Senate Health and Human Services
Charge 2C: Transitional Living Services

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Aging Out Youth Outcomes

National Youth in Transition Database
- Surveyed 17 and 19 year olds who were transitioning out of foster care

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<th>Question Posed</th>
<th>FY 14 Texas Data (Youth aged 17)</th>
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<th>FY 16 Texas Data (Youth aged 19)</th>
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<td>Employed Full or Part Time</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Finished High School or GED</td>
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<td>48%</td>
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<td>Attending School</td>
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<td>Substance Abuse</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>27%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Incarcerated</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Homeless</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Had a Child</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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### Comparisons from FY 11/FY 13 NYTD data

Questions to Age 17 youth: anytime in lifetime  
Questions to Age 19 youth: in last 2 years.

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<td><strong>Age 17</strong></td>
<td>9% FY 11</td>
<td>13% FY 14</td>
<td>36% FY 11</td>
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<td>8% FY 11</td>
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<td><strong>Age 19</strong></td>
<td>31% FY 13</td>
<td>39% FY 16</td>
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Transitional Living Services for foster youth ages 14-23 include:

• Permanency Planning;
• Preparation for Adult Living Services (PAL) including life skills assessment and training;
• College Tuition and Fee Waiver;
• Extended Care/Return to Care;
• Supervised Independent Living;
• Personal documents and credit reports; and
• Regional and Statewide Youth Leadership Councils.
For youth ages 16 – 21 PAL services include:

- Life Skills Assessment; and
- Life Skills Training
  - Health and Safety
  - Housing and Transportation
  - Job Readiness
  - Financial Management
  - Life Decisions and Responsibility
  - Personal and Social Relationships

FY 17 completion rate – 82.3%
FY 18 Goal – 85%
PAL Life Skills Completion Rate

As of January 2018, PAL Completion was 91.1%
College Tuition and Fee Waiver

• Provides exemption from tuition and fees at Texas state supported colleges, universities, and technical schools.
• Eligibility requires a youth to have been in Permanent Managing Conservatorship
• Youth are informed from caseworkers, foster care providers, PAL, Aging-out Seminars, and teen and college conferences
• Youth are provided with a waiver letter to present financial aid offices.
College Tuition and Fee Waiver

Utilization Rates by Former Foster and Adoptive Youth

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Extended Foster Care – Young adults, ages 18 to 21, are eligible if:

- Attending high school or enrolled in a GED program;
- Attending an institution of higher education;
- Enrolled in an employment program; or
- Employed for at least 80 hours per month.

Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

- Allows young adults to live independently with minimum supervision.
- 11 SIL are in operation.

Education and Training Voucher

- Up to $5,000 per academic schoolyear to use for housing and other financial needs while attending school.
SB 1758 (85R) by Zaffirini

• Requires independent living skills assessments be conducted on a yearly basis to youth in permanent conservatorship aged 14 and 15 and for all youth in temporary or permanent conservatorship aged 16 and older.

• FY 18 – DFPS is referring youth at age 15 for assessments.

• FY 19 – DFPS will refer youth at age 14 for assessments.