

Instrument 2 -- Public Housing Agency Survey

Addressing the Housing Needs of Youth Who Age Out of Foster Care

(PHA)

*A team of researchers from the Urban Institute and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago is working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to learn how communities are using the Family Unification Program (FUP) to serve youth who were in foster care. We are not evaluating your agency or its programs. This information will be used to inform efforts by ACF and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to improve the administration of the FUP program. Participation in this information collection is voluntary. Responses will be kept private to the extent permitted by law.*

*As part of this project, the research team is conducting a web-based survey of public housing agencies (PHAs), public child welfare agencies (PCWAs), and Continuums of Care (CoCs) in communities that provide FUP vouchers to youth who had been in foster care. Your PHA was selected because you recently received a new award of FUP vouchers from HUD.*

*The purpose of this survey is to learn how FUP vouchers are being used to address the housing needs of youth who were in foster care and to identify any unique benefits or challenges your PHA has experienced serving this population in partnership with your local PWCA and CoC. It includes questions about your implementation of FUP, your agency's collaboration with your PCWA and CoC partners; the way FUP eligible youth are identified and referred; the application, search, and lease-up process for youth; your experiences using FUP vouchers for youth; and your perspectives on FUP-related policies and practices.*

***If your agency has contracted with a separate organization to operate FUP for youth, please note that some questions may be better addressed by that contractor. You may wish to ask your contractor to complete those sections (by sharing your log-in information) or provide you with the relevant information.***

*This survey should take about 35 minutes to complete. If you cannot complete the survey in one sitting, you may save your place in the survey and finish it at a later time. Please note, however, that the survey needs to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Thank you in advance for responding to this survey. Your responses will help the Administration for Children and Families and HUD better understand how communities are using FUP vouchers to address the housing needs of youth who age out of care.*

*Please contact XXX, (XXX) XXX-XXXX or XXXX@urban.org, at the Urban Institute with any questions about the survey.*

*An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number for this information collection is 0970-0XXX and the expiration date is XX/XX/XXXX.*

**A. CONTACT INFORMATION AND SCREENER**

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (FOR PHA RESPONDENT)**

1. Public Housing Agency (PHA) Name

2. PHA ID Number

3. So that we know who in [FILL WITH Q1] is responding to this survey, please provide your contact information:

Name

Position

Phone Number

Email

4. How long have you been employed by [FILL WITH Q1] (in any position or title)?

5. When was the last time you received a new award of FUP vouchers?

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
 Other (please specific)

5a. Has your agency, or an agency you work with to administer the FUP, issued a FUP voucher to a YOUTH since you received your most recent award of FUP vouchers on [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]?

- Yes  
 No SKIP to Q6  
 Don't know SKIP TO END

5b. What month and year did you begin issuing vouchers to youth from your award in [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]?

Month  Year

**SKIP TO CURRENT FUP-FOR-YOUTH MODULE B6. Has your agency EVER issued a FUP voucher to a youth?**

- Yes  
 No SKIP TO END  
 Don't know SKIP TO END

7. **What was the MOST RECENT year in which your agency or an agency you work with to administer the FUP, issued a FUP voucher to a YOUTH? If you are unsure, please make your best guess.**

YEAR

8. **Why hasn't your agency issued a FUP voucher to a youth since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]??**

*Select all that apply*

- Too few youth age out of foster care in this community
- Housing needs of youth who age out of foster care are being met in other ways
- Agency prefers to devote all of its FUP vouchers to families
- 36-month time limit for FUP-eligible youth would create an excessive burden for your agency
- PCWA does not have the resources to provide the required support services
- Lack of or weak working relationship with the PCWA
- Lack of referrals from the PCWA
- Any other reasons (SPECIFY)
- Don't know

## B. CURRENT FUP FOR YOUTH MODULE

### I. PHA'S HISTORICAL USE OF THE FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

The questions in this section ask about your agency's history with FUP.

1. Does your PHA administer the FUP or do you contract with another organization to administer it?

- Your PHA administers the FUP
- Another organization administers the FUP

*If another agency administers your FUP, please note that some questions may be better addressed by that contractor. You may wish to ask your contractor to complete those sections or provide you with the relevant information.*

2. What was the FIRST year in which [FILL "your agency" IF MODULE B Q1 = 1; FILL "an agency you work with to administer the FUP" if MODULE B Q1 = 2] issued a FUP voucher to a YOUTH? If you are unsure, please make your best guess.

YEAR

3. What are the reasons your agency decided to serve FUP-eligible youth?

*Select all that apply*

- HUD requirement that FUP vouchers be used to serve FUP-eligible youth
- Many youth age out of foster care in this community
- Housing needs of former foster youth are not being met in other ways in your community
- Homelessness among former foster youth is a big problem in your community
- Addressing the housing needs of former foster youth is a priority for your agency or your community
- Addressing the housing needs of youth generally is a priority for your agency or your community
- Addressing the housing needs of former foster youth is a priority for the PCWA
- Linking supportive services to subsidized housing is a priority for your agency
- PCWA has the resources to provide the required support services
- Other (SPECIFY)

## II. PARTNER PCWA: CONTACT INFORMATION AND COLLABORATION

The questions in this section ask about your agency's partner Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA).

4. We have the following information about the contact at your partner PCWA. Please review it and let us know if it is correct.

Name: [PCWA NAME]

Contact Person: [NAME OF PCWA CONTACT PERSON]

Title: [TITLE OF PCWA CONTACT PERSON]

Telephone Number: [TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PCWA CONTACT PERSON]

Email Address: [EMAIL ADDRESS OF PCWA CONTACT PERSON]

Is all of the above information correct?

- Yes SKIP TO Q6
- No
- Don't know SKIP TO Q6

5. What is the name of your partner public child welfare agency (PCWA)?

- 5a. Who is your contact person at the PCWA? Please indicate below the person at [FILL MODULE B Q5] that you contact the most.

- 5b. What is this person's title/position?

- 5c. What is your contact person's telephone number?

- 5d. What is your contact person's email address?

The next few questions are about your agency's collaboration with [PCWA Name]. It is possible that your agency may contract, partner, or have other relationships with outside agencies to help provide services. We will refer to all of these outside agencies as partner agencies or partner providers.

**6. How familiar are you with each of the following?**

*Select one per row*

	VER Y	SOMEWHA T	NOT AT ALL
a. Characteristics of youth who age out of foster care and their housing needs	2 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. [PCWA Name]'s procedures for identifying FUP-eligible youth	2 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. [PCWA Name]'s procedures for referring FUP-eligible youth to your agency	2 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. Types of housing search assistance provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA Name] or partner providers	2 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Types of supportive services provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA Name]'s or partner providers	2 <input type="radio"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

**7. On which of the following topics does [PCWA Name] provide your staff with training?**

	YES	NO
a. Characteristics of youth who age out of foster care and their housing needs	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. How [PCWA Name] identifies FUP-eligible youth	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. How [PCWA Name] refers FUP-eligible youth to your agency	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. Types of housing search assistance provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA Name] or partner providers	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Types of supportive services provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA Name] or partner providers	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
f. Other (SPECIFY) <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

**8. [IF ANY OF MODULE B Q7a THROUGH Q7f=YES, THEN ASK] How often does a training occur?**

*Select one only*

- Once after vouchers were awarded
- Annually
- Twice a year
- Quarterly
- More than once per quarter
- Don't know

**9. On which of the following topics does your staff provide [PCWA Name] with training?**

	YES	NO
a. FUP Voucher eligibility	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. Other FUP requirements	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. Housing search and lease-up processes within the FUP Voucher Program	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. Tracking and reporting requirements associated with the FUP	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Other (SPECIFY) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

**10. [IF ANY OF MODULE B Q9a THROUGH Q9f=YES, THEN ASK] How often does a training occur?**

**How often do trainings occur?**

*Select one only*

- Once after vouchers were awarded
- Annually
- Twice a year
- Quarterly
- More than once per quarter
- Don't know

**11. At any point since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], has your agency had regular meetings with [PCWA Name] about serving FUP-eligible youth?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q13

**12. Since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5] how often were these meetings held? If the frequency of these meetings have changed, think back to when you were meeting most regularly.**

*Select one only*

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Twice a year
- Annually

13. [IF Q11=1] Apart from any regular meetings, since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], how often did your agency communicate with [PCWA Name] about serving FUP-eligible youth (either by phone, email, or in-person)? If the frequency of this communication has changed, think back to when you were communicating most regularly.

[IF Q11=0] Since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], how often did your agency communicate with [PCWA Name] about serving FUP-eligible youth (either by phone, email, or in-person)? If the frequency of this communication has changed, think back to when you were communicating most regularly.

*Select one only*

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly

Other (SPECIFY)

### III. PARTNER CoC: COLLABORATION

We understand that a single PHA may partner with multiple Continuums of Care (CoC) to administer the Family Unification Program (FUP).

14. How many CoCs does your agency currently partner with to administer the FUP?

NUMBER

15. What is/are the name(s) of this/these CoC(s)?

The next few questions ask about your agency's collaboration with [CoC NAME].

16. At any point since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], has your agency had regular meetings with [CoC NAME] about serving FUP-eligible youth?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q18



17. Since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5] how often were these meetings held? If the frequency of these meetings have changed, think back to when you were meeting most regularly.

Select one only

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Twice a year
- Annually
- Other (SPECIFY)

18. [IF Q16=1] Apart from any regular meetings, since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], how often was your agency communicating with [CoC NAME] about serving FUP-eligible youth (either by phone, email, or in-person)? If the frequency of this communication has changed, think back to when you were communicating most regularly.

[IF Q16=0] Since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5], how often was your agency communicating with [CoC NAME] about serving FUP-eligible youth (either by phone, email, or in-person)? If the frequency of this communication has changed, think back to when you were communicating most regularly.

Select one only

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Other (SPECIFY)

#### IV. FUP VOUCHERS FOR FUP-ELIGIBLE YOUTH: VOUCHER ALLOCATION AND PROCESS

##### A. FUP VOUCHER ALLOCATION

The questions in this next section ask about your current Family Unification Program.

19. What is the total number of FUP vouchers your agency has been awarded?

NUMBER OF VOUCHERS

20. As of [TODAY'S DATE], how many FUP-eligible youth are currently leased up using a FUP voucher? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

NUMBER OF VOUCHERS

- 20a. About how many of these youth were already on your HCV/Section 8 waiting list? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

NUMBER OF YOUTH

21. Does your agency set aside a specific number or percentage of FUP vouchers for FUP-eligible youth?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q23

22. How many or what percentage of FUP vouchers are set aside for FUP-eligible youth?

- a.  NUMBER OF VOUCHERS  
OR
- b.  PERCENTAGE OF VOUCHERS

23. Do you provide FUP-eligible youth with tenant-based vouchers, project-based vouchers, or both?

- Tenant-based
- Project-based
- Both

#### B. FUP IDENTIFICATION, REFERRAL, AND ELIGIBILITY

The next few questions are about the FUP referral process and FUP eligibility determination.

24. Does your agency review its HCV/Section 8 waitlist to identify youth who might be eligible for FUP?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q26
- Don't know

25. How often does your agency review its HCV/Section 8 waitlist?

- More than once a quarter
- Once a quarter
- Every six months
- Annually
- Less than annually

26. Does [PCWA Name] pre-screen youth for voucher eligibility prior to referring them to your agency?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

27. Does your agency have an expedited or streamlined eligibility determination process for FUP-eligible youth who have been referred by [PCWA Name]?

- Yes
- No

28. Does your agency exclude youth from eligibility for FUP vouchers for any of the following reasons?

	YES	NO
a. Rent or utility arrears	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. Drug convictions	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. Other types of criminal convictions	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

29. How many referrals for FUP-eligible youth did your agency receive from [PCWA Name] since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

NUMBER OF REFERRALS

30. What percentage of the FUP-eligible youth *who were referred to your agency since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]* were found to be eligible for a FUP voucher? If you do not know the exact percentage, your best guess is fine.

PERCENTAGE OF REFERRALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE

31. [IF Module B Q2 <= 2016] Thinking back to the previous year, what percentage of youth *who are issued a FUP voucher successfully leased-up since [FILL AWARD DATE from MODULE A Q5]*?

PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH ISSUED A VOUCHER WHO LEASED UP

32. What are the most common reasons youth who are referred don't lease up?

- Do not complete application
- Application is denied
- Do not show up for voucher briefing
- Do not lease up before voucher expires
- Other (SPECIFY)

### C. FUP HOUSING SEARCH AND SELECTION

The next set of questions asks about the housing search process for FUP-eligible youth who have had a voucher briefing.

33. How much time is a youth initially given to lease-up once a FUP voucher has been issued? We are interested in the initial voucher term for FUP-eligible youth.

Select one only

- 60 days
- 90 days
- 120 days

- More than 120 days

**34. How often are FUP-eligible youth able to lease up before their initial voucher term expires?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always  
 More than half of the time  
 About half of the time  
 Less than half of the time  
 Almost never  
 Don't know

**35. How often does your agency grant an extension to FUP-eligible youth whose initial voucher term is going to expire?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always  
 More than half of the time  
 About half of the time  
 Less than half of the time  
 Almost never  
 Don't know

**36. How does the amount of time youth who have been issued a FUP voucher typically need to lease up compare to the amount of time standard Section 8 HCV Program participants need?**

*Select one only*

- Youth typically require MORE time to lease up  
 Youth typically require ABOUT THE SAME amount of time to lease-up  
 Youth typically require LESS time to lease up  
 Don't know

**37. [BLANK]**

**38. Which of the following does your agency (or a partner provider) provide to youth who have been issued a FUP voucher? Please do not include assistance that is only provided by [PCWA Name] or [CoC NAME].**

	YES	NO
a. Provide information about different neighborhoods	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. Take youth on neighborhood tours	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

	YES	NO
c. Transport youth to visit housing units	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. Provide a listing of vacant rental units	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Refer youth to property managers/landlords known to accept FUP vouchers	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
f. Work with landlords/property managers to help youth secure housing	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
g. Provide information about tenant rights and responsibilities	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
h. Provide information about subsidized housing including eligibility requirements	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
i. Provide information about public transportation services	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
j. Help youth locate housing near school or work	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
k. Other (SPECIFY) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

**39. Does *your agency* provide housing search assistance to youth who have been issued a FUP voucher that it does NOT provide to standard Section 8 HCV Program participants? Please do not include housing search assistance that is only provided by [PCWA Name] or [CoC NAME].**

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

**40. Does your agency provide FUP-eligible youth with:**

	YES	NO
a. Pre-move counseling?	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. Post-move counseling?	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>

**41. [IF Q40a=1 OR Q40b=1 THEN ASK] What does this counseling include?**

	YES	NO
a. Information about tenant rights and responsibilities	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
b. Information about budgeting	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
c. Information about credit	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
d. Information about landlord mediation	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
e. Information about the benefits of living in low-poverty areas (low poverty areas are areas where the poverty rate is 10% or less)	1 <input type="radio"/>	0 <input type="radio"/>
f. Other (SPECIFY)	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>

42. Does your agency encourage youth to consider housing units in low-poverty areas, that is areas where the poverty rate is 10% or less?

- Yes
- No

**D. ADEQUACY OF HOUSING CHOICE USING FUP**

- 43. To what degree is each of the following an incentive or disincentive for landlords or property managers to lease to youth with FUP vouchers?**

*Select one per row*

	MAJOR DISINCENTIV E	MINOR DISINCENTIV E	NEITHE R	MINOR INCENTIV E	MAJOR INCENTIV E	DON'T KNOW
a. Age of lessee	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
b. Lessee is supported by case management	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
c. Lessee is a voucher holder	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
d. Lessee has limited tenancy history	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>
e. FUP voucher is limited to 36 months	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>	4 <input type="radio"/>	5 <input type="radio"/>	d <input type="radio"/>

- 44. How often does your agency engage in any outreach to educate landlords or property managers about serving youth through its FUP? This outreach may be combined with or in addition to outreach to educate landlords or property managers about the standard Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.**

*Select one only*

- At least once a month
- Every few months
- At least once per year
- Less than once a year
- Never

**E. TENANCY APPROVAL, LEASE-UP, AND MOVE-IN**

- 45. How often do youth with a FUP voucher typically need to request tenancy approval for more than one housing unit before finding one which your agency approves?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always
- More than half of the time
- About half of the time
- Less than half of the time
- Almost never
- Don't know

- 46. How does the number of requests for tenancy approval made by youth with a FUP voucher compare to the number of requests for tenancy approval made by standard Section 8 HCV Program participants?**

*Select one only*

- Youth typically request tenancy approval on MORE units before lease-up
- Youth typically request tenancy approval on ABOUT THE SAME number of units before lease-up
- Youth typically request tenancy approval on FEWER units before lease-up
- Don't know

- 47. How often do the housing units for which youth with a FUP voucher request tenancy approval fail the PHA housing quality inspection?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always
- More than half of the time
- About half of the time
- Less than half of the time
- Almost never
- Don't know

- 48. How often is the rent determined to be unreasonable during the PHA review when youth with a FUP voucher request tenancy approval?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always
- More than half of the time
- About half of the time
- Less than half of the time
- Almost never



Don't know

**F. POST-MOVE IN STATUS AND SERVICES**

**[IF Module B Q2 <= 2016] The next set of questions is about the housing stability of youth who lease up with a FUP voucher.**

**49. How long do youth typically stay in the FIRST housing unit they lease up with a FUP voucher?**

*Select one only*

- Less than 3 months
- 3 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 13 to 18 months
- 19 to 24 months
- 25 to 36 months
- More than 36 months (i.e., youth remain in the unit after voucher expires)
- Don't know

**50. How often do youth stay in that FIRST housing unit for the full 36 months they are eligible for housing assistance payments?**

*Select one only*

- Almost always
- More than half of the time
- About half of the time
- Less than half of the time
- Almost never
- Don't know

**51. On average, about how many times do youth move from one housing unit to another with their FUP voucher during their 36 months of eligibility for housing assistance payments? Please do not include moves that occur at the end of the 36 months of FUP eligibility or when youth are terminated from the program. If you don't know, your best guess is fine.**

*Select one only*

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more
- Don't know

The next few questions are about youth who exit the program before their 36 months of housing assistance is exhausted.

52. [IF Module B Q2 <= 2015] How often do youth keep their FUP voucher until their 36 months of housing assistance is exhausted? If you do not know, your best guess is fine.

Select one only

- Almost always
- More than half of the time
- About half of the time
- Less than half of the time
- Almost never
- Don't know

53. Do youth with a FUP voucher need to recertify their eligibility?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q55
- Don't know

54. How often do youth with a FUP voucher need to recertify?

- Annually
- Every two years
- Other (SPECIFY)

55. [IF Module B Q2 <= 2016] Are youth with a FUP voucher ever terminated from the program before their 36 months of housing assistance is exhausted?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q60
- Don't know SKIP TO Q57

56. [IF Module B Q2 <= 2015] What are the most common reasons youth who have leased up with a FUP voucher are *terminated from the program* before their 36 months of housing assistance is exhausted?

Select all that apply

- Youth move out of the leased unit without giving notice
- Youth violate the lease (e.g., damage to the unit, or nonpayment of rent)
- Youth violate program rules (e.g., fraud)
- Youth are involved in criminal activity
- Youth fail to recertify their eligibility
- Other reason (SPECIFY)

Don't know

**G. EXITING FUP AFTER 36-MONTH LIMIT**

**57. Does your agency (or a partner agency) currently provide or plan to provide transitional counseling or other assistance to youth with FUP vouchers as they approach their 36-month time limit? Please do not include any assistance provided by [PCWA Name] or [CoC NAME].**

Yes

No SKIP TO Q59

**58. Does your agency (or a partner agency) currently or plan to automatically provide this transitional counseling or other assistance or do youth need to request it?**

Your agency or partner agency automatically provides assistance

Youth must specifically request assistance

**59. Does your agency connect youth with FUP vouchers to your Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS)?**

Yes

No SKIP TO Q61

Don't know

**60. How many youth with FUP vouchers have entered your FSS program in your most recent fiscal year? If you don't know, your best guess is fine.**

NUMBER

**V. OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS FOR FOSTER YOUTH AGING OUT**

The next set of questions is about your public housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting lists.

**A. PUBLIC HOUSING**

**61. Does your agency currently administer a public housing program?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q72
- Don't know SKIP TO Q72

**62. Has your agency established local preference categories for its *public housing* waiting list?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q72

**63. Does your agency have a local preference on its *public housing* waiting list for youth who have aged out of foster care?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q66

**64. Is there a limit on the number of youth who have aged out of foster care who can be given preference on the *public housing* waiting list?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q66

**65. What is that limit?**

LIMIT ON YOUTH AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE

**66. Does your agency have a local preference on its *public housing* waiting list for youth with a FUP voucher who have reached their 36-month limit of housing assistance?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q69

**67. Is there a limit on the number of youth with a FUP voucher who have reached the 36-month limit on housing assistance who can be given preference on the *public housing* waiting list?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q69

**68. What is that limit?**

LIMIT ON YOUTH WHO REACHED THE 36-MONTH LIMIT

69. **[IF Q63=YES OR Q66=YES] Does your agency rank order preferences to establish a hierarchy of applicants within your system of preferences?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q71

70. **[IF Q64=YES] Where do youth who aged out of foster care fall in the ranking of preference categories?**

*Select one only*

- Top third
- Middle third
- Bottom third

71. **[IF Q66=YES] Where do youth with a FUP voucher who have reached the 36-month limit on housing assistance fall in the ranking of preference categories?**

*Select one only*

- Top third
- Middle third
- Bottom third

**B. SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS**

72. **Has your agency established local preference categories for its *Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher* program waiting list?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q82

73. **Does your agency have a local preference on its *Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher* waiting list for youth who have aged out of foster care?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q76

74. **Is there a limit on the number of youth who have aged out of foster care who can be given preference on the *Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher* waiting list?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q76

75. **What is that limit?**

LIMIT ON YOUTH AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE

76. **Does your agency have a local preference on its *Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher* waiting list for youth with a FUP voucher who have reached the 36-month limit on housing assistance?**

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q79

77. Is there a limit on the number of youth with a FUP voucher who have reached the 36-month limit who can be given preference on the *Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher* waiting list?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q79

78. What is that limit?

LIMIT ON YOUTH WHO REACHED THE 36-MONTH LIMIT

79. [IF Q73=YES OR Q76=YES] Does your agency rank order preferences to establish a hierarchy of applicants within your system of preferences?

- Yes
- No SKIP TO Q83

80. [IF Q73=YES] Where do youth who aged out of foster care fall in the ranking of preference categories?

*Select one only*

- Top third
- Middle third
- Bottom third

81. [IF Q76=YES] Where do youth with a FUP voucher who have reached the 36-month limit on housing assistance fall in the ranking of preference categories?

*Select one only*

- Top third
- Middle third
- Bottom third

82. How would you describe the current status of your agency's *Section 8 HCV* waiting list?

*Select one only*

- Completely open (i.e., accepting applications)
- Open for some groups
- Completely closed (i.e., not accepting applications)

83. How many months has your agency's *Section 8 HCV* waiting list been [FILL RESPONSE FROM Q82]?

MONTHS

## VI. PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES USING FUP

The questions in this section ask about the challenges your agency has faced and the progress it has made in serving FUP-eligible youth.

84. Below is a list of factors that may affect your agency's ability to serve FUP-eligible youth. Please indicate how much of a challenge each factor presents/has presented to your agency.

	<i>Select one per row</i>		
	NOT A CHALLENGE	SOMEWHAT OF A CHALLENGE	MAJOR CHALLENGE
a. Need to provide vouchers to families limits vouchers for youth	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
b. Availability of affordable rental housing	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
c. Availability of quality housing	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
d. The 36-month time limit on FUP assistance	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
e. Coordination with [PCWA NAME]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
f. Coordination with [CoC NAME]	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
g. Administrative costs	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
h. Service provision costs	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
i. Staffing resources	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
j. Wait list procedures and administration	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
k. Relationships with landlords/property managers	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
l. Duration of the voucher application process	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
m. Duration of the housing search process	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
n. Complexity of leasing process (for initial units and unit changes)	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
o. Not enough vouchers available for youth	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>
p. Other (SPECIFY) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 300px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	1 <input type="radio"/>	2 <input type="radio"/>	3 <input type="radio"/>



**VI. PERSPECTIVES ON PRACTICE AND POLICY**

**85. Youth with FUP vouchers are currently limited to 36-months of housing assistance payments. What is your opinion about this time limit?**

*Select one only*

- It should be eliminated SKIP TO Q87
- It should be extended
- It should remain the same SKIP TO Q87
- It should be reduced
- Don't know

**86. In your opinion, for how many months should youth with FUP vouchers be eligible for housing assistance payments?**

MONTHS

**The PCWA is required to provide a specific set of services to youth with a FUP voucher for 18 months during their eligibility for housing assistance payments.**

**87. What is your opinion about how long PCWAs are required to provide services?**

- Service requirement should be eliminated SKIP TO Q90
- Number of months PCWAs are required to provide services should be reduced
- Number of months PCWAs are required to provide services should not change. SKIP TO Q89
- Number of months PCWAs are required to provide services should be increased
- Allow the PCWA to determine how long services should be provided .....SKIP TO Q89

**88. In your opinion, for how many months should PCWAs be required to provide services to youth with FUP vouchers?**

MONTHS

**89a. What is your opinion about the list of services that PCWAs are required to provide?**

*Select one only*

- Service requirement should be eliminated
- List of required services should be shorter.....
- List of required services should not be changed
- List of required services should be longer
- PCWA should determine which services youth in their jurisdiction need most.

**89b. [IF Q89a = "List of required services should be shorter"] Which services would you cut from the list of required services?**

*Select all that apply*

- Basic life skills information/counseling on money management, use of credit, housekeeping, proper nutrition/meal preparation, and access to health care
- Counseling on compliance with rental lease requirement and with HCV program participant requirements, including assistance/referrals for assistance on security deposits, utility hook-up fees, and utilities
- Providing such assurances to owners of rental property as are reasonable and necessary to assist a FUP-eligible youth to rent a unit with a FUP voucher.
- Job preparation and attainment counseling (where to look/how to apply, dress, grooming, and relationships with supervisory personnel, etc.).
- Educational and career advancement counseling regarding attainment of general equivalency diploma (GED); attendance/financing of education at a technical school, trade school or college; including successful work ethic and attitude models.

**89c. [IF Q89a = "List of required services should be longer"] Which services would you add to the list of required services?**

**90. In your opinion, given the time required to complete the application, search for housing, and lease-up with a FUP voucher, how far in advance of when youth will leave care should PCWAs make a FUP referral to prevent youth from becoming homeless after aging out?**

*Select one only*

- Less than 1 month before youth leave care
- Between 1 and 3 months before youth leave care
- Between 3 and 6 months before youth leave care
- Between 6 months and 9 months before youth leave care
- Between 9 months and 12 months before youth leave care
- More than a year before youth leave care
- Don't know

**END Thank you for your time. We appreciate your responses. They will help the Administration for Children and Families and HUD better understand and plan for programs for transitioning foster youth.**