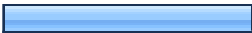







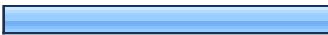




# The Alliance for Children's Rights: AB 12 Implementation Youth Survey - Under 18











1. If after the age of 18 you choose to stay in the system, how much longer do you think you would want to remain in foster care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
As short a time as possible – just until I can set up a place to live on my own.		37.0%	27
Maybe a short time, or maybe a long time – as long as I feel like I still need some support.		28.8%	21
As long as possible – to get as much support as I am allowed to get.		34.2%	25
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>73</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>









**2. Why do you think you might choose to stay in care? (choose all that apply)**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
a. I don't think I will have anywhere else to go.		31.9%	23
b. The relative or family friend I am living with is going to need the foster care payment.		6.9%	5
c. I like the foster care placement I am living in and I want to keep living there.		22.2%	16
<b>d. I will want to continue to get housing as well as other kinds of support from the foster care system (help getting services, clothing allowance, transportation, etc.).</b>		<b>48.6%</b>	<b>35</b>
e. I will want to continue to have a county social worker.		13.9%	10
f. I will want to continue to have an attorney and court hearings.		15.3%	11
g. None of the above. I will not choose to stay in care. Please explain below.		16.7%	12
h. Other. Please explain below.		6.9%	5
	Explanation to (g) and/or (h):		11
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>72</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>




**3. Why would you choose to NOT stay in foster care after 18 years old? (choose all that apply)**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
I will have a place to live.		37.1%	23
<b>I will be ready to be on my own.</b>		<b>40.3%</b>	<b>25</b>
I will want to go live with my biological mother and/or father.		35.5%	22
I will want to get out of the system and away from its rules.		35.5%	22
I won't want to continue to have a county social worker.		17.7%	11
I won't want to continue to have an attorney or court hearings.		17.7%	11
I won't like any of the placements available.		16.1%	10
Other - please explain:		8.1%	5
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>62</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>11</b>

**4. Of the list below, identify as many as three people who you might talk to, to help you decide whether to stay in the foster care system and about the kinds of placements available if you decide to stay? (choose up to three)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
My county social worker		60.0%	42
My attorney		55.7%	39
<b>My foster parent or group home staff or the relative or family friend I am living with</b>		<b>61.4%</b>	<b>43</b>
ILP staff		20.0%	14
My CASA		4.3%	3
California Youth Connection		2.9%	2
Other foster youth that I know		10.0%	7
Other - please explain:		15.7%	11
<b>answered question</b>			<b>70</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3</b>

**5. If you choose to remain in the foster care system after age 18, do you think you would go to your court hearings?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.0%	36
No		15.3%	11
Maybe/I don't know		34.7%	25
<b>answered question</b>			<b>72</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>1</b>






**6. If you decide to stay in the foster care after you turn 18, which of the following placements would you prefer? (Rank the top three placements, 1 being your first choice, 2 being your second choice, and 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 am already living with.	<b>45.2% (19)</b>	35.7% (15)	19.0% (8)	1.74	42
Living with a relative or friend that I could choose as the person I wanted to live with.	<b>60.4% (29)</b>	27.1% (13)	12.5% (6)	1.52	48
Living in my own apartment (on my own or with a roommate).	30.2% (16)	34.0% (18)	<b>35.8% (19)</b>	2.06	53
Living in the dorms at college.	16.7% (6)	36.1% (13)	<b>47.2% (17)</b>	2.31	36
Living in transitional housing.	7.7% (2)	34.6% (9)	<b>57.7% (15)</b>	2.50	26
Living in a group home.	<b>33.3% (1)</b>	<b>33.3% (1)</b>	<b>33.3% (1)</b>	2.00	3
<b>answered question</b>					<b>73</b>
<b>skipped question</b>					<b>0</b>

**7. If you decide to stay in foster care after 18, which of the following services will be important to you at your placement? (Rank the top three: 1 is your first choice, 2 is your second choice, and 3 is your third choice.)**

	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Visits by my case manager (someone separate from my county social worker)	<b>41.7% (5)</b>	33.3% (4)	25.0% (3)	1.83	12
Visits by my county social worker	<b>50.0% (8)</b>	37.5% (6)	12.5% (2)	1.63	16
Having my own apartment	<b>46.9% (15)</b>	25.0% (8)	28.1% (9)	1.81	32
Having a roommate	<b>35.3% (6)</b>	<b>35.3% (6)</b>	29.4% (5)	1.94	17
Being responsible for paying rent and/or utilities	29.6% (8)	<b>44.4% (12)</b>	25.9% (7)	1.96	27
Affordable rent	35.3% (12)	26.5% (9)	<b>38.2% (13)</b>	2.03	34
Educational support	<b>36.1% (13)</b>	<b>36.1% (13)</b>	27.8% (10)	1.92	36
Employment support	5.0% (1)	40.0% (8)	<b>55.0% (11)</b>	2.50	20
An adult mentor from outside the system	33.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	<b>66.7% (4)</b>	2.33	6
			Other – please explain:		0
			<b>answered question</b>		<b>70</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3</b>



**8. After you turn 18, which housing option would you choose?**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
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 where I lived.		28.8%	21
<b>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</b>		<b>37.0%</b>	<b>27</b>
I would want to live in a foster family home		9.6%	7
I would want to live in a relative's home		23.3%	17
I would want to live in a group home		1.4%	1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>73</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>



**9. Which of the following factors do you think are MOST important in helping youth enter adulthood? (Rank your top three, 1 being most important, 2 being next most important, 3 being third choice)**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Rating Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Visits from a case manager	<b>50.0% (10)</b>	15.0% (3)	35.0% (7)	1.85	20
Allowing youth to have their own apartment	<b>51.6% (16)</b>	35.5% (11)	12.9% (4)	1.61	31
Having youth be responsible for managing their own budget (such as paying bills)	<b>37.0% (10)</b>	25.9% (7)	<b>37.0% (10)</b>	2.00	27
Ensuring youth have an affordable place to live	35.9% (14)	<b>38.5% (15)</b>	25.6% (10)	1.90	39
Providing assistance to youth in accessing educational programs (such as assistance with financial aid, selecting classes, tutoring, etc)	<b>43.9% (18)</b>	26.8% (11)	29.3% (12)	1.85	41
Providing assistance in finding employment (for example job training, helping in drafting resumes and cover letters, assistance in finding jobs, interview prep, etc)	10.8% (4)	<b>45.9% (17)</b>	43.2% (16)	2.32	37
Providing youth with a monthly stipend	0.0% (0)	33.3% (4)	<b>66.7% (8)</b>	2.67	12
			Other – please explain:		1
			<b>answered question</b>		<b>72</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



**10. I think having a curfew is a good idea.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		44.4%	32
Disagree		55.6%	40
answered question			72
skipped question			1



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		80.8%	59
Disagree		19.2%	14
answered question			73
skipped question			0



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		56.3%	40
Disagree		43.7%	31
answered question			71
skipped question			2



**13. 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		69.9%	51
Disagree		30.1%	22
answered question			73
skipped question			0



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		69.9%	51
Disagree		30.1%	22
answered question			73
skipped question			0







**15. If youth are allowed to live with a roommate(s) who is 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		72.6%	53
Disagree		27.4%	20
answered question			73
skipped question			0









16. 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		82.2%	60
Disagree		17.8%	13
answered question			73
skipped question			0

17. Youth who want to continue to receive foster care services and benefits after age 18 will have to meet a “participation requirement”. Please select the participation requirements you would be willing to meet after 18 years old. (Choose all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Going to high school or participating in a GED program		59.7%	43
Going to college, community college or vocational education program		83.3%	60
Working at least 80 hours per month		55.6%	40
Participating in a program that removes barriers to employment (like job training)		41.7%	30
Unable to do any of the other things due to a medical condition		9.7%	7
None of the above, I do not want to stay in foster care after I turn 18 years old		13.9%	10
answered question			72
skipped question			1







**18. Youth participating in foster care after age 18 also have to sign a “mutual agreement” a signed agreement between the youth and the county that outlines the rights and responsibilities of both the youth and the county). What do you think should be included in the mutual agreement (Choose all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
In exchange for housing, I will follow the rules of my housing placement.		62.5%	45
I will meet with my social worker regularly to monitor my progress.		56.9%	41
I will not abuse alcohol.		62.5%	45
I will uphold the law.		62.5%	45
If attending a GED program, I will attend class regularly.		56.9%	41
<b>If attending a college or vocational program, I will enroll in at least two classes per term.</b>		<b>70.8%</b>	<b>51</b>
If working, I will work a minimum of 80 hours per month.		61.1%	44
Other - please explain:		5.6%	4
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>72</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>1</b>


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

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Being found in possession of illegal drugs</b>		<b>60.3%</b>	<b>38</b>
Being found intoxicated		47.6%	30
Not participating in services		39.7%	25
If a youth leaves an apartment vacant for 30 days or longer, and STOPS paying rent		54.0%	34
If a youth leaves an apartment vacant for 30 days or longer, but KEEPS paying rent		3.2%	2
All of the above are appropriate reasons for asking a youth to leave the program		27.0%	17
None of the above are appropriate reasons for asking a youth to leave the program		4.8%	3
	Other - please explain:		5
<b>answered question</b>			<b>63</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>10</b>



**20. If a youth commits one of the offences listed above, what should the consequences be? (choose up to three)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Written warning that could lead to suspension or termination of foster care funding.		65.1%	41
Suspension of foster care funding for 1 month		31.7%	20
Participation in drug/alcohol awareness class		65.1%	41
Being "grounded" for a period of time		54.0%	34
Permanent termination of foster care funding		4.8%	3
Other - please explain:		4.8%	3
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>63</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>10</b>



**21. I think providing a youth with a monthly check to spend on basic necessities is a good idea.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		100.0%	64
Disagree		0.0%	0
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>64</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>





**22. If given a monthly check, I think it would be a good idea to have youth manage the money themselves.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		78.1%	50
Disagree		21.9%	14
answered question			64
skipped question			9



**23. Requiring case managers (not county social workers) to visit youth on a regular basis is a good idea.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		70.8%	46
Disagree		29.2%	19
answered question			65
skipped question			8





**24. How often do you think a case manager (not county social workers) should visit a youth?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Once a week		26.2%	17
Once every two weeks		15.4%	10
Once a month		40.0%	26
Once every two months		18.5%	12
answered question			65
skipped question			8



25. 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 over the age of 18?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		43.8%	28
No		56.3%	36
<b>answered question</b>			<b>64</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>









26. If there is a disagreement between a relative caregiver and a youth 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		26.6%	17
Team meeting with the youth's case manager		7.8%	5
<b>Team meeting with the youth's social worker, case manager and housing provider</b>		<b>59.4%</b>	<b>38</b>
Other - please explain:		6.3%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>64</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>9</b>

27. 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		84.4%	54
Disagree		15.6%	10
answered question			64
skipped question			9

28. 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		32.8%	21
Household chores		59.4%	38
<b>No drugs or alcohol</b>		<b>70.3%</b>	<b>45</b>
Quiet hours		15.6%	10
Minimum grades or hours of work		28.1%	18
Guest visiting hours		20.3%	13
Overnight guests		32.8%	21
Other - please explain:		3.1%	2
answered question			64
skipped question			9

### 29. What is your gender?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Female		72.3%	47
Male		27.7%	18
answered question			65
skipped question			8

### 30. What is your race/ethnicity?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hispanic		58.7%	37
White (but not Hispanic)		4.8%	3
African American/Black		15.9%	10
Asian/Pacific Islander		4.8%	3
American Indian/Native American		6.3%	4
Multi-racial or Other		9.5%	6
answered question			63
skipped question			10





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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		11.1%	7
No		88.9%	56
answered question			63
skipped question			10

### 32. How old are you now?

	Response Count
	64
<b>answered question</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>

### 33. What kind of placement are you in now?

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Foster family home</b>		<b>61.4%</b>	<b>43</b>
With a relative or non-relative family friend		0.0%	0
Group home		24.3%	17
THPP (independent living)		2.9%	2
Other - please explain:		11.4%	8
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>70</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3</b>