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2008 Survey Reports

This is one of three separate documents that present aspects of the 2008 Survey of youth in foster care in Washington State. Below is a brief description of the contents of each report:

- **Youth Age 17.5 & Older Survey Outcomes Report 08-042**

This report presents an introduction to the purpose of the survey, provides an overview of the survey methods, describes the calculation of the Braam Panel outcome for which the youth survey is the data source, and presents the survey results for every question in the survey for all youth age 17.5 and older participating in the survey.

- **SESRC Youth Survey Data Report 08-038**

This report presents an introduction to the purpose of the survey, a detailed description of the survey methods and survey results and includes a copy of the telephone interview questionnaire, the letter mailed to youth and to foster parents and other survey materials. This report includes the final sample disposition, and the results for every question in the survey for all youth age 15 to 18 participating in the survey. This report also describes the qualitative results obtained from three discussion groups held with youth in Yakima, Seattle, and Tri-Cities.

- **Appendix to the SESRC Youth Survey Data Report**

The appendix to the survey data report includes a listing of the open-ended codes and responses to the survey.

Profile

Title: Youth Survey Outcomes Report for Youth Age 17.5 and Older:
2008 Survey of Youth in Foster Care in Washington

Abstract: *This report presents the results of the survey of youth in foster care, but only for those 182 youth who were 17 and a half years old or older at the time of the interview. (For the full survey results see SESRC Data Report # 08-038).* The SESRC was contracted to design and conduct an independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of youth, age 15 to 18, in foster care in Washington State. The main purpose of the survey is to obtain information that will help Children's Administration improve services for adolescents in foster care (including placement with relatives). Another purpose is to provide data to the Braam Oversight Panel to measure a benchmark established by the Panel under the Braam Settlement Agreement. In developing the survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC consulted with the Braam Oversight Panel, the Children's Administration (CA), and plaintiffs' attorneys. The telephone survey began on March 17, 2008 and continued through July 15, 2008. Contact was attempted with the entire population of 1679 adolescents age 15 to 18 in foster care in Washington State in the custody of CA in 2007. A total of 706 interviews were conducted by telephone. SESRC also conducted discussions with three groups of youth who were or had been in foster care to obtain additional information about their experiences. Discussion groups were conducted in June 2008 with youth attending Independent Living programs in Seattle, Tri-Cities, and Yakima.

Method: The study protocol for the telephone survey included mailing an introductory letter to 1679 foster parents of youth and an introductory letter to 1679 youth prior to the start of the telephone calling. Telephone calls began on March 17, 2008 and continued through July 15, 2008. Telephone interviews were conducted using a computer assisted telephone interview (CATI) system, and a call scheduler to ensure that up to 12 call attempts were made to reach each youth. The telephone interview averaged 26 minutes to complete.

Results: The SESRC obtained 698 interviews and 8 partially completed interviews over the 18-week calling period. The cooperation rate for the telephone survey was 80%. The overall response rate was 42%. There is no sample error, since the entire population of youth, age 15 to 18, in foster care was included in the survey.

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Deliverables: Data Report, frequency listing, and summary of open-ended comments, a copy of the telephone questionnaire, prior letters copies, and interviewer materials.

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SURVEY DESIGN

Study Background and Survey Objectives

The SESRC designed and conducted an independent, statistically valid, anonymous telephone survey of youth age 15 to 18 in foster care during 2007 in Washington State. In addition, the SESRC conducted discussions with three groups of youth participating in Independent Living programs in Seattle, Yakima, and Tri-Cities to obtain additional information about their experiences in foster care. The survey and discussion groups were conducted in 2008 and asked adolescents about their experiences during calendar year 2007.

The main purpose of the survey and discussion groups is to obtain information that is helpful to Children’s Administration efforts to improve services to youth in foster care. The survey includes questions on placements in foster homes, interactions with social workers, awareness of and experiences with services to adolescents, life experiences related to sibling relationships, significant adults, school, physical safety, running away and homelessness; and issues related to aging out of the foster care system.

In developing the survey design, questionnaire, and procedures, the SESRC collaborated with a working group consisting of representatives of the Braam Oversight Panel, Children’s Administration (CA) staff, and Braam plaintiffs’ attorneys. The survey questionnaire was extensively reviewed by foster youth, Braam Panel members, Children’s Administration staff, and Braam plaintiffs’ attorneys, to ensure that it would provide adequate information

Population and Sample

The population for this survey is described as “all youth ages 15 to 18 who had a current placement episode at the time the sample was drawn, and have been in foster care 60 days or longer, excluding guardianships and VPAs (voluntary placement agreements).” Table 1 below displays the population as of the March 2008 administrative record file maintained by DSHS. Since the entire population of eligible youth was included in the survey there is no sample error in the survey. Table 2 below shows the number of interviews that were completed by region and age categories.

Table 1. Population by Region and Age

<i>Age</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Total</i>
15 - 17	145	151	223	343	246	263	1371
18	12	13	19	32	17	29	122
18 Left Care	14	30	32	45	28	37	186
Total	171	194	274	420	291	329	1679

Table 2. Interviews by Region and Age

<i>Age</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Total</i>
15 - 17	87	79	104	131	104	137	642
18	3	5	7	8	8	14	45
18 Left Care	1	3	2	5	4	4	19
Total	91	87	113	144	116	155	706

SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

Survey Procedures

Several procedures were implemented that helped to build a rapport with respondents and to ensure that respondents felt comfortable with the survey. Information about the survey was placed on the BRAAM website just as the survey data collection period was getting underway. Advance letters were sent approximately three to four days before the beginning of telephone interviews. First, an advance letter was sent to the 1679 foster parents to inform them about the survey of youth in foster care and explain more about the purpose of the survey and who was supporting it. About two days after the foster parent letters were mailed, each of the youth being asked to participate in the telephone survey was sent a personalized letter informing them about the purpose of the survey and that they would be called by an SESRC interviewer. The letters provided a toll-free 800-telephone number that youth (or their foster parents) could call in order to ask questions about the survey. This toll-free number was maintained throughout the calling period. The letter also explained that youth participating in the survey would have their names entered into a drawing for one of 18 cash gifts of \$100 each (three per region).

The SESRC telephone Interviewers were provided with a "Frequently Asked Questions" reference sheet to help answer questions that youth and foster parents may have about the survey. A toll-free 800-telephone number that foster parents could call in to ask questions about the survey was maintained during the calling period.

A particular concern for this survey was to put in place safeguards to guarantee confidentiality of survey responses and anonymity in survey results. To ensure that survey respondents cannot be identified from their survey responses the SESRC follows federal guidelines for protection of human subjects and maintains the survey dataset in a secure location at SESRC.

Telephone Interviews. The calling on the survey commenced after training of interviewers on March 17, 2008 and continued through July 15, 2008. The average number of call attempts across all cases was 12. Call attempts were made at different times of the day and on different days of the week in order to maximize the likelihood of reaching respondents. At least 3 evening call attempts were made and two daytime call attempts. At least one call attempt was made on the weekend. If an interviewer called at an inconvenient time for the respondent, the interviewer attempted to schedule a specific time to re-contact the household for an interview. If an answering machine was encountered, interviewers were instructed to leave a scripted answering machine message. If an answering message was left, the phone number was held for three days and then called on again. Only one answering machine message was left for each phone number. At the time of the interviewer's call the youth respondent could request being called back at a different time and/or at a different telephone number.

A total of 11,200 calls were made during the calling period in order to conduct the interviews. The average length for a completed interview was 26 minutes. Interviewers made an average of sixteen calls per hour during the calling period and one interview was completed every hour on average.

Response Rates

Of the 1,679 youth in the population of those that were in foster care in 2007, a total of 706 participated in the survey for a cooperation rate of 80% and a response rate of 42%. The cooperation rate indicates the percent of people who are contacted for an interview that agree to participate in the survey. The response rate indicates the percent of people in the total sample, minus the ineligible respondents, that participate in the survey. The calculation of both measures is based on the suggested definitions and procedures defined by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR).

During the survey period there were some youth who could not be contacted because their telephone numbers were disconnected or nonworking, and no other number could be obtained. SESRC twice provided these numbers to Children's Administration for updated information. By the end of the survey, a total of 290 youth could never be contacted because the telephone numbers were disconnected and no other number could be obtained during the survey period. Many of these youth were 18 or older, and had left care, and no updated information was available for them.

Only 173 people refused to participate in the survey, and four were counted ineligible because the respondent said they had not been in foster care in 2007. Another 277 did not answer the phone or were not contactable because of an answering machine. Another 226 youth could not be interviewed for a variety of reasons including: turned 18 and left care, ran away from their placement, were in jail or detention, moved to a new placement, moved back to their birth family, were in treatment, or were physically or mentally unable to participate.

The cooperation rate and the response rate achieved in this study are somewhat higher than what is generally achieved in public opinion surveys. These high rates reflect what our telephone interviewers experienced in conducting the telephone interviews - that these youth were interested in participating in the survey and in offering their views on the issues addressed in the survey. The high cooperation and response rate are also due to the efforts of the SESRC data collection supervisors and interviewers in contacting respondents at various times throughout the day and on various days throughout the week during the survey period to ensure that people who were not at home would still have an opportunity to participate in the survey.

This high response rate ensures that the survey results are truly representative of the population of all youth age 15 to 18 who are in foster care in Washington State.

SESRC Youth Survey Data Report (08-038):

- ***Full Details of the survey methodology and response rates are described in the SESRC Youth Survey Data Report (08-038).***
- ***The SESRC also conducted discussions with three groups of youth participating in Independent Living programs in Seattle, Yakima, and Tri-Cities to obtain additional information about their experiences in foster care. The results of these discussion groups are summarized in the SESRC Youth Survey Data Report (08-038).***

SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results presented in this report are only for the 182 youth who were 17 and a half years or older at the time of the interview. The first section of these results presents the results for the Braam outcome question (Q99), and the remaining section presents the results of all the survey questions for these 182 youth age 17 and a half and older.

A note about the difference between "percent" and "valid percent" in the tables that follow. The survey result tables show two different percent values that differ in how the missing values and skips are included in the calculation of the percentages. The "**percent**" column includes the missing and skips in the calculation. The "**valid percent**" does not include missing and skipped values in the calculation. In most instances, the "valid percent" is the most appropriate measure to use, since this shows the percent of only those youth that answered the question.

Braam Outcome Calculation

The adolescent survey is expected to serve as the data source for **one** Braam outcome related to preparation for independence. The Panel and parties have agreed that in the revised Implementation Plan, this outcome will address only multi-disciplinary staffings for youth six months before exit.

This question is screened to exclude youth who are less than 17.5 years of age at the time of the interview (birth date variable is Q19-N; and interview date is included in the survey dataset).

A variable was created based on the difference between the date of birth of the youth and the date of the interview. This variable was used to screen youth into one of two groups: youth who were less than 17 and a half years of age at the time of the interview, and those who were older. Of the 706 youth participating in the survey, a total of 182 youth were 17 and a half years of age or older at the time of the interview.

Decision Rule Group (based on DOB and Date of Interview)

		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	< 17.5	524	74.2	74.2
	=> 17.5	182	25.8	100.0
Total		706	100.0	

Braam Outcome Results for Q99

Q99 Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	67	36.8	38.1	38.1
	No	109	59.9	61.9	100.0
	Total	176	96.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	6	3.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q99 *Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?*

#	Response	Compliance	Example	Percent
1	Yes	In	67	67/182 = 37%
2	No	Out	109	
8	Don't Know	NA	4	
	Missing	NA	2	
	TOTAL		182	

Question #	A In Compliance	Out of Compliance	B NA/Not Sure	D Total - B
Q99	67	109	6	176

Percent overall compliance = 67/176 = 38%

The overall Braam outcome for Q99 is 38%. This indicates that 38% of eligible youth in foster care (those age 17 and a half or older) said they were invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss their transition from foster care.

Braam Outcome Results by Region:

Q99 Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care? * Region Crosstabulation

Count		Region						Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Q99 Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?	Yes	8	10	8	14	14	13	67
	No	9	12	13	26	23	26	109
Total		17	22	21	40	37	39	176

Region	"YES" In Compliance	"No" Out of Compliance	% In Compliance
1	8	9	8/17 = 47%
2	10	12	10/22 = 45%
3	8	13	8/21 = 38%
4	14	26	14/40 = 35%
5	14	23	14/37 = 38%
6	13	26	13/39 = 33%
Total	67	109	67/176 = 38%

The regions vary in the Braam outcome measure from a low of 33% in region six (Olympic Peninsula) to a high of 47% in region one (Spokane).

Summary of Survey Results for Youth Age 17.5 and Older

The survey results presented in this report are only for those foster care youth who were 17 and a half years old at the time of the interview. These survey results are generalizable only to those youth in foster care in Washington State who are 17 and half years old or older. This summary is organized by question topic, and largely follows the question sequence of the interview.

Placement

- The median number of years spent in foster care, including relative placements, for these youth is six years.
- 59% of these youth were in the same placement for all of 2007; 22% were in two placements in 2007.
- Youth behavior problems, problems in the family, and not getting along in the placement accounted for 55% of the reasons that youth were moved to different placements in 2007.
- The median number of different placements experienced by these youth during their entire years in foster care is four. However, 20% of these youth reported having more than 10 different placements during their years in foster care.
- 58% of these youth were in a foster home during 2007, and 18% were living with relatives.
- Their current placement was headed by dual parents for 71% of these youth.
- The majority of these youth were in placements with two or fewer other children living there. For 21% they were the only child in the placement; for 20% there was one other child; and for 14% there were two other children present.
- Almost 24% of these youth had lived three or more years at this placement, and 44% had lived there for 12 months or less.
- 52% of these youth said that the foster care system had treated them very well in 2007; 34% said somewhat well; and 14% said not very well.
- Asked for the main reason that they felt the way they did about the foster care system, the dominant positive reason given by 21% of these youth was that they got lots of help and were well taken care of and supported. The dominant negative reason given by almost 10% of youth was they didn't like being in foster care, and didn't feel that they were supported.
- Asked how they felt about their current placement, almost 70% said very positive.
- 80% of these youth said that they were very or somewhat involved in their case planning in 2007.

School

- 45% of these youth said they received mostly A's, B's or A's and B's in 2007. Another 30% said they received mostly B's and C's.

- 23% of these youth said that they were suspended or expelled from school during 2007.
- About 67% of these youth say that they hope to achieve an associate's degree or higher in the future.
- 89% say that they are very well prepared or somewhat prepared to achieve their educational goals.
- 78% of these youth have heard of and IEP or 504 Plan, and of these 56% have an Individual Education Plan now (43% of all youth age 17.5 and older).
- Among these youth who are knowledgeable about IEPs, 61% say they have attended an IEP meeting, and of these, 42% said that their social worker attended the most recent meeting with them.

Runaways/Homelessness

- Almost 25% of these youth said that they ran away from their placement in 2007. Of those that ran away, most only ran away once (41%) or twice (20%).
- The majority of those that ran away stayed with a friend (64%). The dominant reasons given for running away were that they didn't get along with the foster parents or family, and/or didn't like the placement or the way they were treated there.

Significant adult relationships

- 79% of these youth said they had contact with an adult member of their biological family in 2007.
- For those that did not have such contact in 2007, 46% said this was by choice, and 54% said it was not possible to arrange contact.
- For those that did have such contact in 2007, 34% said they were in contact a few times a week, 8% said about once a week, and 27% said a few times a month. 54% of these youth said this was the right amount of contact, and 40% said they would have preferred more contact.
- Asked if there was one adult that has had an important positive influence on their life currently, 84% of youth said yes. Asked how this person was related to them, 29% said it was a foster parent, 13% said a grandparent, and 12% said another relative.
- 90% of these youth said that there is definitely or probably someone in whom they can confide or talk to.
- Asked who they go to first when they have a problem, almost 28% of these youth said foster parents, and 24% said friends.

Health/Mental Health Services

- 91% of these youth said their health was excellent, very good, or good.
- Almost 83% said they had had a physical examination by a doctor less than a year ago. 86% said they had a dental examination less than a year ago.

- Slightly over 10% of these youth said that there were times in 2007 when they thought they needed medical care but didn't get it.
- 41% of these youth are currently seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist. 53% have been seeing this person for more than one year. 54% said that this has been very helpful to them, and 32% said it has been somewhat helpful.
- Almost 60% of these youth seeing a therapist said there was no change in whom they were seeing during 2007. For those whose therapists changed in 2007, the dominant reasons for this were due to a change in placement (52%) and that the therapist decided to leave (30%).
- 11% of these youth said that there were times in 2007 when they thought they needed counseling or therapy but didn't get it. The main reasons given were for depression and sadness, help with problems and issues, and needing to talk with someone. The main reason given for not getting the needed therapy or counseling (by almost 32%) was not following through to ask for it.
- 17% of these youth said they have had an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007.

Social Worker

- The median number of social workers that these youth have had since they've been in foster care is three.
- 90% know their current social worker's name, and 95% know how to contact them. Almost 50% of these youth communicate with their social worker at least once a month. 53% know how to contact their social worker after hours or on weekends.
- Over 36% of these youth have a face-to-face visit with their social worker at least once a month. 89% of these visits were at the youth's placement.
- 48% of these youth are very satisfied with the quality of support provided by their social worker, and 27% are somewhat satisfied. 25% are dissatisfied.

Sibling Relations

- 93% of these youth have biological siblings, and for most (79%) their siblings are not living with them.
- 50% of these youth with siblings not living with them have visits and other forms of contact with their siblings at least once a month or more often.
- For those that have the least contact with their siblings, a main reason is that the siblings live far away, or are in another state (32%).

Court Awareness

- 41% of these youth have a Guardian Ad Litem. 74% of these youth say they are represented by an attorney.
- 77% of these youth say that their wishes and interests were heard in court in 2007.
- Asked how often they were notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings, 40% of these youth said always, and 20% said most of the time.

- 33% of these youth attended no dependency court hearings in 2007, and 23% attended three or more.
- 40% of these youth did not miss any dependency court hearings that they were aware of, and 21% missed three or more.
- Over 81% of these youth say that they were advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007, including the ones they missed.

Service Awareness

- Only 37% of these youth had ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program.
- 73% of these youth had heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program.
- 52% of these youth had heard about the “you-can-go-to-college” or the “foster care to college” workshops put on by Independent Living providers.
- 57% of youth had heard of the Make-It-Happen summer college experience program.

Job Opportunities

- 30% of these youth are currently working for pay. And, 66% have ever worked for pay.
- Among those who have not ever worked for pay, 60% said that they wanted to work but couldn't find any paying jobs.
- 71% of these youth said that they are currently looking for work.
- 87% of these youth said that their caregivers were supportive of their efforts to look for work. Less than 2% said they were not supportive.
- 47% of these youth say they feel very well prepared to get a full time job, and 38% feel they are somewhat prepared.

Independent Living

- 70% of these youth say that a social worker referred them to an IL or TL program. 53% of these youth say they have ever participated in an Independent Living or a Transitional Living program.
- Among those who have not participated in these programs the main reasons given for not participating include not knowing about them (29%), being too busy with school or work (19%), and not needing it or wanting it (15%).
- 45% of these youth say they completed a life skills assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment in 2007. 72% of these youth said that their social worker reviewed the results with them.
- 55% of these youth said that their social worker or IL provider invited them to develop an Independent Living plan. Among these, 86% said they did participate in developing this IL plan.

- Asked how well their IL plan would help in making the transition to adulthood, among those with an IL plan, 49% said very well and 50% said somewhat well.
- Youth were asked whether they had received any information or training about 11 skills needed for independent living. The table below displays the percent of these youth that responded “yes” to these skills.

	% YES
A. How to succeed in high school or college	47%
B. Assistance with applying to colleges	52%
C. Preparing for college	56%
D. Finding a job	61%
E. Keeping a job	49%
F. Finding housing	46%
G. Daily living skills	60%
H. Interpersonal skills	46%
I. Advocating for yourself	51%
J. Making healthy connections with your biological family	37%
K. Making healthy connections with your extended family	41%

Youth Aging Out Plans (asked only of youth age 17 and a half or older)

- 38% of these youth say that they have ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss their transition from foster care. Among these youth, 70% said the meeting had already taken place. And, 94% of youth invited to a planning meeting said that they had participated or will be participating in this shared planning meeting.
- 47% of these youth said that they had talked with their social worker or their IL provider about developing a transition plan for their exit from foster care.
- 42% of these youth said that they participated in developing a transition plan.
- 22% of these youth said they have a written plan for transition from foster care.
- Youth were asked about five specific aspects of things needed for independent living. The table below displays the percent of these youth that responded “yes” to each of these.

	% YES
A. Are you taking or have you completed a Driver’s Education class?	39%
B. Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?	74%
C. Do you have a driver’s license or ID card from Washington State?	63%
D. Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?	62%
E. Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?	84%

- Asked how prepared they are to live on their own, only 27% said very prepared, and 51% said somewhat prepared. 22% said they felt not very or not at all prepared.

Physical Safety questions

- Youth were asked if there was any time in 2007 when another person at their placement made them feel physically unsafe. 8% of these youth responded "yes."
- In the majority of these instances (53%), the person that made the youth feel unsafe was another youth. But, for a third of these youth, it was a foster parent.
- The main reason given for feeling unsafe (60%) was that the youth felt threatened. 87% of these youth said they told their social worker about the incident.
- Two of these youth asked to be contacted, and their information was forwarded to Children's Administration for followup immediately following the interview.

Demographic questions

- Youth were asked how optimistic they were about their future. 55% of these youth said they were very optimistic, and 37% said they were fairly optimistic. Only 8% said they were not too optimistic.
- 53% of these youth are male, and 47% are female.
- 96% of these youth were born in the United States.
- 71% of these youth live on the west side of the state, 24% live on the east side, and 5% are out-of-state.
- The majority of these youth live in a small town (42%) or an urban area (36%).
- Asked to identify their ethnic background 5% say they are Native American, 13% Black, 2% Asian, Hawaiian, and Aleut, 7% Hispanic, 57% White, and 16% of mixed ethnic backgrounds. Separately a total of 14% of these youth say they are of Hispanic background.
- 87% have a computer in their placement. Of these, 85% have Internet access in their placement.
- 95% of these youth say they know their sexual orientation, and the same percent believes that their foster parents know as well.
- 85% of these youth identified themselves as heterosexual, 4% said they were homosexual, 7% said they were bisexual, and no one identified themselves as transgender.
- About 2% of these youth indicated that their sexual orientation had created problems for them in their placement. The main problems mentioned dealt with problems at school, harassment, and not being accepted by others.
- One of these youth asked to be contacted, and this person's information was forwarded to Children's Administration for followup immediately following the interview.

APPENDIX

A note about the difference between "percent" and "valid percent" in the tables that follow.

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The "**percent**" column includes the missing and skips in the calculation.

The "**valid percent**" does not include missing and skipped values in the calculation

In most instances, the "valid percent" is the most appropriate measure to use, since this shows the percent of only those youth who answered the question.

There are three kinds of "**missing**" values reported for survey questions:

- Don't Know – when a youth responds with "don't know"
- Refused – when a youth says they don't want to answer
- System – refers to missing values that occur because of instructions in the survey to skip certain questions that don't apply to all respondents

Survey Results for Youth Age 17.5 and Older

Q01 First, about how many years have you spent in foster care, including placements with relatives?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	22	12.1	12.4	12.4
	2	17	9.3	9.6	21.9
	3	18	9.9	10.1	32.0
	4	15	8.2	8.4	40.4
	5	11	6.0	6.2	46.6
	6	14	7.7	7.9	54.5
	7	13	7.1	7.3	61.8
	8	10	5.5	5.6	67.4
	9	7	3.8	3.9	71.3
	10	13	7.1	7.3	78.7
	11	10	5.5	5.6	84.3
	13	8	4.4	4.5	88.8
	14	8	4.4	4.5	93.3
	15	3	1.6	1.7	94.9
	16	1	.5	.6	95.5
	17	5	2.7	2.8	98.3
	18	3	1.6	1.7	100.0
		Total	178	97.8	100.0
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q02 How many different placements did you have in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	One	105	57.7	59.0	59.0
	Two	40	22.0	22.5	81.5
	Three	17	9.3	9.6	91.0
	Four	6	3.3	3.4	94.4
	Five	4	2.2	2.2	96.6
	Six or more	6	3.3	3.4	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	1.1		
	Don't know	2	1.1		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q03 What is your understanding of why these moves happened?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	70	38.5	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	109	59.9		
	Total	112	61.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q03A Q3 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Temporary Placement	6	3.3	8.6	8.6
	Behavior Problems	15	8.2	21.4	30.0
	Family Problems	10	5.5	14.3	44.3
	Ran Away	4	2.2	5.7	50.0
	Youth Request	8	4.4	11.4	61.4
	Foster Parent Request	6	3.3	8.6	70.0
	Agency Reasons	1	.5	1.4	71.4
	Not Sure	2	1.1	2.9	74.3
	Other Reasons	4	2.2	5.7	80.0
	Didn't get along/didn't work out	14	7.7	20.0	100.0
Total		70	38.5	100.0	
Missing	System	112	61.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q04 Is there anything that could have been done to prevent these moves from occurring?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	61	33.5	84.7	84.7
	No comments	11	6.0	15.3	100.0
	Total	72	39.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	109	59.9		
	Total	110	60.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q04A Q4 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No - nothing	20	11.0	32.8	32.8
	Better planning or placement	9	4.9	14.8	47.5
	Changed own behavior	7	3.8	11.5	59.0
	Dealt with own anger or temper	1	.5	1.6	60.7
	More support or counseling	2	1.1	3.3	63.9
	Foster parent or parent behavior	9	4.9	14.8	78.7
	Talked with someone/asked for help	7	3.8	11.5	90.2
	Other reasons	6	3.3	9.8	100.0
	Total	61	33.5	100.0	
	Missing	System	121	66.5	
Total		182	100.0		

Q05 How many TOTAL placements have you had since you've been in foster care, including placements with relatives?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	25	13.7	14.5	14.5
	2	26	14.3	15.1	29.7
	3	24	13.2	14.0	43.6
	4	19	10.4	11.0	54.7
	5	7	3.8	4.1	58.7
	6	10	5.5	5.8	64.5
	7	12	6.6	7.0	71.5
	8	7	3.8	4.1	75.6
	9	1	.5	.6	76.2
	10	8	4.4	4.7	80.8
	11	2	1.1	1.2	82.0
	12	6	3.3	3.5	85.5
	13	1	.5	.6	86.0
	14	2	1.1	1.2	87.2
	15	4	2.2	2.3	89.5
	16	3	1.6	1.7	91.3
	17	1	.5	.6	91.9
	19	2	1.1	1.2	93.0
	20	1	.5	.6	93.6
	21	1	.5	.6	94.2
	22	1	.5	.6	94.8
	30	1	.5	.6	95.3
	38	1	.5	.6	95.9
43	1	.5	.6	96.5	
50	2	1.1	1.2	97.7	
55	1	.5	.6	98.3	
56	1	.5	.6	98.8	
75	1	.5	.6	99.4	
99	1	.5	.6	100.0	
	Total	172	94.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	9	4.9		
	Total	10	5.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q06 I have a few questions about your current placement. In your current placement, are you . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Living with relatives	33	18.1	18.1	18.1
	In a foster home	106	58.2	58.2	76.4
	In a foster-adopt home	8	4.4	4.4	80.8
	In a group home	10	5.5	5.5	86.3
	In some other situation	25	13.7	13.7	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q06A Q6 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	In a Foster Home	4	2.2	16.0	16.0
	Other	4	2.2	16.0	32.0
	Adoptive Parent	1	.5	4.0	36.0
	Juvenile Facility	3	1.6	12.0	48.0
	Institution	2	1.1	8.0	56.0
	With Friends	4	2.2	16.0	72.0
	Living on Own	7	3.8	28.0	100.0
	Total	25	13.7	100.0	
Missing	System	157	86.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q07 Is your current placement headed by . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A single parent	35	19.2	24.1	24.1
	Dual parents	103	56.6	71.0	95.2
	Something else (please describe)	7	3.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	145	79.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	35	19.2		
	Total	37	20.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q07A Q7 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A Single Parent	3	1.6	42.9	42.9
	Dual Parents	4	2.2	57.1	100.0
	Total	7	3.8	100.0	
Missing	System	175	96.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q08 How many other children, age 18 or younger, are at this placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	31	17.0	21.2	21.2
	1	30	16.5	20.5	41.8
	2	21	11.5	14.4	56.2
	3	24	13.2	16.4	72.6
	4	15	8.2	10.3	82.9
	5	14	7.7	9.6	92.5
	6	5	2.7	3.4	95.9
	7	3	1.6	2.1	97.9
	8	2	1.1	1.4	99.3
	18	1	.5	.7	100.0
	Total		146	80.2	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	35	19.2		
	Total	36	19.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q09 Of these children how many are foster children?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	25	13.7	21.7	21.7
	1	29	15.9	25.2	47.0
	2	20	11.0	17.4	64.3
	3	18	9.9	15.7	80.0
	4	7	3.8	6.1	86.1
	5	10	5.5	8.7	94.8
	6	3	1.6	2.6	97.4
	7	2	1.1	1.7	99.1
	8	1	.5	.9	100.0
	Total		115	63.2	100.0
Missing	System	67	36.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q10 How long have you lived in this placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Month	12	6.6	6.7	6.7
	2 Months	7	3.8	3.9	10.6
	3 Months	8	4.4	4.4	15.0
	4 Months	9	4.9	5.0	20.0
	5 Months	5	2.7	2.8	22.8
	6 Months	5	2.7	2.8	25.6
	7 Months	8	4.4	4.4	30.0
	8 Months	7	3.8	3.9	33.9
	9 Months	6	3.3	3.3	37.2
	10 Months	2	1.1	1.1	38.3
	11 Months	4	2.2	2.2	40.6
	12 Months	7	3.8	3.9	44.4
	1 yr up to 2 years	30	16.5	16.7	61.1
	2 yrs up to 3 years	27	14.8	15.0	76.1
	3 or more years	43	23.6	23.9	100.0
Total		180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q11 In 2007 did you ever spend a night in a DSHS office?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	2	1.1	1.1	1.1
	No	179	98.4	98.9	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q12 How has the foster care system treated you in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well	94	51.6	52.2	52.2
	Somewhat well	61	33.5	33.9	86.1
	Not very well	25	13.7	13.9	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	1	.5		
	Total	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q13 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	167	91.8	98.2	98.2
	No comments	3	1.6	1.8	100.0
	Total	170	93.4	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	9	4.9		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	12	6.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q13A Q13 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	Like Placement	15	8.2	9.1	9.1	
	Treated with Respect	9	4.9	5.5	14.5	
	Get lots of help/supported well	35	19.2	21.2	35.8	
	Like foster parents/doing a good job	7	3.8	4.2	40.0	
	Like caseworkers	7	3.8	4.2	44.2	
	Like being with relatives	2	1.1	1.2	45.5	
	Received privileges	1	.5	.6	46.1	
	Don't like foster care/not supportive/don't get needs met	16	8.8	9.7	55.8	
	Don't like moving to different placements	7	3.8	4.2	60.0	
	No one listens/misunderstandings	12	6.6	7.3	67.3	
	Don't like/don't get along with caseworkers	7	3.8	4.2	71.5	
	Don't like/don't get along with foster parents	9	4.9	5.5	77.0	
	People don't care	4	2.2	2.4	79.4	
	Caseworker doesn't listen/respond/or follow through with commitments	14	7.7	8.5	87.9	
	Miss family/home	1	.5	.6	88.5	
	Nothing bad happened	14	7.7	8.5	97.0	
	Not sure	1	.5	.6	97.6	
	Other reasons	4	2.2	2.4	100.0	
	Total		165	90.7	100.0	
	Missing	System	17	9.3		
Total		182	100.0			

Q14 Overall, how do you feel about your current placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very positive	126	69.2	69.6	69.6
	Somewhat positive	30	16.5	16.6	86.2
	Neutral - haven't decided	17	9.3	9.4	95.6
	Somewhat negative	6	3.3	3.3	98.9
	Very negative	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
Total		181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q15 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	8	4.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	174	95.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q15A Q15 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Nothing to do	2	1.1	25.0	25.0
	Don't like foster parents	2	1.1	25.0	50.0
	Don't like placement	4	2.2	50.0	100.0
	Total	8	4.4	100.0	
Missing	System	174	95.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q16 How involved were you in your case planning in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very involved	58	31.9	34.3	34.3
	Somewhat involved	79	43.4	46.7	81.1
	Somewhat uninvolved	12	6.6	7.1	88.2
	Very uninvolved	20	11.0	11.8	100.0
	Total	169	92.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	1.6		
	Don't know	10	5.5		
	Total	13	7.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q17 In what grade in school are you now?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	9th	1	.5	.5	.5
	10th	11	6.0	6.0	6.6
	11th	71	39.0	39.0	45.6
	12th	73	40.1	40.1	85.7
	Not in school	15	8.2	8.2	94.0
	Other	11	6.0	6.0	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q17A Q17 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	6th Grade	1	.5	9.1	9.1
	11th Grade	1	.5	9.1	18.2
	Not in school	3	1.6	27.3	45.5
	In College	5	2.7	45.5	90.9
	Have/getting GED	1	.5	9.1	100.0
	Total	11	6.0	100.0	
Missing	System	171	94.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q18 How old are you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	17	104	57.1	57.1	57.1
	18	78	42.9	42.9	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q19A What is your birth date? Month

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	8	4.4	4.4	4.4
	2	9	4.9	4.9	9.3
	3	13	7.1	7.1	16.5
	4	8	4.4	4.4	20.9
	5	11	6.0	6.0	26.9
	6	23	12.6	12.6	39.6
	7	19	10.4	10.4	50.0
	8	24	13.2	13.2	63.2
	9	27	14.8	14.8	78.0
	10	13	7.1	7.1	85.2
	11	17	9.3	9.3	94.5
	12	10	5.5	5.5	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Q19B What is your birth date? Day

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	2	1.1	1.1	1.1
	2	10	5.5	5.5	6.6
	3	9	4.9	4.9	11.5
	4	7	3.8	3.8	15.4
	5	11	6.0	6.0	21.4
	6	6	3.3	3.3	24.7
	7	4	2.2	2.2	26.9
	8	5	2.7	2.7	29.7
	9	3	1.6	1.6	31.3
	10	2	1.1	1.1	32.4
	11	5	2.7	2.7	35.2
	12	2	1.1	1.1	36.3
	13	6	3.3	3.3	39.6
	14	4	2.2	2.2	41.8
	15	4	2.2	2.2	44.0
	16	7	3.8	3.8	47.8
	17	6	3.3	3.3	51.1
	18	8	4.4	4.4	55.5
	19	2	1.1	1.1	56.6
	20	6	3.3	3.3	59.9
	21	3	1.6	1.6	61.5
	22	8	4.4	4.4	65.9
	23	8	4.4	4.4	70.3
	24	8	4.4	4.4	74.7
	25	9	4.9	4.9	79.7
	26	6	3.3	3.3	83.0
	27	4	2.2	2.2	85.2
	28	7	3.8	3.8	89.0
	29	6	3.3	3.3	92.3
	30	10	5.5	5.5	97.8
	31	4	2.2	2.2	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q19C What is your birth date?Year

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1989	44	24.2	24.2	24.2
	1990	137	75.3	75.3	99.5
	1991	1	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q20 In 2007 what kind of grades did you receive in school?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Mostly A's	20	11.0	11.1	11.1
	Mostly A's and B's	49	26.9	27.2	38.3
	Mostly B's	12	6.6	6.7	45.0
	Mostly B's and C's	55	30.2	30.6	75.6
	Mostly C's	8	4.4	4.4	80.0
	Mostly C's and D's	14	7.7	7.8	87.8
	Mostly D's and Lower	10	5.5	5.6	93.3
	You were not in school in 2007	12	6.6	6.7	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q21 In 2007 were you ever suspended, expelled , or both from school?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes - suspended	31	17.0	18.6	18.6
	Yes - expelled	1	.5	.6	19.2
	Yes - both	6	3.3	3.6	22.8
	No	129	70.9	77.2	100.0
	Total	167	91.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	14	7.7		
	Total	15	8.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q22 Thinking ahead to the future, what would you say is the highest education that you plan to achieve?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A GED	12	6.6	7.1	7.1
	A high school degree	12	6.6	7.1	14.1
	A vocational or technical certificate	18	9.9	10.6	24.7
	Some college, but probably not a degree	15	8.2	8.8	33.5
	An associate degree	19	10.4	11.2	44.7
	A bachelor's degree	33	18.1	19.4	64.1
	A master's degree	28	15.4	16.5	80.6
	A doctorate degree	8	4.4	4.7	85.3
	A professional school degree	6	3.3	3.5	88.8
	Some other degree	19	10.4	11.2	100.0
	Total	170	93.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	12	6.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q22A Q22 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	High School	1	.5	5.3	5.3
	Vocational/Technical	8	4.4	42.1	47.4
	Associates	1	.5	5.3	52.6
	Bachelors	3	1.6	15.8	68.4
	Doctorate	1	.5	5.3	73.7
	Other	1	.5	5.3	78.9
	Don't Know	4	2.2	21.1	100.0
	Total	19	10.4	100.0	
Missing	System	163	89.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q23 How well prepared do you think you are to meet your educational goals?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well prepared	64	35.2	36.0	36.0
	Somewhat prepared	94	51.6	52.8	88.8
	Somewhat unprepared	17	9.3	9.6	98.3
	Very unprepared	3	1.6	1.7	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q24 Have you ever heard of an Individual Education Plan, sometimes referred to as an IEP or a 504 Plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	141	77.5	77.5	77.5
	No	41	22.5	22.5	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q25 Do you have an Individual Education Plan now?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	78	42.9	56.5	56.5
	No	60	33.0	43.5	100.0
	Total	138	75.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	41	22.5		
	Total	44	24.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q26 Have you ever attended an IEP meeting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	46.2	60.9	60.9
	No	54	29.7	39.1	100.0
	Total	138	75.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	41	22.5		
	Total	44	24.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q27 When you last attended an IEP meeting, did your social worker attend this meeting with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	34	18.7	42.5	42.5
	No	46	25.3	57.5	100.0
	Total	80	44.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
	System	98	53.8		
	Total	102	56.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q28 Now I have a few questions about being homeless and running away from home. In 2007 did you run away from a foster home or group home?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	45	24.7	24.7	24.7
	No	137	75.3	75.3	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q29 How many times did you run away from a foster home or group home in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	17	9.3	41.5	41.5
	2	8	4.4	19.5	61.0
	3	5	2.7	12.2	73.2
	4	2	1.1	4.9	78.0
	5	1	.5	2.4	80.5
	6	1	.5	2.4	82.9
	7	1	.5	2.4	85.4
	10	2	1.1	4.9	90.2
	15	1	.5	2.4	92.7
	20	1	.5	2.4	95.1
	37	1	.5	2.4	97.6
	57	1	.5	2.4	100.0
	Total	41	22.5	100.0	
	Missing	Don't know	4	2.2	
System		137	75.3		
Total		141	77.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q30 The last time you ran away, where did you stay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	At a relative's place	6	3.3	13.6	13.6
	At a friend's place	28	15.4	63.6	77.3
	At a hotel or motel	1	.5	2.3	79.5
	In a shelter	1	.5	2.3	81.8
	Somewhere outside	3	1.6	6.8	88.6
	Somewhere else (please describe)	5	2.7	11.4	100.0
	Total	44	24.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	137	75.3		
	Total	138	75.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q30A Q30 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	At a friend's place	2	1.1	40.0	40.0
	Somewhere else	1	.5	20.0	60.0
	Pastor/mentor's place	2	1.1	40.0	100.0
	Total	5	2.7	100.0	
Missing	System	177	97.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q31 What was the main reason you ran away the last time?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	43	23.6	100.0	100.0
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	137	75.3		
	Total	139	76.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q31A Q31 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Alcohol/drugs	1	.5	2.3	2.3
	Anger/emotions/stress	9	4.9	20.9	23.3
	Not getting along with family/foster parents	14	7.7	32.6	55.8
	Didn't like placement/bad treatment	12	6.6	27.9	83.7
	Didn't want to face consequences	2	1.1	4.7	88.4
	Wanted to see family members/friends	1	.5	2.3	90.7
	Just wanted to	3	1.6	7.0	97.7
	Other	1	.5	2.3	100.0
	Total	43	23.6	100.0	
Missing	System	139	76.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q32 What could have been done so that you would not have run away last time?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	40	22.0	97.6	97.6
	No comments	1	.5	2.4	100.0
	Total	41	22.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
	System	137	75.3		
	Total	141	77.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q32A Q32 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Nothing	9	4.9	22.5	22.5
	Treated me better	6	3.3	15.0	37.5
	Talked with someone/foster parents/family	3	1.6	7.5	45.0
	Talked with social worker/staff	5	2.7	12.5	57.5
	Not gotten emotional/worked up	3	1.6	7.5	65.0
	Don't know/don't care	3	1.6	7.5	72.5
	Put in different placement	2	1.1	5.0	77.5
	Have family back/go home	4	2.2	10.0	87.5
	Other	5	2.7	12.5	100.0
	Total	40	22.0	100.0	
Missing	System	142	78.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q33 In 2007 did you have any contact with any adult member of your biological family?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	143	78.6	79.0	79.0
	No	38	20.9	21.0	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q34 Was it your choice not to have contact, or was it not possible to arrange contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	By choice	16	8.8	45.7	45.7
	Not possible to arrange contact	19	10.4	54.3	100.0
	Total	35	19.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	144	79.1		
	Total	147	80.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q35 How much contact did you have in 2007? Would you say . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A few times a week	47	25.8	33.8	33.8
	About once a week	11	6.0	7.9	41.7
	A few times a month	38	20.9	27.3	69.1
	About once month	12	6.6	8.6	77.7
	About every other month	4	2.2	2.9	80.6
	A few times throughout the year	20	11.0	14.4	95.0
	Or less often	7	3.8	5.0	100.0
	Total	139	76.4	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	39	21.4		
	Total	43	23.6		
Total	182	100.0			

Q36 Was this about the right amount of contact, or would you have preferred more contact, or less contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Right amount of contact	76	41.8	53.9	53.9
	Prefer MORE contact	57	31.3	40.4	94.3
	Prefer LESS contact	8	4.4	5.7	100.0
	Total	141	77.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	1.1		
	System	39	21.4		
	Total	41	22.5		
Total	182	100.0			

Q37 Please tell me why you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	8	4.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	174	95.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q37A Q37 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Don't get along with parents	6	3.3	75.0	75.0
	Too stressful/not good influence	1	.5	12.5	87.5
	Other	1	.5	12.5	100.0
	Total	8	4.4	100.0	
Missing	System	174	95.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q38 Other than your biological parents, is there ONE adult that has an important positive influence on your life currently?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	151	83.0	83.9	83.9
	No	29	15.9	16.1	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q39 How is this person related to you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	150	82.4	99.3	99.3
	No comments	1	.5	.7	100.0
	Total	151	83.0	100.0	
Missing	System	31	17.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q39A Q39 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Parent	8	4.4	5.3	5.3
	Sibling	17	9.3	11.3	16.7
	Foster Parent	43	23.6	28.7	45.3
	Grandparent	20	11.0	13.3	58.7
	Other Relative	18	9.9	12.0	70.7
	Friend	14	7.7	9.3	80.0
	Teacher/Counselor	14	7.7	9.3	89.3
	Other Person	13	7.1	8.7	98.0
	Other Adult	3	1.6	2.0	100.0
	Total	150	82.4	100.0	
Missing	System	32	17.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q40 How old were you when this person first became important in your life?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	14	7.7	9.5	9.5
	2	4	2.2	2.7	12.2
	3	2	1.1	1.4	13.6
	4	6	3.3	4.1	17.7
	5	6	3.3	4.1	21.8
	6	3	1.6	2.0	23.8
	7	3	1.6	2.0	25.9
	8	6	3.3	4.1	29.9
	9	3	1.6	2.0	32.0
	10	3	1.6	2.0	34.0
	11	1	.5	.7	34.7
	12	3	1.6	2.0	36.7
	13	9	4.9	6.1	42.9
	14	15	8.2	10.2	53.1
	15	20	11.0	13.6	66.7
	16	27	14.8	18.4	85.0
	17	19	10.4	12.9	98.0
	18	3	1.6	2.0	100.0
Total		147	80.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	31	17.0		
	Total	35	19.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q41 Is there someone whom you can confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Definitely yes	137	75.3	75.7	75.7
	Probably yes	26	14.3	14.4	90.1
	Probably not	3	1.6	1.7	91.7
	Definitely not	5	2.7	2.8	94.5
	Or, you are not sure	10	5.5	5.5	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q42 When you have a problem, who do you tend to go to first? Is it . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Your foster parents	50	27.5	27.6	27.6
	Your biological or adoptive parents	9	4.9	5.0	32.6
	Your friends	44	24.2	24.3	56.9
	Your sisters or brothers	22	12.1	12.2	69.1
	Your teachers	3	1.6	1.7	70.7
	Your social worker	6	3.3	3.3	74.0
	Someone else	39	21.4	21.5	95.6
	Or no one	8	4.4	4.4	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q43 In 2007 did you participate in any sports, clubs, teams, or volunteer organizations?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	121	66.5	66.5	66.5
	No	61	33.5	33.5	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Q44 In general would you say your health is . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Excellent	56	30.8	30.8	30.8
	Very good	61	33.5	33.5	64.3
	Good	49	26.9	26.9	91.2
	Fair	16	8.8	8.8	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q45 When did you last have a physical examination by a doctor or nurse?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than a year ago	147	80.8	82.6	82.6
	1 to 2 years ago	26	14.3	14.6	97.2
	More than 2 years ago	3	1.6	1.7	98.9
	Or you have never had an exam	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q46 When did you last have a dental examination by a dentist or hygienist?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than a year ago	155	85.2	86.1	86.1
	1 to 2 years ago	17	9.3	9.4	95.6
	More than 2 years ago	7	3.8	3.9	99.4
	Or you have never had an exam	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q47 Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed medical care, but did not get it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	19	10.4	10.7	10.7
	No	159	87.4	89.3	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q48 Why did you think you needed medical care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	19	10.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	163	89.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q48A Q48 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Pain/soreness/sick	5	2.7	26.3	26.3
	Needed glasses/eye problems	2	1.1	10.5	36.8
	Needed a dentist/braces	4	2.2	21.1	57.9
	Didn't feel well/vomiting	5	2.7	26.3	84.2
	Asthma/bronchitis/cold	1	.5	5.3	89.5
	Haven't had a checkup or doctor visit	1	.5	5.3	94.7
	Other	1	.5	5.3	100.0
	Total	19	10.4	100.0	
Missing	System	163	89.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q49 What is the main reason that you did not get the medical care that you thought you needed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	18	9.9	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	163	89.6		
	Total	164	90.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q49A Q49 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't follow through	2	1.1	11.1	11.1
	Too busy	1	.5	5.6	16.7
	Family or parent decision	6	3.3	33.3	50.0
	Social worker reasons	3	1.6	16.7	66.7
	Didn't qualify/couldn't afford/not available	3	1.6	16.7	83.3
	No one thought I needed it	2	1.1	11.1	94.4
	Other	1	.5	5.6	100.0
	Total	18	9.9	100.0	
Missing	System	164	90.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q50 Are you currently meeting with a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	74	40.7	40.9	40.9
	No	107	58.8	59.1	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q50A How long have you been seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 3 months	13	7.1	17.6	17.6
	3 to 6 months	14	7.7	18.9	36.5
	6 to 12 months	8	4.4	10.8	47.3
	Or more than 12 months	39	21.4	52.7	100.0
	Total	74	40.7	100.0	
Missing	System	108	59.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q51 How helpful has this been? Would you say . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very helpful	40	22.0	54.1	54.1
	Somewhat helpful	24	13.2	32.4	86.5
	Neither helpful nor unhelpful	4	2.2	5.4	91.9
	Somewhat unhelpful	4	2.2	5.4	97.3
	Or very unhelpful	2	1.1	2.7	100.0
	Total	74	40.7	100.0	
Missing	System	108	59.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q52 During 2007, did you have the same psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist or did you have a change in your counselors or therapists?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The same counselors/ treatment team	44	24.2	59.5	59.5
	Different counselors/ treatment teams	29	15.9	39.2	98.6
	Not sure	1	.5	1.4	100.0
	Total	74	40.7	100.0	
Missing	System	108	59.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q53 What is the main reason that your psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist changed in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	27	14.8	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	153	84.1		
	Total	155	85.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q53A Q53 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Changed Placement	14	7.7	51.9	51.9
	Therapist Left	8	4.4	29.6	81.5
	Therapy wasn't helping	1	.5	3.7	85.2
	Didn't like Therapist	2	1.1	7.4	92.6
	Too far to travel	1	.5	3.7	96.3
	Other	1	.5	3.7	100.0
	Total	27	14.8	100.0	
Missing	System	155	85.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q54 Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed counseling or therapy, but did not get it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	20	11.0	11.0	11.0
	No	161	88.5	89.0	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q55 Why did you think you needed counseling or therapy?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	20	11.0	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	162	89.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q55A Q55 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Depression/sadness	4	2.2	20.0	20.0
	Help with problems/issues	5	2.7	25.0	45.0
	Emotional issues	2	1.1	10.0	55.0
	Death of friend/family member	2	1.1	10.0	65.0
	Needed to talk with someone	5	2.7	25.0	90.0
	Other	2	1.1	10.0	100.0
	Total	20	11.0	100.0	
Missing	System	162	89.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q56 What's the main reason that you did not get the counseling or therapy that you thought you needed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	19	10.4	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	162	89.0		
	Total	163	89.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q56A Q56 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't follow through	6	3.3	31.6	31.6
	Too busy	1	.5	5.3	36.8
	Family or parent decision	1	.5	5.3	42.1
	Social worker reasons	1	.5	5.3	47.4
	Didn't qualify/couldn't afford/not available	1	.5	5.3	52.6
	No one thought I needed it	1	.5	5.3	57.9
	Other	8	4.4	42.1	100.0
	Total	19	10.4	100.0	
Missing	System	163	89.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q57 Did you have an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	31	17.0	17.1	17.1
	No	150	82.4	82.9	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q58 How many social workers have you had since you've been in foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	1	.5	.6	.6
	1	22	12.1	13.1	13.7
	2	35	19.2	20.8	34.5
	3	43	23.6	25.6	60.1
	4	22	12.1	13.1	73.2
	5	21	11.5	12.5	85.7
	6	10	5.5	6.0	91.7
	7	5	2.7	3.0	94.6
	8	2	1.1	1.2	95.8
	9	1	.5	.6	96.4
	10	3	1.6	1.8	98.2
	15	1	.5	.6	98.8
	23	1	.5	.6	99.4
	32	1	.5	.6	100.0
Total		168	92.3	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	11	6.0		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	Total	14	7.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q59 Do you know your current DCFS or DSHS social worker's name?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	164	90.1	90.6	90.6
	No	15	8.2	8.3	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q60 Do you know how to contact your current social worker?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	172	94.5	94.5	94.5
	No	10	5.5	5.5	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q61 About how often did you talk on the telephone or communicate by email with your social worker in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	21	11.5	11.7	11.7
	A few times a month	30	16.5	16.7	28.3
	About once a month	37	20.3	20.6	48.9
	About every other month	23	12.6	12.8	61.7
	About every three months	26	14.3	14.4	76.1
	Less often	25	13.7	13.9	90.0
	Or never in 2007	18	9.9	10.0	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q62 About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	9	4.9	5.1	5.1
	A few times a month	13	7.1	7.3	12.4
	About once a month	43	23.6	24.2	36.5
	About every other month	36	19.8	20.2	56.7
	About every three months	39	21.4	21.9	78.7
	Less often	28	15.4	15.7	94.4
	Or never in 2007	10	5.5	5.6	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q63 Were any of these face-to-face visits at your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	148	81.3	88.6	88.6
	No	19	10.4	11.4	100.0
	Total	167	91.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	14	7.7		
	Total	15	8.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q64 About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker at your placement in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Once a week or more	2	1.1	1.4	1.4
	A few times a month	5	2.7	3.4	4.8
	About once a month	38	20.9	25.9	30.6
	About every other month	32	17.6	21.8	52.4
	About every three months	41	22.5	27.9	80.3
	Or less often	29	15.9	19.7	100.0
	Total	147	80.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	34	18.7		
	Total	35	19.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q65 Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of support provided by your social worker?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very satisfied	86	47.3	47.8	47.8
	Somewhat satisfied	49	26.9	27.2	75.0
	Somewhat dissatisfied	24	13.2	13.3	88.3
	Or very dissatisfied	21	11.5	11.7	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q66 What is the main reason that you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	167	91.8	98.2	98.2
	No comments	3	1.6	1.8	100.0
	Total	170	93.4	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	9	4.9		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	12	6.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q66A Q66 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Social worker listens to me	2	1.1	1.2	1.2
	Social worker helps me/is supportive	41	22.5	24.6	25.7
	Social worker always there for me	16	8.8	9.6	35.3
	Social worker is easy to deal with/communicates well	12	6.6	7.2	42.5
	Social worker is professional	6	3.3	3.6	46.1
	Likes Social worker	11	6.0	6.6	52.7
	Social worker doesn't listen/doesn't communicate	23	12.6	13.8	66.5
	Social worker doesn't get things done/doesn't follow through	12	6.6	7.2	73.7
	Social worker is never there for me	9	4.9	5.4	79.0
	Social worker doesn't support me	9	4.9	5.4	84.4
	Hard to get a hold of social worker	17	9.3	10.2	94.6
	Social worker is unprofessional	3	1.6	1.8	96.4
	Don't like social worker	1	.5	.6	97.0
	Other reasons	5	2.7	3.0	100.0
	Total	167	91.8	100.0	
Missing	System	15	8.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q67 Do you know how to get help from DCFS - the Division of Child and Family Services - after hours or on weekends?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	97	53.3	53.3	53.3
	No	82	45.1	45.1	98.4
	Not sure	3	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q68 How many living biological sisters or brothers do you have?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	12	6.6	6.7	6.7
	One	22	12.1	12.2	18.9
	Two	33	18.1	18.3	37.2
	Three	36	19.8	20.0	57.2
	Four	26	14.3	14.4	71.7
	Five	19	10.4	10.6	82.2
	Six	7	3.8	3.9	86.1
	Seven or more	25	13.7	13.9	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q69 How many are living with you in your current placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	133	73.1	78.7	78.7
	One	25	13.7	14.8	93.5
	Two	6	3.3	3.6	97.0
	Three	4	2.2	2.4	99.4
	Five	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	169	92.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	12	6.6		
	Total	13	7.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q70 In a typical month in 2007, how often did you have visits and other forms of contact with your brothers and sisters who were not living with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Not at all	45	24.7	28.7	28.7
	Less than once a month	35	19.2	22.3	51.0
	Once a month	18	9.9	11.5	62.4
	Twice a month	12	6.6	7.6	70.1
	Three times a month	6	3.3	3.8	73.9
	Four times a month	7	3.8	4.5	78.3
	More than 4 times a month	34	18.7	21.7	100.0
	Total	157	86.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	22	12.1		
	Total	25	13.7		
Total	182	100.0			

Q71 What is the main reason that you had so little contact with your brothers and sisters?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	76	41.8	98.7	98.7
	No comments	1	.5	1.3	100.0
	Total	77	42.3	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	102	56.0		
	Total	105	57.7		
Total	182	100.0			

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	I am busy/they are busy	6	3.3	7.9	7.9
	Don't know where they are/how to reach them	17	9.3	22.4	30.3
	They live far away/in another state	24	13.2	31.6	61.8
	Don't have contact with them	7	3.8	9.2	71.1
	Don't want contact/don't get along	10	5.5	13.2	84.2
	Non-contact order/not allowed	11	6.0	14.5	98.7
	Not sure	1	.5	1.3	100.0
	Total	76	41.8	100.0	
Missing	System	106	58.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q72 In your dependency case in 2007, did you have a Guardian Ad Litem, sometimes referred to as a GAL, or a court appointed special advocate, sometimes referred to as a CASA, or did you have both, or none of these?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Guardian Ad Litem	63	34.6	41.2	41.2
	Court appointed special advocate	9	4.9	5.9	47.1
	Both	10	5.5	6.5	53.6
	None of these	71	39.0	46.4	100.0
	Total	153	84.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	28	15.4		
	Total	29	15.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q73 Were you represented by an attorney?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	116	63.7	74.4	74.4
	No	40	22.0	25.6	100.0
	Total	156	85.7	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	25	13.7		
	Total	26	14.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q74 Do you feel that your wishes or interests were heard in court in 2007?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Definitely yes	72	39.6	42.6	42.6
	Probably yes	59	32.4	34.9	77.5
	Probably not	14	7.7	8.3	85.8
	Or definitely not	24	13.2	14.2	100.0
	Total	169	92.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	2	1.1		
	Don't know	11	6.0		
	Total	13	7.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q75 In 2007, how often were you notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Always	70	38.5	40.2	40.2
	Most of the time	34	18.7	19.5	59.8
	About half the time	12	6.6	6.9	66.7
	Rarely	23	12.6	13.2	79.9
	Never	8	4.4	4.6	84.5
	Or were there no court hearings in 2007	27	14.8	15.5	100.0
	Total	174	95.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	4.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q76 In 2007, how many dependency court hearings did you attend?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	47	25.8	33.1	33.1
	One	29	15.9	20.4	53.5
	Two	33	18.1	23.2	76.8
	Three or more	33	18.1	23.2	100.0
	Total	142	78.0	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	2.7		
	System	35	19.2		
	Total	40	22.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q77 In 2007, how many dependency court hearings that you know of did you miss?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	None	50	27.5	40.3	40.3
	One	21	11.5	16.9	57.3
	Two	27	14.8	21.8	79.0
	Three or more	26	14.3	21.0	100.0
	Total	124	68.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	23	12.6		
	System	35	19.2		
	Total	58	31.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q78 Were you advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007, including both the ones you attended and those you did not attend?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	110	60.4	81.5	81.5
	No	25	13.7	18.5	100.0
	Total	135	74.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	12	6.6		
	System	35	19.2		
	Total	47	25.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q79 Have you ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program to help young adults in foster care with school-related problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	66	36.3	37.1	37.1
	No	112	61.5	62.9	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q80 Have you heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program, mentoring programs available through Independent Living agencies?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	133	73.1	73.1	73.1
	No	49	26.9	26.9	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Q81 Have you heard about the 'you-can-go-to-college' or all-day 'Foster Care to College' workshops put on by Independent Living providers and Treehouse?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	93	51.1	52.2	52.2
	No	85	46.7	47.8	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q82 Another program is the Make-It-Happen summer college experience. Have you heard about that program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	103	56.6	57.2	57.2
	No	77	42.3	42.8	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q83 Now I would like to ask you some questions about your work experience. Are you currently working for pay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	55	30.2	30.4	30.4
	No	126	69.2	69.6	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q84 Did you ever do any work for pay?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	46.2	66.1	66.1
	No	43	23.6	33.9	100.0
	Total	127	69.8	100.0	
Missing	System	55	30.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q85 Did you ever want to work, but couldn't find any paying jobs?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	26	14.3	60.5	60.5
	No	17	9.3	39.5	100.0
	Total	43	23.6	100.0	
Missing	System	139	76.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q86 Are you currently looking for work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	90	49.5	70.9	70.9
	No	37	20.3	29.1	100.0
	Total	127	69.8	100.0	
Missing	System	55	30.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q87 Would you say that your main caregivers are supportive or not supportive, or neutral about your working or looking for work?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Supportive	149	81.9	84.2	84.2
	Not supportive	3	1.6	1.7	85.9
	Neutral	25	13.7	14.1	100.0
	Total	177	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	2.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q88 How prepared do you feel you are to get a full-time job? Would you say you are

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well prepared	84	46.2	46.9	46.9
	Somewhat prepared	68	37.4	38.0	84.9
	Somewhat unprepared	21	11.5	11.7	96.6
	Very unprepared	6	3.3	3.4	100.0
	Total	179	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q89 Did a social worker ever refer you to the Independent Living or the Transitional Living program, also referred to as the IL or the TL program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	121	66.5	69.9	69.9
	No	52	28.6	30.1	100.0
	Total	173	95.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	9	4.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q90 Did you ever participate in an Independent Living, or a Transitional Living program?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	94	51.6	52.8	52.8
	No	84	46.2	47.2	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	3	1.6		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q91 Why didn't you participate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	73	40.1	98.6	98.6
	No comments	1	.5	1.4	100.0
	Total	74	40.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	10	5.5		
	System	98	53.8		
	Total	108	59.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q91A Q91 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Didn't know/didn't hear about it	21	11.5	28.8	28.8
	Social worker has not set it up/not invited	9	4.9	12.3	41.1
	Didn't want to/didn't need it	11	6.0	15.1	56.2
	Didn't care for it	7	3.8	9.6	65.8
	Too busy with school/work	14	7.7	19.2	84.9
	No transportation	2	1.1	2.7	87.7
	Will start soon/just started	3	1.6	4.1	91.8
	Missed the meetings	1	.5	1.4	93.2
	Not sure	2	1.1	2.7	95.9
	Other reasons	1	.5	1.4	97.3
	Not allowed	2	1.1	2.7	100.0
	Total		73	40.1	100.0
Missing	System	109	59.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q92 In 2007 did you complete a Life Skills Assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	77	42.3	44.8	44.8
	No	95	52.2	55.2	100.0
	Total	172	94.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	10	5.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q93 Did your social worker or IL provider review the results with you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	54	29.7	72.0	72.0
	No	21	11.5	28.0	100.0
	Total	75	41.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	105	57.7		
	Total	107	58.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q94 Did your social worker or Independent Living provider invite you to develop an Independent Living Plan, a Learning Plan, or an IL plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	93	51.1	54.7	54.7
	No	77	42.3	45.3	100.0
	Total	170	93.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	12	6.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q95 Did you participate in developing this Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	79	43.4	85.9	85.9
	No	13	7.1	14.1	100.0
	Total	92	50.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	89	48.9		
	Total	90	49.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q95A Why didn't you participate in developing this IL Plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	12	6.6	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	169	92.9		
	Total	170	93.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q95AA Q95A - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Too busy	1	.5	8.3	8.3
	Planning to do it	1	.5	8.3	16.7
	Didn't want to/didn't need it	3	1.6	25.0	41.7
	In school	2	1.1	16.7	58.3
	No transportation	1	.5	8.3	66.7
	Don't Know	1	.5	8.3	75.0
	Wasn't asked/notified	1	.5	8.3	83.3
	Didn't know about it	1	.5	8.3	91.7
	Other	1	.5	8.3	100.0
	Total	12	6.6	100.0	
Missing	System	170	93.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q96 Do you know whether an Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan was developed for you?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	11	6.0	13.9	13.9
	No	68	37.4	86.1	100.0
	Total	79	43.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	23	12.6		
	System	80	44.0		
	Total	103	56.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q97 How well do you think your IL Plan will help you in making the transition to adulthood? Would you say . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very well	44	24.2	48.9	48.9
	Somewhat well	45	24.7	50.0	98.9
	Not very well	1	.5	1.1	100.0
	Total	90	49.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	91	50.0		
	Total	92	50.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98A Have you received any information or training about: How to succeed in high school or college

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	86	47.3	47.3	47.3
	No	94	51.6	51.6	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Q98B Have you received any information or training about: Assistance with applying to colleges

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	94	51.6	51.6	51.6
	No	88	48.4	48.4	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Q98C Have you received any information or training about: Preparing for college

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	100	54.9	55.6	55.6
	No	80	44.0	44.4	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	1	.5		
	Total	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98D Have you received any information or training about: Finding a job

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	110	60.4	61.1	61.1
	No	69	37.9	38.3	99.4
	Not sure	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98E Have you received any information or training about: Keeping a job

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	88	48.4	48.6	48.6
	No	91	50.0	50.3	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98F Have you received any information or training about: Finding housing

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	83	45.6	45.6	45.6
	No	96	52.7	52.7	98.4
	Not sure	3	1.6	1.6	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q98G Have you received any information or training about: Daily living skills

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	109	59.9	60.2	60.2
	No	70	38.5	38.7	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98H Have you received any information or training about: Interpersonal skills

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	46.2	46.4	46.4
	No	96	52.7	53.0	99.4
	Not sure	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98I Have you received any information or training about: Advocating for yourself

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	92	50.5	51.1	51.1
	No	83	45.6	46.1	97.2
	Not sure	5	2.7	2.8	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q98J Have you received any information or training about: Making healthy connections with your biological family

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	68	37.4	37.4	37.4
	No	112	61.5	61.5	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q98K Have you received any information or training about: Making healthy connections with your extended family

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	74	40.7	40.9	40.9
	No	106	58.2	58.6	99.4
	Not sure	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q99 Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	67	36.8	38.1	38.1
	No	109	59.9	61.9	100.0
	Total	176	96.7	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	4	2.2		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	6	3.3		
Total		182	100.0		

Q100 Has this meeting taken place yet?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	46	25.3	69.7	69.7
	No	20	11.0	30.3	100.0
	Total	66	36.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	115	63.2		
	Total	116	63.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q101A When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet, when is it scheduled? month

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	4	2.2	7.8	7.8
	2	12	6.6	23.5	31.4
	3	11	6.0	21.6	52.9
	4	7	3.8	13.7	66.7
	5	4	2.2	7.8	74.5
	6	2	1.1	3.9	78.4
	8	2	1.1	3.9	82.4
	9	2	1.1	3.9	86.3
	10	1	.5	2.0	88.2
	11	3	1.6	5.9	94.1
	12	3	1.6	5.9	100.0
	Total		51	28.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	16	8.8		
	System	115	63.2		
	Total	131	72.0		
Total		182	100.0		

**Q101B When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet,
 when is it scheduled? day**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent	
Valid	1	1	.5	3.2	3.2	
	2	1	.5	3.2	6.5	
	5	1	.5	3.2	9.7	
	7	1	.5	3.2	12.9	
	8	1	.5	3.2	16.1	
	12	2	1.1	6.5	22.6	
	13	2	1.1	6.5	29.0	
	14	1	.5	3.2	32.3	
	15	3	1.6	9.7	41.9	
	17	2	1.1	6.5	48.4	
	18	1	.5	3.2	51.6	
	19	1	.5	3.2	54.8	
	20	2	1.1	6.5	61.3	
	21	3	1.6	9.7	71.0	
	22	1	.5	3.2	74.2	
	25	2	1.1	6.5	80.6	
	26	1	.5	3.2	83.9	
	27	1	.5	3.2	87.1	
	28	3	1.6	9.7	96.8	
	29	1	.5	3.2	100.0	
		Total	31	17.0	100.0	
	Missing	Don't know	36	19.8		
		System	115	63.2		
		Total	151	83.0		
	Total		182	100.0		

**Q101C When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet,
 when is it scheduled? year**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2006	1	.5	1.9	1.9
	2007	16	8.8	30.8	32.7
	2008	35	19.2	67.3	100.0
	Total	52	28.6	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	15	8.2		
	System	115	63.2		
	Total	130	71.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q102 Were you able/Will you be able to participate in this shared planning meeting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	62	34.1	93.9	93.9
	No	4	2.2	6.1	100.0
	Total	66	36.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	115	63.2		
	Total	116	63.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q103 What is the main reason you weren't able/won't be able to participate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	4	2.2	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	178	97.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q103A Q103 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Working	2	1.1	50.0	50.0
	In Jail	1	.5	25.0	75.0
	Too young	1	.5	25.0	100.0
	Total	4	2.2	100.0	
Missing	System	178	97.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q104A Did you and your social worker or IL Provider talk about developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	84	46.2	47.2	47.2
	No	83	45.6	46.6	93.8
	Not sure	11	6.0	6.2	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q104B Did you participate in developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	75	41.2	42.4	42.4
	No	96	52.7	54.2	96.6
	Not sure	6	3.3	3.4	100.0
	Total	177	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	5	2.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q104C Do you have a written plan for your transition from foster care?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	39	21.4	22.0	22.0
	No	128	70.3	72.3	94.4
	Not sure	10	5.5	5.6	100.0
	Total	177	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	5	2.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q105A Are you taking or have you completed a Driver's Education class?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	70	38.5	38.9	38.9
	No	110	60.4	61.1	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q105B Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	133	73.1	74.3	74.3
	No	44	24.2	24.6	98.9
	Not sure	2	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	179	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	2	1.1		
	Total	3	1.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q105C Do you have a driver's license or ID card from Washington State?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	114	62.6	63.3	63.3
	No	66	36.3	36.7	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q105D Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	112	61.5	62.2	62.2
	No	64	35.2	35.6	97.8
	Not sure	4	2.2	2.2	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q105E Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	152	83.5	84.4	84.4
	No	27	14.8	15.0	99.4
	Not sure	1	.5	.6	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q106 Overall, how prepared do you feel to live on your own? Would you say that you are . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very prepared	49	26.9	27.2	27.2
	Somewhat prepared	92	50.5	51.1	78.3
	Not very prepared	27	14.8	15.0	93.3
	Not at all prepared	12	6.6	6.7	100.0
	Total	180	98.9	100.0	
Missing	System	2	1.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q107 In 2007 was there ever a time when another person at your placement made you feel physically unsafe?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	15	8.2	8.3	8.3
	No	166	91.2	91.7	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q108 Was this person . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	A foster parent	5	2.7	33.3	33.3
	Another adult	2	1.1	13.3	46.7
	Another youth	8	4.4	53.3	100.0
	Total	15	8.2	100.0	
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q109 What is the main reason that you felt unsafe?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	15	8.2	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q109A Q109 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Felt threatened	9	4.9	60.0	60.0
	Violence/emotions	1	.5	6.7	66.7
	Abuse and sex	1	.5	6.7	73.3
	Yelling	2	1.1	13.3	86.7
	Alcohol/drugs	2	1.1	13.3	100.0
	Total	15	8.2	100.0	
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q110A Did you tell your social worker about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	13	7.1	86.7	86.7
	No	2	1.1	13.3	100.0
	Total	15	8.2	100.0	
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q110B Did you tell someone else about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	11	6.0	73.3	73.3
	No	4	2.2	26.7	100.0
	Total	15	8.2	100.0	
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q111 Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, wants to be contacted	2	1.1	13.3	13.3
	No, does not want assistance	13	7.1	86.7	100.0
	Total	15	8.2	100.0	
Missing	System	167	91.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q111A Respondent wants to be contacted--fill out paper form

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	2	1.1	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	180	98.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q111B Respondent wants phone number of someone to contact

		Frequency	Percent
Missing	System	182	100.0

Q112 Thinking about your own personal hopes and goals for the future, are you . . .

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very optimistic	97	53.3	54.8	54.8
	Fairly optimistic	66	36.3	37.3	92.1
	Not too optimistic	9	4.9	5.1	97.2
	Or not at all optimistiC	5	2.7	2.8	100.0
	Total	177	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	2.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q113 What is the main reason you feel this way?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	137	75.3	95.1	95.1
	No comments	7	3.8	4.9	100.0
	Total	144	79.1	100.0	
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	32	17.6		
	System	5	2.7		
	Total	38	20.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q113A Q113 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Feels good about self/future	16	8.8	11.7	11.7
	Has skills/job opportunities	5	2.7	3.6	15.3
	Is optimistic/positive attitude-feelings	29	15.9	21.2	36.5
	Has plans/working toward goals	28	15.4	20.4	56.9
	Supported by family/foster parents	11	6.0	8.0	65.0
	Feels prepared	7	3.8	5.1	70.1
	Doesn't feel good about self/future	4	2.2	2.9	73.0
	Scared about future	6	3.3	4.4	77.4
	Doesn't feel prepared	6	3.3	4.4	81.8
	Because of past experiences	4	2.2	2.9	84.7
	Don't know	3	1.6	2.2	86.9
	Other reasons	5	2.7	3.6	90.5
	Just feels that way	2	1.1	1.5	92.0
	Uncertain of future	11	6.0	8.0	100.0
	Total	137	75.3	100.0	
Missing	System	45	24.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q114 Are you male or female?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	97	53.3	53.3	53.3
	Female	85	46.7	46.7	100.0
	Total	182	100.0	100.0	

Q115 Were you born in the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	174	95.6	96.1	96.1
	No	7	3.8	3.9	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q116 In what year did you move to the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1991	1	.5	16.7	16.7
	1992	1	.5	16.7	33.3
	1993	1	.5	16.7	50.0
	1996	1	.5	16.7	66.7
	2002	1	.5	16.7	83.3
	2005	1	.5	16.7	100.0
	Total	6	3.3	100.0	
Missing	don't know	1	.5		
	System	175	96.2		
	Total	176	96.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q117 How would you describe the geographic area in which you live?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Rural area	21	11.5	12.1	12.1
	Small town	72	39.6	41.6	53.8
	Suburb	17	9.3	9.8	63.6
	City or urban area	63	34.6	36.4	100.0
	Total	173	95.1	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	9	4.9		
Total		182	100.0		

Q118 Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	25	13.7	14.1	14.1
	No	152	83.5	85.9	100.0
	Total	177	97.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	5	2.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q119 Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian	9	4.9	5.0	5.0
	Black or African American	23	12.6	12.8	17.9
	Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific islander	3	1.6	1.7	19.6
	Hispanic or Latin American	12	6.6	6.7	26.3
	Caucasian or white	102	56.0	57.0	83.2
	Eskimo or Aleut	1	.5	.6	83.8
	Some other ethnicity	29	15.9	16.2	100.0
	Total	179	98.4	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
Total		182	100.0		

Q119A Q119 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	American Indian	2	1.1	6.9	6.9
	Black or African American	1	.5	3.4	10.3
	Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	2	1.1	6.9	17.2
	Hispanic or Latin American	2	1.1	6.9	24.1
	Caucasian or White	3	1.6	10.3	34.5
	Other	2	1.1	6.9	41.4
	Indian-Hispanic	3	1.6	10.3	51.7
	Indian-White	2	1.1	6.9	58.6
	Black-White	4	2.2	13.8	72.4
	Asian-White	1	.5	3.4	75.9
	Hispanic-White	7	3.8	24.1	100.0
	Total	29	15.9	100.0	
Missing	System	153	84.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q120 Do you have a computer in your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	157	86.3	86.7	86.7
	No	24	13.2	13.3	100.0
	Total	181	99.5	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q121 Do you have access to the Internet in your placement?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	132	72.5	85.2	85.2
	No	23	12.6	14.8	100.0
	Total	155	85.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	2	1.1		
	System	25	13.7		
	Total	27	14.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Zipcode Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Out of State	9	4.9	5.3	5.3
	West	122	67.0	71.3	76.6
	East	40	22.0	23.4	100.0
	Total	171	94.0	100.0	
Missing	System	11	6.0		
Total		182	100.0		

Q123 Do you know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	169	92.9	94.9	94.9
	No	9	4.9	5.1	100.0
	Total	178	97.8	100.0	
Missing	Refused	3	1.6		
	Don't know	1	.5		
	Total	4	2.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q124 Do you think your foster parents know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	160	87.9	95.2	95.2
	No	8	4.4	4.8	100.0
	Total	168	92.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	13	7.1		
	Total	14	7.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Q125 Do you currently identify as heterosexual or straight?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	151	83.0	91.0	91.0
	No	15	8.2	9.0	100.0
	Total	166	91.2	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	3	1.6		
	System	13	7.1		
	Total	16	8.8		
Total		182	100.0		

Q126 Do you currently identify as transgender (gender queer, gender fluid)?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	No	36	19.8	100.0	100.0
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	145	79.7		
	Total	146	80.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q127 Do you currently identify as homosexual (gay male, lesbian female)?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	7	3.8	19.4	19.4
	No	29	15.9	80.6	100.0
	Total	36	19.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	145	79.7		
	Total	146	80.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q128 Do you currently identify as bisexual?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	12	6.6	33.3	33.3
	No	24	13.2	66.7	100.0
	Total	36	19.8	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	1	.5		
	System	145	79.7		
	Total	146	80.2		
Total		182	100.0		

Q129 How old were you when you became aware of your sexual orientation or gender identity?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2	1	.5	3.3	3.3
	4	3	1.6	10.0	13.3
	7	1	.5	3.3	16.7
	8	2	1.1	6.7	23.3
	10	6	3.3	20.0	43.3
	11	2	1.1	6.7	50.0
	12	5	2.7	16.7	66.7
	13	4	2.2	13.3	80.0
	14	4	2.2	13.3	93.3
	16	1	.5	3.3	96.7
	17	1	.5	3.3	100.0
		Total	30	16.5	100.0
Missing	Refused	1	.5		
	Don't know	6	3.3		
	System	145	79.7		
	Total	152	83.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q130 Has your sexual orientation or gender identity created any problems for you in your foster care placements?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	3	1.6	1.8	1.8
	No	166	91.2	98.2	100.0
	Total	169	92.9	100.0	
Missing	System	13	7.1		
Total		182	100.0		

Q131 What kinds of problems?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	3	1.6	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	179	98.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q131A Q131 - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	School	1	.5	33.3	33.3
	Harrassment/not being accepted	1	.5	33.3	66.7
	Other	1	.5	33.3	100.0
	Total	3	1.6	100.0	
Missing	System	179	98.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q132A Did you tell your social worker about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	2	1.1	66.7	66.7
	No	1	.5	33.3	100.0
	Total	3	1.6	100.0	
Missing	System	179	98.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q132B Did you tell someone else about this?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	3	1.6	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	179	98.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q133 Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes, wants to be contacted	1	.5	33.3	33.3
	No, does not want assistance	2	1.1	66.7	100.0
	Total	3	1.6	100.0	
Missing	System	179	98.4		
Total		182	100.0		

Q133A Respondent wants to be contacted--please fill out paper form

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Press 'Enter' to continue	1	.5	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	181	99.5		
Total		182	100.0		

Q133B Respondent wants phone number of someone to contact

		Frequency	Percent
Missing	System	182	100.0

THX If you have any additional comments or questions about Washington's Foster Care system or about this survey, I can take note of them now.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Comments	6	3.3	3.3	3.3
	No Comments	176	96.7	96.7	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

QTHXA THX - Open-end Codes

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Survey/incentive	2	1.1	33.3	33.3
	Glad to do survey	1	.5	16.7	50.0
	Foster care needs improvement	1	.5	16.7	66.7
	Other	2	1.1	33.3	100.0
	Total	6	3.3	100.0	
Missing	System	176	96.7		
Total		182	100.0		

Region DSHS Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Spokane	17	9.3	9.3	9.3
	Yakima	22	12.1	12.1	21.4
	Bellingham	23	12.6	12.6	34.1
	King	41	22.5	22.5	56.6
	Thurston	38	20.9	20.9	77.5
	Vancouver	41	22.5	22.5	100.0
Total		182	100.0	100.0	

Foster Care Youth Telephone Questionnaire

Introduction

BEGIN

Hello, this is _____) from Washington State University. I'm trying to reach (name), is (he/she) available?

1. Yes – Continue 1 → YBEGIN
2. Not available – Callback 2 → Get best time to call
3. Nonworking number 3
4. Noncontact..... 4
5. Communication barrier 5
6. Other 6 _____
8. Refusal..... 8

I am an interviewer at the Social and Economic Sciences Center at Washington State University. We are trying to contact (name) as part of a study on young adults in foster care placements. Can you help me reach (name)?

(IWR: If they want more information, say "I would be happy to give more information to (name) or give you a phone number for him/her to call to get more information about the survey (800-866-0867).

YBEGIN

We recently mailed a letter to you about a survey of young adults in foster care placements. Do you remember receiving the letter?

1. Yes
2. No → It was a brief letter to let you know about the study.
3. Don't Know → " " "

YINFO

Before we begin there are a few things I need to tell you about the study:

- **First, my supervisor here at WSU might listen to parts of this interview, but all of the information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential.**
- **Your identifying information will be kept separate from the survey, so that no one will be able to see how you answered the questions.**
- **I will be asking questions about your placement in foster care, the services you have received, and your personal goals.**
- **As mentioned in the letter we sent, participating in the survey is voluntary and if you do not want to participate it will not be held against you.**

- **The interview will take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete, but could take up to half an hour.**
- **To protect your privacy, you should be on a phone where you can be comfortable, can't be overheard, and can talk in confidence.**
- **If not, I would be glad to call again later, or at a different number, or I can give you our toll free 800 number, and you can call us.**
- **Do you agree to do this interview?**

- | | | | |
|----|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. | Yes – Continue | 1 | → YINFO |
| 2. | Would prefer a callback at this number.... | 2 | → Get best time to call |
| 3. | Would prefer a callback at a different #... | 3 | → " " plus get phone # |
| 4. | Wants 800 number..... | 4 | → Provide SESRC 800# |
| 6. | Other | 6 | _____ |
| 8. | No, Refusal | 8 | → SKIP to END |

ASSENT

OK if I come to any question you would prefer not to answer, just let me know, and I'll skip over it?

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1. | Yes – Continue | 1 | |
| 2. | No - prefer not to participate | 2 | → SKIP to END |
| 3. | Other | 6 | _____ |

Placement Questions

Q1-FC First, about how many years have you spent in foster care, including placements with relatives?

_____ # YEARS

8 Don't know

Q2-N How many different placements did you have in 2007?

- 1 One → SKIP to Q5
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q5

Q3-N What is your understanding of why these moves happened?

OPEN END _____

8 Don't know

Q4-N Is there anything that could have been done to prevent these moves from occurring?

OPEN END _____

8 Don't know

Q5-N How many TOTAL placements have you had since you've been in foster care, including placements with relatives?

_____ **Total # Placements**

8 Don't know

I have a few questions about your current placement?

Q6-N In your current placement, are you . . .

- 1 LIVING WITH RELATIVES
- 2 IN A FOSTER HOME
- 3 IN A FOSTER-ADOPT HOME
- 4 IN A GROUP HOME → SKIP to Q10
- 5 OR IN SOME OTHER SITUATION _____ → SKIP to Q10
(please describe)
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q10

Q7-N Is your current placement headed by . . .

- 1 A SINGLE PARENT
- 2 DUAL PARENTS
- 3 OR SOMETHING ELSE _____
(please describe)

Q8-N How many other children, age 18 or younger, are at this placement?

_____ # OF OTHER CHILDREN (IF ZERO → SKIP TO Q10)

- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q10

Q9-N Of these _(fill Q8-N)_ children how many are foster children? (IWR: If only one child ask: Is this child in foster care? If the R answers "no" enter a zero, if the R answers "yes" enter a one.)

_____ # OF OTHER CHILDREN

- 8 Don't know

Q10-FC How long have you lived in this placement?

- 1-12 for number of months if < 1 year
- 13 1 yr up to 2 years
- 14 2 yrs up to 3 years
- 15 3 or more years
- 98 Don't know

Q11-N In 2007 did you ever spend a night in a DSHS office?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 3 don't know

Q12-N How has the foster care system treated you in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 or, NOT VERY WELL
- 8 don't know → SKIP TO Q14-N

Q13-N What is the main reason that you feel this way?

OPEN END _____

Q14-N Overall, how do you feel about your current placement? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY POSITIVE → SKIP TO Q16
- 2 SOMEWHAT POSITIVE → SKIP TO Q16
- 3 NEUTRAL – HAVEN'T DECIDED → SKIP TO Q16
- 4 SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE
- 5 OR VERY NEGATIVE
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q16

Q15-N What is the main reason that you feel this way?

OPEN END _____

Q16-N How involved were you in your case planning in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY INVOLVED
- 2 SOMEWHAT INVOLVED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNINVOLVED
- 4 OR VERY UNINVOLVED
- 8 don't know

School Questions

Q17-FC In what grade in school are you now?

- 1 7th
- 2 8th
- 3 9th
- 4 10th
- 5 11th
- 6 12th
- 7 Not in school
- 8 Other _____
- 9 Don't Know

Q18-N How old are you?

- 0 Less than 15
- 1 15
- 2 16
- 3 17
- 4 18
- 5 Over 18
- 8 Don't Know

Q19-N What is your birth date?

____ **MO**
____ **DAY**
____ **YR**

**Q20-FC In 2007 what kind of grades did you receive in school? Would you say . . .
(IWR: stop when you reach the correct category)**

- 1 MOSTLY A'S
- 2 MOSTLY A'S AND B'S
- 3 MOSTLY B'S
- 4 MOSTLY B'S AND C'S
- 5 MOSTLY C'S
- 6 MOSTLY C'S AND D'S
- 7 MOSTLY D'S AND LOWER
- 8 OR YOU WERE NOT IN SCHOOL IN 2007 → SKIP TO Q22
- 88 Don't know

Q21-FC In 2007 were you ever suspended or expelled from school?

- 1 yes – suspended
- 2 yes – expelled
- 3 yes - both
- 4 no
- 8 Don't know

Q22-FC Thinking ahead to the future, what would you say is the highest education that you plan to achieve? Would you say . . .

- 1 a GED
- 2 a high school degree
- 3 a Vocational or Technical certificate
- 4 Some college, but probably not a degree
- 5 An Associate degree
- 6 A Bachelor's degree
- 7 A Master's degree
- 8 a Doctorate degree
- 9 a Professional school degree, or
- 10 Some other degree _____
(Please Describe)
- 98 Don't know

Q23-FC How well prepared do you think you are to meet your educational goals? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNPREPARED
- 4 VERY UNPREPARED
- 8 don't know

Q24-N Have you ever heard of an Individual Education Plan, sometimes referred to as an IEP or a 504 Plan?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q28
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q28

Q25-FC Do you have an Individual Education Plan now?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q26-N Have you ever attended an IEP meeting?

- 1 yes
- 2 no → SKIP to Q28
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q28

Q27-N When you last attended an IEP meeting, did your social worker attend this meeting with you?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Now I have a few questions about being homeless and running away from home.

Runaways/Homelessness

Q28-CH In 2007 did you run away from a foster home or group home? By run away, I mean staying away for at least one night.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q33
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q33

Q29-CH How many times did you run away from a foster home or group home in 2007?

_____ # Times

- 8 Don't Know

Q30-N The last time you ran away, where did you stay?

- 1 At a relative's place
- 2 At a friend's place
- 3 At someone else's place
- 4 At a hotel or motel
- 5 In a shelter
- 6 At a restaurant that was open all night
- 7 Somewhere outside
- 8 In a vehicle
- 9 In an abandoned building
- 10 Somewhere else _____
(Please Describe)
- 11 Don't know

Q31-N What was the main reason you ran away the last time?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q32-N What could have been done so that you wouldn't have run away last time?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Significant Adult Relationships

Q33-C In 2007 did you have any contact with any adult member of your biological family? (IWR: This can also include the R's adoptive family as well.)

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q35
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q34-N Was it your choice not to have contact, or was it not possible to arrange contact?

- 1 By choice → SKIP TO Q38
- 2 Not possible to arrange contact –SKIP to Q38
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q35-N How much contact did you have in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 A FEW TIMES A WEEK
- 2 ABOUT ONCE A WEEK
- 3 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT ONCE MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVER OTHER MONTH
- 6 A FEW TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- 7 OR LESS OFTEN
- 8 Don't know

Q36-N Was this about the right amount of contact, or would you have preferred more contact, or less contact?

- 1 Right amount of contact → SKIP to Q38
- 2 Prefer MORE contact → SKIP to Q38
- 3 Prefer LESS contact
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q38

Q37-N Please tell me why you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't know

Q38-FC Other than your biological parents, is there ONE adult that has an important positive influence on your life currently?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q41
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q41

Q39-FC How is this person related to you? (*IWR: If there has been more than one person, ask the R to please describe the person who has been MOST important to them.*)

_____ Relationship

8 Don't Know

Q40-FC How old were you when this person first became important in your life?

_____ AGE in Years

8 Don't Know

Q41-C Is there someone whom you can confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems? Would you say . . .

- 1 DEFINITELY YES
- 2 PROBABLY YES
- 3 PROBABLY NOT
- 4 DEFINITELY NOT
- 8 OR, YOU ARE NOT SURE

Q42-N When you have a problem, who do you tend to go to first? Is it . . .

- 1 YOUR FOSTER PARENTS
- 2 YOUR BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS
- 3 YOUR FRIENDS
- 4 YOUR SISTERS OR BROTHERS
- 5 YOUR TEACHERS
- 6 YOUR SOCIAL WORKER
- 7 SOMEONE ELSE
- 8 Or, NO ONE
- 9 Don't know

Q43-N In 2007 did you participate in any sports, clubs, teams, or volunteer organizations?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know

Health/Mental Health Services

Q44-FC In general would you say your health is . . .

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 VERY GOOD
- 3 GOOD
- 4 FAIR
- 5 OR POOR
- 8 don't know

Q45-FC When did you last have a physical examination by a doctor or nurse? Was it . . .

- 1 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO
- 2 1 TO 2 YEARS AGO
- 3 MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO
- 4 OR YOU HAVE NEVER HAD AN EXAM
- 8 don't know

Q46-FC When did you last have a dental examination by a dentist or hygienist? Was it . . .

- 1 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO
- 2 1 TO 2 YEARS AGO
- 3 MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO
- 4 OR YOU HAVE NEVER HAD AN EXAM
- 8 don't know

Q47-FC Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed medical care, but did not get it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q50
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q50

Q48-N Why did you think you needed medical care?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q49-N What is the main reason that you did not get the medical care that you thought you needed?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q50-N Are you currently meeting with a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q54
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q54

Q50A-N How long have been seeing a psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist? Would you say . . .

- 1 LESS THAN 3 MONTHS
- 2 3 TO 6 MONTHS
- 3 6 TO 12 MONTHS
- 4 or, MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
- 8 don't know

Q51-N How helpful has this been? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY HELPFUL
- 2 SOMEWHAT HELPFUL
- 3 NEITHER HELPFUL NOR UNHELPFUL
- 4 SOMEWHAT UNHELPFUL
- 5 OR VERY UNHELPFUL
- 8 don't know

Q52-N During 2007, did you have the same psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist or did you have a change in your counselors or therapists?

- 1 The same counselors/ treatment team → SKIP to Q54
- 2 Different counselors/ treatment teams
- 3 Not sure → SKIP to Q54

Q53-N What is the main reason that your psychological counselor, psychiatrist, or therapist changed in 2007?

OPEN END _____

Q54-N Was there any time in 2007 when you thought you needed counseling or therapy, but did not get it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q57
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q57

Q55-N Why did you think you needed counseling or therapy?

_____ OPEN END

8 Don't Know

Q56-N What's the main reason that you did not get the counseling or therapy that you thought you needed?

_____ OPEN END

8 Don't Know

Q57-C Did you have an assessment or counseling related to alcohol or drug abuse in 2007?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Social Worker Questions

Q58-C How many social workers have you had since you've been in foster care? (IWR CLARIFICATION: Please answer this for all times you have been in foster care.)

_____ # SOCIAL WORKERS

8 Not sure

Q59N Do you know your current DCFS or DSHS social worker's name?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

Q60-N Do you know how to contact your current social worker?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

For the next few questions please think about the social worker you had in 2007. If you had more than one, please answer for the social worker who was with you the longest in 2007.

Q61-FP About how often did you talk on the telephone or communicate by email with your social worker in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 LESS OFTEN, OR
- 7 OR NEVER IN 2007
- 8 don't know

Q62-FP About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker in 2007? Would you say about . . .

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 LESS OFTEN
- 7 OR NEVER IN 2007 → SKIP to Q65
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q65

Q63-N Were any of these face-to-face visits at your placement?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q65
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q65

Q64-FP About how often did you have a face-to-face visit with your social worker at your placement in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 ONCE A WEEK OR MORE
- 2 A FEW TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
- 4 ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH
- 5 ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS
- 6 OR LESS OFTEN
- 8 don't know

Q65-FP Overall how satisfied are you with the quality of support provided by your social worker? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
- 4 OR VERY DISSATISFIED
- 8 don't know

Q66-FP What is the main reason that you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Q67-N Do you know how to get help from DCFS – the Division of Child and Family Services - after hours or on weekends?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Not sure

Sibling Relations

Q68-FC How many living biological sisters or brothers do you have?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven or more
- 8 Don't know → Skip to Q72

Q69-FC How many are living with you in your current placement?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six
- 7 Seven or more
- 8 Don't know → Skip to Q72

UNCONDITIONAL SKIP → IF Q68 = Q69 THEN SKIP TO Q72

Q70-FP In a typical month in 2007, how often did you have visits and other forms of contact with your brothers and sisters who were not living with you? Would you say . . .

- 0 NOT AT ALL
- 1 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
- 2 ONCE A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 3 TWICE A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 4 THREE TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 5 FOUR TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 6 OR MORE THAN 4 TIMES A MONTH → SKIP TO Q72
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q72

Q71-N What is the main reason that you had so little contact with your brothers and sisters?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't Know

Now I have a few questions about your dependency case and your experience with court hearings.

Court Awareness

Q72-N In your dependency case in 2007, did you have a Guardian Ad Litem, sometimes referred to as a GAL, or a court appointed special advocate, sometimes referred to as a CASA, or did you have both, or none of these?

- 1 Guardian Ad Litem
- 2 Court appointed special advocate
- 3 Both
- 4 None of these
- 8 Don't know

Q73-N Were you represented by an attorney?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q74-N Do you feel that your wishes or interests were heard in court in 2007? Would you say . . .

- 1 DEFINITELY YES
- 2 PROBABLY YES
- 3 PROBABLY NOT
- 4 or, DEFINITELY NOT
- 8 Don't know

Q75-FP In 2007, how often were you notified in advance about upcoming dependency court hearings? Would you say . . .

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 ABOUT HALF THE TIME
- 4 RARELY
- 5 NEVER
- 6 OR WERE THERE NO COURT HEARINGS IN 2007 → SKIP TO Q79
- 8 don't know → SKIP to Q79

Q76-FP In 2007, how many dependency court hearings did you attend?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three or more
- 8 Don't Know

Q77-N In 2007, how many dependency court hearings that you know of did you miss?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three or more
- 8 Don't Know

Q78-N Were you advised as to the results of court hearings in 2007?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Service Awareness

Next I will ask you about some programs that are available for young adults in foster care.

Q79-FC Have you ever heard of the Educational Advocacy program to help young adults in foster care with school-related problems? *(IWR: If they ask what this program is, say "It's a program that your social worker may have mentioned to help with school problems. It is a new program, mainly for grades 1-10, so you may not have heard of it.")*

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q80-FC Have you heard about the Foster Care to College Mentoring program or the Treehouse Coaching to College program, mentoring programs available through Independent Living agencies?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q81-FC Have you heard about the "you-can-go-to-college" or all-day "Foster Care to College" workshops put on by Independent Living providers and Treehouse?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q82-FC Another program is the Make-It-Happen summer college experience. Have you heard about that program? *(IWR: Make-It-Happen is a 4-day summer program on a college campus for young adults in foster care who are thinking of going to college)*

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Job Opportunities

Q83-FC Now I would like to ask you some questions about your work experience.
Are you currently working for pay?

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q87
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q84-FC Did you ever do any work for pay?

- 1 yes → SKIP to Q86
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q86

Q85-FC Did you ever want to work, but couldn't find any paying jobs?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q86-FC Are you currently looking for work?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q87-N Would you say that your main caregivers are supportive, not supportive,
or neutral about your working or looking for work?

- 1 Supportive
- 2 Not supportive
- 3 Neutral
- 8 Don't know

Q88-FC How prepared do you feel you are to get a full-time job? Would you
say you are . . .

- 1 VERY WELL PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNPREPARED
- 4 OR VERY UNPREPARED
- 8 don't know

Independent Living

Q89-FC Did a social worker ever refer you to the Independent Living or the Transitional Living program, also referred to as the IL or the TL program?

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 8 Don't know

Q90-FC Did you ever participate in an Independent Living, or a Transitional Living program?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q92
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q92

Q91-N Why didn't you participate?

_____ OPEN END

88 Don't Know

Q92-FC In 2007 did you complete a Life Skills Assessment such as the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment? (IWR: You would have done this on a computer, and a social workers or an Independent Living provider may have helped you with it. It asks questions about career planning, housing, money-management, work-life, etcetera.)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q94
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q94

Q93-N Did your social worker or IL provider review the results with you?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q94-N Did your social worker or Independent Living provider invite you to develop an Independent Living Plan, a Learning Plan, or an IL plan?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q96
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q96

Q95-N Did you participate in developing this Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q97
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q97

Q95A-N Why didn't you participate in developing this IL Plan?

_____ OPEN-END

- 8 Don't Know

Q96-N Do you know whether an Independent Living Plan, Learning Plan, or IL plan was developed for you?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q98
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q98

Q97-FC How well do you think your IL Plan will help you in making the transition to adulthood? Would you say . . .

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 NOT VERY WELL
- 4 OR, NOT AT ALL
- 8 Don't know

**Q98-N Have you received any information or training about any of these topics?
 The first one is . . .**

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. How to succeed in high school or college	1	2	3
B. Assistance with applying to colleges	1	2	3
C. Preparing for college	1	2	3
D. Finding a job	1	2	3
E. Keeping a job	1	2	3
F. Finding housing	1	2	3
G. Daily living skills	1	2	3
H. Interpersonal skills	1	2	3
I. Advocating for yourself	1	2	3
J. Making healthy connections with your biological family	1	2	3
K. Making healthy connections with your extended family	1	2	3

Youth Aging Out – for Youth 17+ (IF Q18>2) All others SKIP to Q107

Q99-N Have you ever been invited to a shared planning meeting to discuss your transition from foster care?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q104
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q104

Q100-N Has this meeting taken place yet?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know

Q101-N When did this meeting take place, or, if it hasn't happened yet, when is it scheduled?

___ MONTH
 ___ DAY
 ___ YEAR

Q102-N (Were you able/will you be able) to participate in this shared planning meeting?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q104
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know → SKIP to Q104

Q103-N What is the main reason you (weren't able/won't be able) to participate?

_____ OPEN END

- 8 Don't know

Q104-C For the next three questions please answer YES or NO for each.

Casey Item #47 (Chafee)	YES	No	Not Sure
A. Did you and your social worker or IL Provider talk about developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?	1	2	3
B. Did you participate in developing a transition plan for your exit from foster care?	1	2	3
C. Do you have a written plan for your transition from foster care?	1	2	3

**Q105-C I am going to read five questions, and ask you to respond YES or NO.
The first one is . . .**

Casey Item #47 (Chafee)	YES	No	Not Sure
A. Are you taking or have you completed a Driver's Education class?	1	2	3
B. Do you have an official copy of your birth certificate?	1	2	3
C. Do you have a driver's license or ID card from Washington State?	1	2	3
D. Do you know how to get your medical records if you need them?	1	2	3
E. Do you know how to get your school records if you need them?	1	2	3

Q106-FC Overall, how prepared do you feel to live on your own? Would you say that you are . . .

- 1 VERY PREPARED
- 2 SOMEWHAT PREPARED
- 3 NOT VERY PREPARED
- 4 OR NOT AT ALL PREPARED
- 8 don't know

Physical Safety Questions

Finally, I have just a few questions about safety. I want to emphasize that no one, including your foster parents, will be able to see your individual answers to the survey. All your answers will be kept confidential. However, I am required by law to report it to DSHS if you mention any kind of abuse. OK?

Q107-N In 2007 was there ever a time when another person at your placement made you feel physically unsafe? (*IWR: This can be any placement in 2007, not just the current placement.*)

- 1 yes
- 2 no → SKIP to Q112
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q112

Q108-N Was this person . . .

- 1 A FOSTER PARENT
- 2 ANOTHER ADULT
- 3 Or ANOTHER YOUNG ADULT
- 1 Don't know

Q109-N What is the main reason that you felt unsafe?

OPEN END _____

Q110-N Did you . . .

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. Tell your social worker about this	1	2	8
B. Tell someone else about this	1	2	8

Q111-N Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact? I assure you that we will maintain your confidentiality, but that we have to report this to DSHS for any further action.

- 1. Yes, wants to be contacted
- 2. Yes, wants phone number of someone to contact
- 3. No, does not want assistance
- 8. Don't know

IF YES, WANTS TO BE CONTACTED → FILL OUT PAPER FORM

Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IF YES, WANTS PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE TO CONTACT → OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- The statewide intake phone number is **1-866-END-HARM** (for reporting child abuse and/or neglect)

Here are some other suggestions for getting help. You may want to contact . . .

- Your social worker
- A trusted adult friend
- Your counselor
- Your local mental health center or crisis line

Demographic questions

We're almost done with the survey, and I have just a few more questions.

Q112-FC Thinking about your own personal hopes and goals for the future, are you . . .

- 1 VERY OPTIMISTIC
- 2 FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC
- 3 NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC
- 4 OR NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC
- 8 don't know

Q113-N What is the main reason you feel this way?

_____ OPEN END

- 9 Don't know

I have just a few questions about you for statistical purposes.

Q114-FP (IWR: ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY)

For survey purposes, I need to ask, are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

Q115-FC Were you born in the United States?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q117
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q117

Q116-FC In what year did you move to the United States?

_____ YEAR

- 98 Don't know

Q117-FP How would you describe the geographic area in which you live? Would you describe it as . . .

- 1 A RURAL AREA
- 2 A SMALL TOWN
- 3 A SUBURB

- 4 OR A CITY OR URBAN AREA
- 8 don't know

Q118-FC Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q119-FP Please tell me the racial or ethnic background that best describes you. [IWR: Read categories if R gives you a race/ethnicity that does not fit the list.]

- 2 American Indian
- 3 Black or African American
- 4 Asian, Hawaiian, or pacific islander
- 5 Hispanic or Latin American
- 6 Caucasian or white
- 7 Eskimo or Aleut
- 8 Some other ethnicity _____
- 88 don't know

Q120-FP Do you have a computer in your placement?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to Q122
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to Q122

Q121-FP Do you have access to the Internet in your placement?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q122-CH What is the zipcode of your current placement?

- _____ ZIPCODE
- 8 Don't Know

The next questions are about your sexual orientation or gender identity, whether you are heterosexual or whether you self identify as a gay male, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or are questioning your sexual orientation. For each question please just answer yes, no, or not sure, or tell me to skip over it if you prefer not to answer.

Q123-N People may become aware of their sexual orientation or gender identity at any time in their life; however, it is common to gain this awareness in adolescence and early adulthood. A person's sexual orientation or gender identity is often an important factor in how they get along in a foster care situation. Do you know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to THX
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to QTHX

Q124-N Do you think your foster parents know your sexual orientation or gender identity?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q125-N Do you currently identify as heterosexual or straight?

- 1 Yes → SKIP to Q130
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q126-N Do you currently identify as homosexual (gay male, lesbian female)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q127-N Do you currently identify as bisexual?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q128-N Do you currently identify as transgender (gender queer, gender fluid)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know

Q129-N How old were you when you became aware of your sexual orientation or gender identity?

_____ AGE IN YEARS

8 Don't know

Q130-N Has your sexual orientation or gender identity created any problems for you in your foster care placements?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → SKIP to THX
- 8 Don't know → SKIP to THX

Q131-N What kinds of problems?

_____ OPEN END

8 Don't know

Q132-N Did you . . .

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
A. Tell your social worker about this	1	2	8
B. Tell someone else about this	1	2	8

Q133-N Would you like me to have someone contact you, or would you like me to give you the phone number of someone you can contact.

- 1. Yes, wants to be contacted
- 2. Yes, wants phone number of someone to contact
- 3. No, does not want assistance
- 8. Don't know

IF YES, WANTS TO BE CONTACTED → FILL OUT PAPER FORM

Name _____

Respondent Telephone # _____

Best day and time to call _____

Other information _____

IF YES, WANTS PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE TO CONTACT → OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

- *Sex Information Line is 1-888-307-9275*
- The statewide intake phone number is **1-866-END-HARM** (for reporting child abuse and/or neglect)

Here are some other suggestions for getting help. You may want to contact . . .

- Your social worker
- A trusted adult friend
- Your counselor
- Your local mental health center or crisis line

Closing

THX This completes the survey. Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this survey and share your opinions about these issues.

As was mentioned in the letter, we will enter your name in a random drawing for one of three chances to receive a cash award of \$100 for your assistance in this study. If you have any additional comments or questions about Washington's Foster Care system or about this survey, I can take note of them now.

_____ OPEN END

Questions for the Interviewer

In1 How candid was the respondent?

- 1 very candid
- 2 moderately candid
- 3 somewhat candid
- 4 not candid
- 8 Not sure

Section O. This section is filled out by the interviewer about the quality of the interview

[CATI NOTE: Use standard interviewer questions]



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