

The Alliance for Children's Rights AB 12 Implementation Youth Survey - Over 18



1. How old were you when you left the foster care system?

	Response Count
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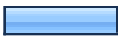





2. Were you able to finish your high school education or GED prior to the time that you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.7%	55
No		9.7%	6
Maybe/I don't know		1.6%	1
	answered question		62
	skipped question		1









3. Given the option, would you have chosen to stay in foster care longer than 18 years old?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.6%	35
No		20.6%	13
Maybe/I don't know		23.8%	15
	answered question		63
	skipped question		0




4. Why would you have chosen to stay in care longer? (choose all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. I didn't have anywhere else to go.		40.0%	24
b. The relative or family friend I was living with needed the foster care payment.		3.3%	2
c. I liked my foster care placement.		16.7%	10
d. I would have wanted to continue to get housing as well as other kinds of support from the foster care system (help getting services, clothing allowance, transportation, etc.).		66.7%	40
e. I would have wanted to continue to have a county social worker.		15.0%	9
f. I would have wanted to continue to have an attorney and court hearings.		11.7%	7
g. None of the above. I would not have chosen to stay in care. Please explain below.		15.0%	9
h. Other. Please explain below.		13.3%	8
	Explanation for Choice (g) or (h):		11
	answered question		60
	skipped question		3



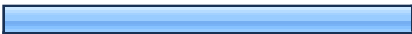


5. Of the list below, identify as many as three people who you would have talked to, to help you decide whether to stay in the foster care system and about the kinds of placements available if you decided to stay? (select up to three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
My county social worker		67.7%	42
My attorney		29.0%	18
My caregiver.		48.4%	30
ILP staff		38.7%	24
My CASA		1.6%	1
California Youth Connection		8.1%	5
Other foster youth that I knew		30.6%	19
Other - please explain:		4.8%	3
answered question			62
skipped question			1

6. If you had chosen to remain in the foster care system after age 18, would you have gone to your court hearings?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		66.1%	41
No		14.5%	9
Maybe/I don't know		19.4%	12
answered question			62
skipped question			1

7. Since leaving foster care, which of the following activities have you done? (choose all that you have done)

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Finished high school or a GED program		46.8%	29
b. Taken college, community college or vocational education classes		88.7%	55
c. Worked ____ hours of work per month (please provide the average # of hours below)		61.3%	38
d. Participated in job training		22.6%	14
e. None of the above. Please explain below.		1.6%	1

Answer to choice (c) and/or (e): 30

answered question	62
skipped question	1

8. If you had the option and decided to stay in foster care over 18, which of the following placement options would you prefer? (Rank the top three placements, 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, 3 your third choice)

	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Continuing to live with my current foster family or the relative or family friend I was already living with.	36.0% (9)	12.0% (3)	52.0% (13)	2.16	25
Living with a relative or friend that I could choose as the person I wanted to live with.	22.7% (5)	50.0% (11)	27.3% (6)	2.05	22
Living in my own apartment (on my own or with a roommate).	49.1% (26)	26.4% (14)	24.5% (13)	1.75	53
Living in college dorms	28.6% (12)	50.0% (21)	21.4% (9)	1.93	42
Living in Transitional Housing	23.7% (9)	34.2% (13)	42.1% (16)	2.18	38
Living in a group home	0.0% (0)	33.3% (1)	66.7% (2)	2.67	3
answered question					63
skipped question					0

9. Which of the following services would you have wanted from your placement? (Rank the top three services, 1 being the most important, 2 the second most important, and 3 the third most important)



	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Visits by my case manager (someone besides my county social worker)	28.6% (4)	35.7% (5)	35.7% (5)	2.07	14
Visits by my county social worker	25.0% (2)	25.0% (2)	50.0% (4)	2.25	8
Having my own apartment	51.4% (19)	21.6% (8)	27.0% (10)	1.76	37
Having a roommate	26.7% (4)	33.3% (5)	40.0% (6)	2.13	15
Affordable rent	37.8% (17)	48.9% (22)	13.3% (6)	1.76	45
Educational support. What kind:	34.3% (12)	34.3% (12)	31.4% (11)	1.97	35
Employment support. What kind:	9.5% (2)	28.6% (6)	61.9% (13)	2.52	21
Other – please explain:	28.6% (2)	14.3% (1)	57.1% (4)	2.29	7

Explanation for answer above: 17

answered question 62

skipped question 1

10. Which of the following two independent living placements would you prefer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would want to receive my foster care payment of approximately \$700 to help pay some of my living and housing expenses, but would be responsible for finding my own housing and would receive NO support from a case manager.		27.0%	17
I would want to live in housing that has one-on-one support from a case manager to assist in the areas of job placement, education and independent living skills, and to receive a small monthly check		73.0%	46
		answered question	63
		skipped question	0

11. Which of the following factors do you think are MOST important in helping youth enter adulthood? (Rank the top three factors, 1 being more important, 2 the second most important, 3 the third most important)




	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Visits from a case manager	33.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	66.7% (6)	2.33	9
Allowing youth to have their own apartment	26.7% (4)	33.3% (5)	40.0% (6)	2.13	15
Having youth be responsible for managing their own budget (such as paying bills)	15.0% (3)	45.0% (9)	40.0% (8)	2.25	20
Ensuring youth have an affordable place to live	47.5% (19)	30.0% (12)	22.5% (9)	1.75	40
Providing assistance to youth in accessing educational programs (for example, assistance with financial aid, selecting classes, tutoring, etc)	45.5% (20)	36.4% (16)	18.2% (8)	1.73	44
Providing assistance in finding employment (for example job training, helping in drafting resumes and cover letters, assistance in finding jobs, interview prep, etc)	23.3% (10)	37.2% (16)	39.5% (17)	2.16	43
Providing youth with a monthly stipend	30.8% (4)	30.8% (4)	38.5% (5)	2.08	13

Other – please explain: 4

answered question 63

skipped question 0

12. After you left the foster care system, would you have considered going back into the system later if given the option?



		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		39.3%	24
Maybe		31.1%	19
No		29.5%	18

Please explain your answer: 33

answered question 61

skipped question 2



13. Did your county social worker keep in touch with you after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		14.5%	9
No		85.5%	53

answered question 62

skipped question 1



14. Did you know how to get in touch with your county social worker after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.7%	31
No		48.3%	29



answered question 60

skipped question 3



15. Did your attorney keep in touch with you after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		9.7%	6
No		90.3%	56
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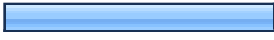
16. Did you know how to get in touch with your attorney after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		36.1%	22
No		63.9%	39
answered question			61
skipped question			2



17. Did you receive ILP service after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.6%	32
No		48.4%	30
answered question			62
skipped question			1



18. Did you know how to get in touch with your ILP coordinator after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		59.7%	37
No		40.3%	25
answered question			62
skipped question			1



19. I think having a curfew is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		50.0%	31
Disagree		50.0%	31
answered question			62
skipped question			1



20. I think allowing youth to have overnight guests is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		59.7%	37
Disagree		40.3%	25
answered question			62
skipped question			1


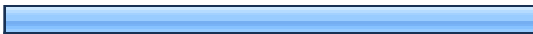
21. If overnight guest are allowed, I think it's a good idea to first require guests to get a criminal background check.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		64.5%	40
Disagree		35.5%	22
answered question			62
skipped question			1



22. I think allowing youth to live with a roommate(s) who is not in foster care is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		67.7%	42
Disagree		32.3%	20
answered question			62
skipped question			1



23. I think allowing a youth to live with a boyfriend or girlfriend is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		20.0%	12
Disagree		80.0%	48
answered question			60
skipped question			3







24. If youth are allowed to live with roommate(s) who are not in foster care, I think it's a good idea to require that the roommate(s) get a criminal background check.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		77.0%	47
Disagree		23.0%	14
answered question			61
skipped question			2







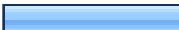

25. I think requiring youth to tell their program and/or social worker when a new roommate(s) moves in is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		93.5%	58
Disagree		6.5%	4
answered question			62
skipped question			1

26. Youth who want to continue to receive foster care services and benefits after age 18 have to meet a “participation requirement.” Please select from the participation requirements below that you would have been willing to meet. (choose all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Going to high school or participating in a GED program		68.9%	42
Going to college, community college or vocational education program		88.5%	54
Working at least 80 hours per month		54.1%	33
Participating in a program that removes barriers to employment (like job training)		52.5%	32
Unable to do any of the other things due to a medical condition.		6.6%	4
None of the above. I would not have chosen to stay in foster care.		8.2%	5
		answered question	61
		skipped question	2

**27. What do you think are appropriate reasons for making a youth who is over 18 leave his/her placement?
(choose up to three)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Being found in possession of illegal drugs		49.2%	30
Being found intoxicated		16.4%	10
Not participating in services		55.7%	34
If a youth leaves an apartment vacant for 30 days or longer, and STOPS paying rent		47.5%	29
If a youth leaves an apartment vacant for 30 days or longer, but KEEPS paying rent		3.3%	2
All of the above are appropriate reasons for asking a youth to leave the program		16.4%	10
None of the above are appropriate reasons for asking a youth to leave the program		26.2%	16
Other - please explain:		1.6%	1
answered question			61
skipped question			2



28. If a youth committed one of the offenses above, what kinds of consequences do you think would be appropriate? (choose up to three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
a. Written warning that could lead to suspension or termination of foster care benefits.		71.2%	42
Suspension of foster care funding for 1 month		33.9%	20
Participation in drug/alcohol awareness class		61.0%	36
Being "grounded" for a period of time		33.9%	20
Termination of foster care funding		10.2%	6
Other - please explain:		8.5%	5
answered question			59
skipped question			4



29. I think requiring the placement provider (the foster parent, relative caregiver, case manager, etc) to give youth a certain amount of money each month to spend on basic necessities is a good idea.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		95.1%	58
Disagree		4.9%	3
answered question			61
skipped question			2


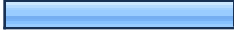




30. If given a monthly stipend from the program, I think it would be a good idea to have youth manage it themselves.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		80.3%	49
Disagree		19.7%	12
answered question			61
skipped question			2



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		95.1%	58
Disagree		4.9%	3
answered question			61
skipped question			2





32. How often do you think a case manager (not county social workers) should visit a youth? (This is in addition to the monthly visits from the county social worker and regular visits with your attorney.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Once a week		26.2%	16
Once every two weeks		34.4%	21
Once a month		29.5%	18
Once every two months		4.9%	3
None of the above, I do not believe youth should have to meet with an additional case manger, outside of their social worker and attorney.		1.6%	1
Other - please explain:		3.3%	2
answered question			61
skipped question			2



33. 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 same standard for youth in an independent living foster care placement?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.0%	24
No		60.0%	36
answered question			60
skipped question			3


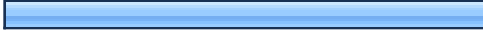


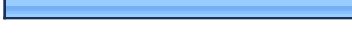


34. If there was a disagreement between the youth and his/her placement provider (could be a foster parent, relative caregiver, THP-Plus case manager, or group home provider) regarding house rules or other issues with the living arrangement, how do you believe the dispute should be resolved?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Team meeting with the youth's social worker		9.8%	6
Team meeting with a case manager		8.2%	5
Team meeting with the youth's social worker, case manager and housing provider		72.1%	44
Other - please explain:		9.8%	6
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skipped question			2

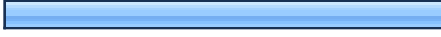

35. If a youth is living with a relative caregiver or in a foster family home, I think it is a good idea to have a written agreement between the youth and caregiver about house rules and responsibilities.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		95.1%	58
Disagree		4.9%	3
answered question			61
skipped question			2

36. What rules do you think a relative caregiver or foster parent should be able to make for youth between the ages of 18 – 21? (choose up to three)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Curfew		26.2%	16
Household chores		72.1%	44
No drugs or alcohol		60.7%	37
Quiet hours		19.7%	12
Minimum grades or hours of work		52.5%	32
Visitation hours		13.1%	8
Other - please explain:		1.6%	1
answered question			61
skipped question			2

37. What is your gender?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		66.1%	39
Male		33.9%	20
answered question			59
skipped question			4

38. What is your race/ethnicity?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hispanic		34.5%	20
White (but not Hispanic)		6.9%	4
African American/Black		41.4%	24
Asian/Pacific Islander		0.0%	0
American Indian/Native American		0.0%	0
Multi-racial or Other		17.2%	10
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skipped question			5





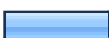
39. Do you have a child that lives with you (are you a custodial parent)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		6.8%	4
No		93.2%	55
answered question			59
skipped question			4


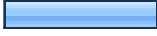




40. How old are you now?

	Response Count
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answered question	56
skipped question	7



41. What kind of foster care placement were you living in when you aged out of the system?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Foster family home		29.3%	17
With a relative or non-relative family friend		22.4%	13
Group home		24.1%	14
THPP (independent living)		8.6%	5
Other - please explain:		15.5%	9
		answered question	58
		skipped question	5




42. Where did you go right after you aged out of the foster care system? (choose one)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Stayed in my foster care placement		1.7%	1
Moved into my own place		22.4%	13
Moved in with my biological mother and/or father		13.8%	8
Couch-surfed with friends or relatives		12.1%	7
Became homeless		10.3%	6
Other - please explain:		39.7%	23
		answered question	58
		skipped question	5

43. Were you ever homeless or couch-surfing after you left foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No		66.1%	39
Yes. If yes, for how long?		33.9%	20
		answered question	59
		skipped question	4

44. The Alliance for Children’s Rights will be conducting a series of interviews and focus groups with former foster youth. 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:		100.0%	26
Email:		100.0%	26
Phone:		80.8%	21
		answered question	26
		skipped question	37