for Children's Rights: AB 12 Implementation Relative Caregiver Survey







## 1. How many children/youth are you caring for in your home (other than your biological children?)

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 youth		26.3%	36
2 youth		26.3%	36
3 youth		23.4%	32
Other. Please specify number of youth:		24.8%	34
<b>answered question</b>			<b>137</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>8</b>


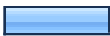


## 2. How many of the children/youth that you are caring for in your home are both related to you and placed in your home by the foster care system?

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 youth		30.0%	39
2 youth		23.1%	30
3 youth		15.4%	20
Other. Please specify number of youth:		31.5%	41
<b>answered question</b>			<b>130</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>15</b>






**3. How many of the children/youth that you are caring for are foster children but are not related to you?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 youth		79.3%	107
1 youth		6.7%	9
2 youth		3.7%	5
Other. Please specify number of youth:		10.4%	14
<b>answered question</b>			<b>135</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>10</b>





**4. How many of the children/youth that you are caring for are related to you but NOT placed with you by the foster care system?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 youth		65.6%	86
1 youth		15.3%	20
2 youth		9.2%	12
Other. Please specify number of youth:		9.9%	13
<b>answered question</b>			<b>131</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>14</b>


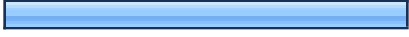

**5. What are the ages of the children/youth who are related to you who you are caring for in your home (select all that apply)?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 – 4 years old		29.8%	39
5 - 8 years old		36.6%	48
9 – 11 years old		32.1%	42
12 – 14 years old		35.9%	47
<b>15 – 19 years old</b>		<b>42.7%</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>answered question</b>			<b>131</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>14</b>





**6. Do you receive a foster care benefit or a CalWORKs benefit for the children/youth in your home?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>I receive foster care benefits for the children/youth in my home</b>		<b>60.9%</b>	<b>78</b>
I receive CalWORKs benefit for the children/youth in my home		14.1%	18
I receive foster care benefits for some of the children/youth and CalWORKs for other children/youth.		5.5%	7
Maybe/I don't know what benefits I receive		19.5%	25
<b>answered question</b>			<b>128</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>17</b>

**7. Do you receive specialized care rates and/or services for any of the children/youth in your care who are disabled?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		37.2%	48
No		60.5%	78
Maybe/I don't know		2.3%	3
<b>answered question</b>			<b>129</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>16</b>

**8. How long have you been a relative caregiver for children/youth in your home who are in foster care?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 – 3 years		26.8%	33
4 – 6 years		16.3%	20
7 – 10 years		23.6%	29
More than 10 years		33.3%	41
<b>answered question</b>			<b>123</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>22</b>

**9. Do you have a foster care license or was your home approved by the county?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
I am licensed		18.3%	23
<b>My home was approved by the county child welfare agency</b>		<b>72.2%</b>	<b>91</b>
Neither licensed nor approved		7.9%	10
I don't know whether my home is licensed or was approved		1.6%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>126</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>19</b>




**10. What is your race/ethnicity?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hispanic		22.0%	29
White (but not Hispanic)		18.9%	25
<b>African American/Black</b>		<b>54.5%</b>	<b>72</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander		0.0%	0
American Indian/Native American		0.8%	1
Multi-racial or Other		3.8%	5
<b>answered question</b>			<b>132</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

**11. What is your age?**

	Response Count
	116
<b>answered question</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>29</b>

**12. Would you continue to provide care and support to a youth between the ages of 18 – 21 if foster care or CalWORKs funding were to continue during that period?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.9%	124
No		0.7%	1
Maybe/I don't know		7.4%	10
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>135</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>10</b>

**13. In addition to the monthly foster care or CalWORKs payment, what other resources or support would you need in order to continue to provide care and support to a youth between the ages of 18 – 21? Choose up to 3, and rank in order of importance, 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.**

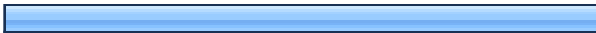


	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Assistance connecting the youth to education programs including college, community college, financial aid, vocational classes, etc	<b>73.7% (101)</b>	15.3% (21)	10.9% (15)	1.37	137
Assistance connecting the youth to job training programs	8.4% (10)	<b>58.8% (70)</b>	32.8% (39)	2.24	119
Assistance with the youth's transportation needs (eg. car purchases, bus passes, etc.)	13.8% (13)	22.3% (21)	<b>63.8% (60)</b>	2.50	94
Assistance connecting youth with appropriate health/mental health services.	23.7% (18)	<b>39.5% (30)</b>	36.8% (28)	2.13	76

Other ideas: 29




**answered question 142**

**skipped question 3**

**14. If a foster youth who is between the ages of 18 – 21 was NOT living in your home (for example, because the youth is attending college or community college), would you be willing to receive a foster care or CalWORKs payment on behalf of that youth, use the funding to support the youth, and keep track of how the money is spent?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		89.6%	121
No		1.5%	2
Maybe/I don't know		8.9%	12
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>135</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>10</b>


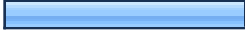

15. Would you be willing to co-sign a loan (guaranteeing payment) to help the youth buy things he/she may need like a car or student loans?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		35.0%	49
No		35.0%	49
Maybe/I don't know		30.0%	42
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>140</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>

**16. What sort of supports would you want to receive in order to assist the youth in being successful and in meeting the eligibility requirements that he/she must meet to continue in foster care (NOTE: the “eligibility requirements” refer to the fact that in order for a youth to receive benefits after age 18, the youth has to be in school or working or in job training)? Check up to 3, and rank in order of importance, 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.**

	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Training on how to work with young adults	<b>43.0% (37)</b>	29.1% (25)	27.9% (24)	1.85	86
Training and information about job training programs available to youth	21.6% (24)	<b>52.3% (58)</b>	26.1% (29)	2.05	111
Assistance in helping the youth access education and training programs	<b>48.0% (59)</b>	30.9% (38)	21.1% (26)	1.73	123
Access to mediation or conflict resolution	14.8% (8)	20.4% (11)	<b>64.8% (35)</b>	2.50	54
Relative caregiver support groups for relatives that are providing support to youth between the ages of 18 – 21	26.9% (14)	19.2% (10)	<b>53.8% (28)</b>	2.27	52
				Other ideas:	25
				<b>answered question</b>	<b>142</b>
				<b>skipped question</b>	<b>3</b>




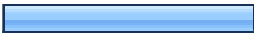

**17. Do you think the county child welfare agency should require relative caregivers to participate in training before the relative caregiver can continue to receive foster care benefits on behalf of a youth after the age of 18?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		46.5%	66
No		35.9%	51
Maybe/I don't know		17.6%	25
<b>answered question</b>			<b>142</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3</b>





**18. If you answered "YES" to question #17, what topics would you want covered in the training? Rank your top three choices, 1 being the your first choice, 2 your second choice, and 3 your third choice**

	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Rights/responsibilities of the youth ages 18 – 21	<b>52.5% (32)</b>	29.5% (18)	18.0% (11)	1.66	61
Duties of the child welfare agency with regard to youth ages 18 – 21	20.8% (11)	<b>50.9% (27)</b>	28.3% (15)	2.08	53
Information about connecting youth to education/job training	33.3% (20)	23.3% (14)	<b>43.3% (26)</b>	2.10	60
How to deal with disagreements and conflicts with the youth	18.2% (6)	30.3% (10)	<b>51.5% (17)</b>	2.33	33
Other ideas:					6
<b>answered question</b>					<b>69</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>76</b>


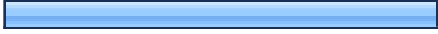
**19. What should happen if the youth is not doing what he/she agreed to do in order to continue to remain in foster care past age 18 (for example, going to school or working)?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. The youth should first be given a certain amount of time to fix the problem. If so, how long?		64.3%	81
<b>b. There should be a meeting with the county social worker, the youth and the relative caregiver to try and solve the problem. If so, should the meeting be right away or after the youth has a chance to fix the problem?</b>		<b>73.0%</b>	<b>92</b>
c. Foster care funding should stop until the youth starts complying again.		18.3%	23
If so, would you continue providing housing for the youth without funding? YES / NO		37.3%	47
d. Other ideas:		23.8%	30
<b>answered question</b>			<b>126</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>19</b>


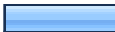

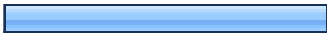
**20. Who should notice be sent to prior to the termination of foster care benefits in the event that the youth is not meeting one of the program requirements?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Relative caregiver only		11.8%	16
Youth only		0.7%	1
<b>Both relative caregiver and youth</b>		<b>86.0%</b>	<b>117</b>
Other ideas:		1.5%	2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>136</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>

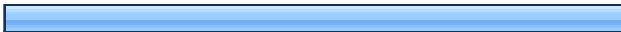

**21. In traditional foster care, a child or youth is usually given 72 hours (3 days) to move out if a placement doesn't work out. Do you think it would be a good idea to use this 72 hour standard for youth between the ages of 18 – 21 who are living in a foster family home or with a relative caregiver?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		34.9%	45
<b>No</b>		<b>65.1%</b>	<b>84</b>
Please explain:			62
<b>answered question</b>			<b>129</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>16</b>





**22. If you answered “NO” to the previous question, how many days do you think would be reasonable for a youth to move out of a placement that doesn’t work out?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
5 days		8.7%	9
1 week		16.5%	17
2 weeks		26.2%	27
Other ideas:		48.5%	50
<b>answered question</b>			<b>103</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>42</b>

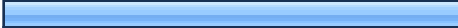
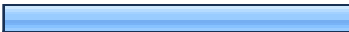

**23. Youth who want to participate in foster care between the ages of 18 – 21 have to enter into a mutual agreement with the county stating the rights and responsibilities of the youth and the agency. Do you think that the relative caregiver should be given a copy of the mutual agreement when the youth is living in the relative caregiver’s home?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		93.3%	125
No		0.0%	0
Maybe/I don't know.		6.7%	9
<b>answered question</b>			<b>134</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>




**24. If there is a disagreement between the relative caregiver and the youth regarding house rules or other issues with the living arrangement, how do you think the disagreement should be resolved?**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Team meeting with the youth's social worker		25.4%	34
<b>Team meeting with a youth advocate or case manager</b>		<b>27.6%</b>	<b>37</b>
The relative caregiver and the youth should have to resolve the conflict on their own		26.9%	36
Other ideas:		20.1%	27
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>134</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>11</b>





**25. What licensing/approval standards do you see as being barriers to providing care and supervision to youth between 18-21? (select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
The rule that does not allow an adult to sleep in the same room as child – which would mean that an 18 – 21 year old could not be in the same room as the other youth (who were under 18 – 21) in the home		68.7%	79
The reporting requirements which would require the caregiver to report any time a youth is out of the house for more than 24 hours		52.2%	60
Any other regulations you feel would be a barrier:		22.6%	26
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>115</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>30</b>



**26. What caregiver services for youth between ages 18-21 would you like to see licensing/approval regulations require? (select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Teaching youth how to pay bills and manage bank accounts		92.1%	116
How to obtain vital documents (like a drivers license, birth certificate, social security card)		82.5%	104
Other things licensing should require:		27.0%	34
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>126</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>19</b>



27. The law requires a review of a youth between the ages of 18-21 before the youth can be placed in a home (NOTE: this does not apply to a youth who is already living in your home when he/she turns 18). What would you like the review to include so you know more about the youth coming into your home? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Information regarding the child's background.		95.3%	121
Information re: non-minor dependents interests, dreams, goals, activities.		69.3%	88
Any special concerns the non-minor dependent may have, food, allergies...etc.		68.5%	87
Other ideas:		38.6%	49
<b>answered question</b>			<b>127</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>18</b>

28. I think allowing youth who remain in care between the ages of 18 – 21 to live in the same home with other foster children who are under the age of 18 is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		82.5%	99
Disagree		17.5%	21
Why do you think that?			79
<b>answered question</b>			<b>120</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>25</b>

29. 29. I think requiring the relative caregiver to make sure that the youth is meeting one of the participation requirements (attending school, working 80 hours a month, participating in job training, unable to do one of the other requirements due to a medical condition) is a good idea.



		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		91.3%	116
Disagree		8.7%	11

Why do you think that? 64

answered question 127

skipped question 18

30. I think giving consequences to youth found with alcohol or illegal drugs is a good idea





		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		94.7%	124
Disagree		5.3%	7

Why do you think that? 78

answered question 131

skipped question 14

**31. If you answered “AGREE” to the previous question, what kinds of consequences do you think would be appropriate? (Choose all that you think would be appropriate consequences)**


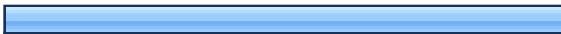

		Response Percent	Response Count
Termination of foster care benefits		9.5%	12
Suspension of foster care benefits for 1 month		16.7%	21
<b>Participation in drug/alcohol awareness class</b>		<b>92.1%</b>	<b>116</b>
Being “grounded” for a period of time		39.7%	50

Why do you think that/Other ideas? 85

**answered question 126**

**skipped question 19**

**32. What rules do you think you should be able to make for the youth in your home, age 18-21 (choose all that apply)?**




		Response Percent	Response Count
Curfew		78.1%	100
<b>Household Chores</b>		<b>84.4%</b>	<b>108</b>
I think we should have a written agreement about rules and responsibilities		78.1%	100

Why do you think that/Other ideas? 72



**answered question 128**

**skipped question 17**




**33. What do you think are appropriate reasons for asking a youth to leave your home? (select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Being found intoxicated		62.4%	68
<b>Not following house rules</b>		<b>72.5%</b>	<b>79</b>
Not meeting one of the five participation requirements (going to school, attending college or vocational education, working at least 80 hours a month, participating in classes that remove barriers to employment, or unable to do one of the other activities due to a medical condition)		68.8%	75
	Why do you think that/Other ideas?		74
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>109</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>36</b>


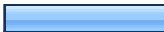
**34. I think requiring relative caregivers to give youth a certain portion of the monthly foster care benefit each month (ie a monthly allowance) to manage and spend on their own is a good idea.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Agree</b>		<b>88.6%</b>	<b>117</b>
Disagree		11.4%	15
	Why do you think that?		75
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>132</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>13</b>





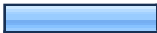
**35. If the youth is provided a monthly allowance, do you think the relative caregiver should have any say in how that money is spent/managed?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		47.3%	62
No		26.0%	34
Maybe/I don't know		26.7%	35
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>131</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>14</b>

**36. I think requiring youth advocates or case managers (not county social workers) to visit youth on a regular basis is a good idea.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		76.2%	93
Disagree		23.8%	29
		Why do you think that?	69
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>122</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>23</b>




**37. If so, how often do you think a youth advocate or case manager (not county social workers) should visit a youth?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Once a week		2.4%	3
Once every two weeks		10.5%	13
<b>Once a month</b>		<b>41.1%</b>	<b>51</b>
Once every two months		23.4%	29
Other ideas:		22.6%	28
<b>answered question</b>			<b>124</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>21</b>

**38. Do you have any other thoughts or suggestions about other services or resources that would help you in your role as a foster parent to a youth age 18 – 21?**

	Response Count
	66
<b>answered question</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>79</b>

**39. Optional: The Alliance for Children’s Rights will be conducting a series of interviews and focus groups (small group meetings) with relative caregivers. If you are interested in participating in an interview or focus group, please enter your name and contact information below. Entering your name here only indicates your interest, you are still free to choose to participate or decline.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		98.8%	82
Email:		34.9%	29
Phone:		100.0%	83
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>83</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>62</b>