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### MEMORANDUM Internal Working Document

To: Michelle Barnes, Executive Director (CDHS)

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Subject: National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Cohort I & II

The purpose of this memo is to provide information of the outcomes of the federally required National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), Cohort I & II. The survey collection period was from October 2011 to September 2018. In 1999, the U.S. Congress established the John H. Chafee Foster care Independence Program (Public Law No. 106-109) that gave states flexible funding to assist the youth to successfully transition out of foster care. The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) was created for states to collect and accurately report independent living (IL) services provided to all children / youth and outcomes that measures state's success in preparing youth for successful adulthood. When the required data elements are not collected and reported as required Colorado is sanctioned up to 5 percent of its annual Chafee allocation.

Youth are selected for the survey by the federal government by their date of birth. All youth who turn 17 in foster care who are receiving independent living services between the dates of October 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> are eligible for the NYTD survey. The youth are surveyed at different points in their life: age 17, 19, and 21. Each group entering together at age 17 is considered a cohort. The youth outcomes measured are as follows:

- Access to healthcare insurance
- Educational attainment
- Employment - financial self-sufficiency
- Access to housing / homelessness
- Connections to adult
- High risk behaviors

The NYTD data is compiled in the following attachments:

- Colorado Cohort I & II data and national data. Question marks indicate data which has yet to be compiled by the federal government.
- Colorado Youth in Transition Survey Schedule

## Colorado National Youth in Transition Database Outcomes

	Cohort I			Cohort II		
Colorado	Age 17 FY 2011	Age 19 FY 2013	Age 21 FY 2015	Age 17 FY 2014	Age 19 FY 2016	Age 21 FY 2018
<b>Attending School</b>	94%	53%	32%	95%	46%	25%
National	94%	54%	31%	93%	52%	?
<b>Employed Full or part time</b>	14%	38%	53%	12%	39%	56%
National	13%	34%	50%	15%	23%	?
<b>Connection to an adult</b>	97%	90%	93%	96%	81%	79%
National	93%	90%	87%	93%	89%	?
<b>Experiences Homelessness</b>	14%	21%	36%	19%	25%	36%
National	16%	20%	28%	17%	20%	?
<b>Medicaid / Health insurance</b>	86%	73%	85%	88%	76%	77%
National	89%	79%	75%	85%	77%	?
<b>Had Children</b>	6%	10%	28%	5%	9%	29%
National	7%	12%	25%	5%	10%	?
<b>Incarcerated</b>	58%	38%	27%	53%	36%	21%
National	37%	24%	20%	33%	20%	?
<b>Referred for Substance Abuse</b>	47%	20%	13%	37%	17%	10%
National	28%	15%	10%	27%	14%	?
<b>Receiving Public Assistance</b>	N/A	23%	36%	N/A	30%	34%
National				N/A	30%	?



**Colorado Youth in Transition Survey Schedule**

SURVEY POPULATIONS	2011	2012 No Survey	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Served Population Report</b> • All youth who received a Chafee funded service • In or out of foster care	SERVED 2011		SERVED 2013	SERVED 2014	SERVED 2015	SERVED 2016	SERVED 2017	SERVED 2018	SERVED 2019	SERVED 2020
<b>Baseline Surveys (17)</b> • 17 years old • In foster care/DYC community on their 17 <sup>th</sup> birthday • Court ordered services	COHORT 1			COHORT 2			COHORT 3			COHORT 4
<b>Follow-Up Surveys (19)</b> • 19 Years old ( <i>Same as baseline</i> ) • Primarily no longer in care • Voluntary Services / No Services			COHORT 1			COHORT 2			COHORT 3	
<b>Follow-Up Surveys (21)</b> • 21 Years old ( <i>Same as baseline</i> ) • No longer in care • Voluntary Services / No Services					COHORT 1			COHORT 2		

**Years follow Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 - September 30)**

- Follow-up surveys are conducted with the same youth who responded to the Baseline survey in each cohort
- There are two survey periods/groups for each Cohort based on birthdates
  - Period/Group A: October 1 - March 31
  - Period/Group B: April 1 to September 30