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The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) collaborated with the New York State [Office of Children and Family Services \(OCFS\)](#) to track and interview youth transitioning out of foster care in accordance with the congressionally-mandated, country-wide [National Youth in Transition Database \(NYTD\)](#) initiative.

EVALUATION & RESEARCH

For the project, CHSR collected information on youth in foster care and their outcomes as they transitioned out of foster care. The survey focused on employment, education, financial resources, and family relationships. CHSR tracked and surveyed these youth at ages 17, 19, and 21 years old.

The project required close communication with regional, district, and voluntary agency casework and administrative staff to obtain youth data, as well as ongoing contact with youth to maintain current contact information. Surveys are administered via phone, web, and paper surveying techniques and data files are regularly submitted to OCFS for federal submission and approval.