Instrument 3 -- Continuum of Care Survey

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

(CoC)

*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 about how communities are using the Family Unification Program (FUP) to serve youth who were in foster care. We are not evaluating your CoC 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 FUP. 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 Continuums of Care (CoC), public housing agencies (PHAs), and public child welfare agencies (PCWA) in communities that provide FUP vouchers to youth who were in foster care.

The purpose of this survey is to learn how FUP vouchers are being used to address the housing needs of those youth and to identify any unique benefits or challenges your CoC has experienced serving this population in partnership with your local PHA and PCWA. In this survey, we will ask questions about your implementation of FUP, your CoC’s collaboration with the PCWA and PHA, how your CoC identifies and refers FUP-eligible youth, housing options for youth who age out of foster care, your experiences providing services for FUP-eligible youth, and your perspectives on FUP-related policies and practices.

***If your agency has contracted with separate organizations to provide supportive services to youth with FUP vouchers, please note that some questions may be better addressed by that organization. You may wish to ask that organization 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.*

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I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (FOR CoC RESPONDENT)

1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Organization Name

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

 Name

 Position

 Phone Number

 Email

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

**I. CoC’S HISTORICAL USE OF FUP FOR YOUTH WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE**

The questions in this section are about your CoC’s history with the Family Unification Program (FUP).

4. When was the last time a partner PHA received a new award of FUP vouchers?

🔾 January 1st, 2019

🔾 Other (please specific)

4a. Your CoC is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in partnership with [PHA NAME] and [PCWA NAME] that received new FUP vouchers in [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4]. Has your CoC collaborated with either a PHA or PCWA to provide FUP vouchers to youth before [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4]?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q6

🔾 Don’t Know SKIP TO Q6

5. What was the FIRST year you referred a FUP-eligible youth to a PCWA? If you are unsure, please provide your best estimate.

 YEAR

5a. What month and year did you begin issuing vouchers to youth from your award in [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4]]?

 Month Year

6. What are the reasons your CoC decided to refer FUP-eligible youth to a PCWA?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 HUD requirement that PHAs and PCWAs work with CoC’s to administer FUP

🞏 Many youth age out of foster care in this community

🞏 Housing needs of youth aging out of foster care are not being met in other ways in the community

🞏 Homelessness among former foster youth is a big problem in this community

🞏 Former foster youth comprise a large share of your clients

🞏 Addressing the housing needs of former foster youth is a priority for your CoC or community

🞏 Addressing the housing needs of youth generally is a priority for your CoC or community

🞏 Addressing the housing needs of former foster youth is a priority for the PCWA

🞏 Linking supportive services to subsidized housing is a priority

🞏 PCWA has the resources to provide the required support services

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

**II. PARTNER PCWA: COLLABORATION**

**The next few questions ask about your CoC’s collaboration with [PCWA NAME].**

7. How familiar are you with each of the following?

|  | *Select one per row* |
| --- | --- |
|  | VERY | SOMEWHAT | NOT AT ALL |
| a. Characteristics of youth who age out of foster care and their housing needs | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. [PCWA NAME]’s FUP eligibility criteria for youth | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. [PCWA NAME]’s procedures for referring FUP-eligible youth to [PHA NAME] | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Housing search assistance provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA NAME] or contracted providers | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. [PCWA NAME]’s provision of supportive services to FUP-eligible youth | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |

**8. Does [PCWA NAME] provide your staff with training on the following?**

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. Characteristics of youth aging out of foster care and their housing needs | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. [PCWA NAME]’s FUP eligibility criteria for youth | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. How [PCWA NAME] refers FUP-eligible youth to [PHA NAME] | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Types of housing search assistance provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA NAME] or contracted providers | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Types of supportive services provided to FUP-eligible youth by [PCWA NAME] or contracted providers | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| f. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|   |  |  |

9. [IF ANY OF Q8a THROUGH Q8f=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

10. At any point since [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4], has your CoC had regular meetings with [PCWA NAME] about serving FUP-eligible youth?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q12

11. Since [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4] 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

12. [IF Q10=1] Apart from any regular meetings, since [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4], how often was your CoC communicating 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 Q10=0] Since [FILL AWARD DATE from Q4], how often was your CoC communicating 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 PHA: COLLABORATION

The next few questions ask about your CoC’s collaboration with [PHA NAME].

13. How familiar are you with each of the following?

|  | *Select one per row* |
| --- | --- |
|  | VERY | SOMEWHAT | NOT AT ALL |
| a. FUP voucher eligibility | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Other FUP requirements  | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. FUP voucher briefings  | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Housing search and lease-up processes within the FUP  | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Tracking and reporting requirements associated with the FUP | 2 🔾 | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |

14. Does [PHA NAME] provide your staff with training on the following?

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. FUP voucher eligibility | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Other FUP requirements | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. FUP voucher briefings | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Housing search and lease-up processes within the FUP  | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Tracking and reporting requirements associated with the FUP | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| f. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|   |  |  |

15. [IF ANY OF Q14a THROUGH Q14f=YES, THEN ASK] How often does this training occur?

*Select one only*

🔾 Once after vouchers were awarded

🔾 Annually

🔾 Twice a year

🔾 Quarterly

🔾 More than once per quarter

🔾 Don’t Know

**IV. FUP VOUCHERS AND SERVICES FOR FUP-ELIGIBLE YOUTH**

A. IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL PROCESS

The next few questions ask about the process your CoC uses to identify FUP-eligible youth and refer them to [PCWA NAME].

16. Does your CoC use a vulnerability index or triage tool designed specifically for transition age youth to assess young adults who come through coordinated entry?

🔾 Yes SKIP TO Q18

🔾 No

🔾 Don’t Know

17. Does your CoC use a vulnerability index or triage tool that was NOT designed specifically for transition age youth to assess young adults who come through coordinated entry?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q20

🔾 Don’t Know SKIP TO Q20

18. Which vulnerability indices or triage tools does your CoC use to assess young adults who come through coordinated entry?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 TAY-Triage Tool SKIP TO Q20

🞏 TAY-VI-SPDAT SKIP TO Q20

🞏 VI-SPDAT SKIP TO Q20

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

19. [IF Q18= “Other”] Did your CoC develop this vulnerability index or triage tool?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No

🔾 Don’t Know

20. Is your process for identifying FUP-eligible youth integrated into your coordinated entry and assessment system?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No

🔾 Don’t Know

21. Do you ask all 18 to 24-year-olds who come through your coordinated entry process whether they had ever been in foster care?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q23

🔾 Don’t Know SKIP TO Q23

22. Which of the following additional information do you collect from 18 to 24-year-olds who had ever been in foster care?

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. How old they were when they last exited foster care? | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Whether they aged out, or emancipated, from foster care? | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Where they were in foster care (e.g. what county or state)? | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|   |  |  |

23. During the past year, how many 18 to 24-year-olds have come through your CoC’s coordinated entry process? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

 NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED

24. [IF Q21=YES] How many of these 18 to 24-year-olds had ever been in foster care? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

NUMBER OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH SERVED

25. How many of these 18 to 24-year-olds did your CoC refer to [PCWA NAME] for FUP? If you do not know the exact number, your best guess is fine.

 NUMBER OF REFERRALS

27. How do FUP-eligible youth come to your attention?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by a public housing agency

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by homeless shelters or other homeless service providers

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by youth housing programs

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by aftercare service providers

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by other state or local agencies

🞏 Youth are referred to your CoC by other community-based agencies

🞏 Youth refer themselves to your CoC

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

28. Are ALL FUP-eligible youth identified by your CoC referred to either [PCWA NAME] or to another PCWA?

🔾 Yes SKIP TO Q30

🔾 No

🔾 Don’t Know

29. Below is a list of factors that could affect the likelihood that your CoC will refer a youth to [PCWA NAME] for FUP. For each factor, please indicate if it would make your CoC (1) more likely to refer a youth to [PCWA NAME] for FUP, (2) less likely to refer a youth to [PCWA NAME] for FUP, or (3) if it would have no effect.

|  | MORE LIKELY  | LESS LIKELY  | NO EFFECT |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a. Youth is homeless or precariously housed | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Youth has ever held a job | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Youth is age 21 or older | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Youth has a mental health problem  | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Youth has completed high school | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| f. Youth identifies as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, or transgender | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| g. Youth is pregnant or parenting | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| h. Youth has another disability | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| i. Youth is enrolled in an education or training program | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| j. Youth is involved with multiple systems | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| k. Youth is currently employed | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| l. Youth has a criminal record | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| m. Youth is no longer in foster care | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 0 🔾 |

A youth is eligible for a FUP voucher if they meet PCWA requirements and if the PHA certifies they are qualified for a FUP voucher. This next set of questions is about what happens once your CoC refers a youth to [PCWA NAME].

30. Does the [PCWA NAME] inform your CoC as to whether the youth is eligible for FUP?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No Skip to Q33

31. Approximately what percentage of the youth your CoC refers to [PCWA NAME] are FUP-eligible?

*Select one only*

🔾 Less than 25%

🔾 At least 25% but less than 50%

🔾 About 50%

🔾 More than 50% but less than 75%

🔾 More than 75%

🔾 Don’t know

32. What does your CoC do if [PCWA NAME] determines that a youth your CoC referred is not FUP-eligible?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Notify the youth

🞏 Refer the youth to other PHA programs

🞏 Refer the youth to other housing options

🞏 Inform youth about re-entry into foster care if that is an option

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

This next set of questions is about what happens once the [PHA NAME] determines whether a youth your CoC referred to [PCWA NAME] is eligible for a FUP Voucher.

33. Does the [PCWA NAME] or [PHA NAME] inform your CoC as to whether the youth is eligible for a FUP Voucher?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No Skip to Q37

34. Approximately what percentage of the youth your CoC refers to [PCWA NAME] are eligible for a FUP Voucher?

*Select one only*

🔾 Less than 25%

🔾 At least 25% but less than 50%

🔾 About 50%

🔾 More than 50% but less than 75%

🔾 More than 75%

🔾 Don’t know

35. What does your CoC do if [PHA NAME] determines that a youth your CoC referred is not eligible for a FUP Voucher?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Notify the youth

🞏 Refer the youth to other PHA programs

🞏 Refer the youth to other housing options

🞏 Inform youth about re-entry into foster care if that is an option

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

36. Before issuing a FUP voucher, the PHA must inform youth how the FUP works and what its requirements are. This meeting is called a voucher briefing. How often does someone from your CoC attend this briefing with the youth?

*Select one only*

🔾 Almost always

🔾 More than half of the time

🔾 About half of the time

🔾 Less than half of the time

🔾 Almost never

This next set of questions is about what happens once a FUP-eligible youth has been awarded a FUP voucher.

37. Does [PCWA NAME] or [PHA NAME] notify your CoC once a youth your CoC referred has been awarded a FUP voucher?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No Skip to Q40

38. Approximately what percentage of the youth your CoC referred to [PCWA NAME] for FUP since January 1, 2019, ultimately leased up using a FUP voucher?

*Select one only*

🔾 Less than 25%

🔾 At least 25% but less than 50%

🔾 About 50%

🔾 More than 50% but less than 75%

🔾 More than 75%

🔾 Don’t know

39. What does your CoC do if a youth your CoC referred to [PCWA NAME] for FUP is not able to lease up?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Refer the youth to other PHA programs

🞏 Refer the youth to other housing options

🞏 Inform youth about re-entry into foster care if that is an option

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

B. FUP HOUSING SEARCH AND SELECTION

40. Does your CoC provide any housing search assistance toyouth who have been awarded a FUP voucher? Please do not include housing search assistance that is provided by [PCWA NAME] or [PHA NAME]?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q45

🔾 Don’t Know SKIP TO Q45

41. Which of the following types of housing search assistance does your CoC provide to youth who have been awarded a FUP voucher? Please do not include housing search assistance that is provided by [PCWA NAME] or [PHA NAME].

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. Provide information about different neighborhoods | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Take youth on neighborhood tours | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Transport youth to visit housing units | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Provide a listing of vacant rental units | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Refer youth to property managers/landlords known to accept FUP vouchers | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| f. Work with landlords/property managers to help youth secure housing | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| g. Provide information about tenant rights and responsibilities | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| h. Provide information about subsidized housing including eligibility requirements | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| i. Provide information about public transportation services | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| j. Help youth locate housing near school or work | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| k. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|   |  |  |

42. [IF ANY OF Q41a THROUGH Q41k=YES] Who does your CoC provide housing search assistance to?

🞏 Only youth your CoC referred to [PCWA NAME] who are awarded a FUP voucher by [PHA NAME]

🞏 All youth who are awarded a FUP voucher by [PHA NAME]

43. How does the amount of housing search assistance your CoC provides to youth who have been awarded a FUP voucher compare to the amount of housing search assistance your CoC provides to families that have been awarded a FUP voucher?

*Select one only*

🔾 Youth receive MORE housing search assistance

🔾 Youth receive ABOUT THE SAME amount of housing search assistance

🔾 Youth receive LESS housing search assistance

🔾 We do not provide housing search assistance to families with FUP vouchers

🔾 Don’t know

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

🔾 Yes

🔾 No

D. TENANCY APPROVAL, LEASE-UP, AND MOVE-IN

45. Once a unit has been approved by the PHA, which of the following types of assistance does *your* CoC provide youth?

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. Help paying for security deposits | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Help paying for utility deposits | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Help paying for moving costs | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Help paying for furniture or housewares | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| a. Provide contact information for local utility service providers | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Provide information about public transportation and retail options | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Help contacting utility companies to establish service | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Advice on talking to landlords and neighbors about maintenance needs or noise issues | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|  |  |  |

46. How often is someone from your CoC present when youth meet with the landlord to sign the lease?

*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

E. POST-MOVE IN STATUS AND SERVICES

The next set of questions is about what happens during the 18-month period during which youth are eligible for supportive services after they lease up with a FUP voucher.

45. Does someone from your CoC typically have contact with the youth during that 18-month period? Contact could be in-person or by phone, email or text messaging.

🔾 Yes

🔾 No Skip to Q49

46. How frequently does someone from your CoC typically have contact with youth during that 18-month period?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | *Select one per row* |
|  | At least once per week | Twice per month | Once per month | Once per quarter | Once per year |
| a. In person | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 | 4 🔾 | 5 🔾 |
| b. By phone, email, or text messaging | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 | 4 🔾 | 5 🔾 |
| c. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 | 4 🔾 | 5 🔾 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

47. Does your CoC provide any services or supports to youth during the 18‑month period after they lease up with a FUP voucher?

🔾 Yes

🔾 No Skip to Q49

48. Which of the following services or supports does your CoC provide to youth during the 18‑month period after they lease up with a FUP voucher?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | YES | NO | DON’T KNOW |
| a. Help learning money management skills | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| b. Help learning housekeeping skills | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| c. Help learning about proper nutrition | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| d. Help learning about meal preparation | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| e. Help learning how to access physical and mental health care | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| f. Help developing other basic life skills | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| g. Information about tenant rights and responsibilities | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| h. Assistance with security or utility deposits | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| i. Job readiness training | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| j. Help finding a job | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| k. Educational services | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| l. Career counseling | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| m. Assessment of youth needs | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| n. Case planning | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| o. Help with rent arrearages | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| p. Help with utility arrearages | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| q. Other assistance to help youth live independently | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |

49. How often do you or does someone from your CoC have contact with the owner/landlord/property manager of the youth’s housing unit?

*Select one only*

🔾 At least once a month

🔾 Every few months

🔾 At least once per year

🔾 Less than once a year

🔾 Never

50. Under what circumstances would you or someone from your CoC have contact with the owner/landlord/property manager of the youth’s housing unit?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 To familiarize landlord with FUP and CoC role

🞏 To respond to issues/problems identified by the youth

🞏 To respond to issues/problems identified by [PHA NAME]

🞏 To respond to issues/problems identified by the landlord

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

F. EXITING FUP AFTER 36-MONTH LIMIT

The next set of questions is about the period just before and after FUP-eligible youth reach their 36‑month time limit for housing assistance payments.

51. Does your CoC plan to provide transitional counseling or other assistance to youth as they approach their 36-month time limit? Please do not include any assistance that will be provided by [PCWA NAME] or the [PHA NAME].

🔾 Yes

🔾 No SKIP TO Q54

52. Does your CoC plan to automatically provide this transitional counseling or other assistance or do youth need to request it?

*Select one only*

🔾 Youth must specifically request assistance

🔾 Your CoC automatically provides assistance

53. Which of the following type(s) of transitional counseling or other assistance does your CoC plan to provide to youth as they approach their 36-month time limit? Please do NOT include transitional counseling or other assistance that [PCWA NAME] or the [PHA NAME] will provide.

|  | YES | NO |
| --- | --- | --- |
| a. Information about other housing programs available through your CoC  | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| b. Information about housing programs administered by community-based agencies | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| c. Information about different neighborhoods | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| d. Take youth on neighborhood tours | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| e. Transport youth to visit housing units | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| f. Provide a listing of vacant rental units | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| g. Refer youth to property managers/landlords | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
| h. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 0 🔾 |
|  |  |  |

V. OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE

We are interested in learning more about housing options other than FUP that are available to youth who have aged out of foster care in [JURISDICTION].

54. What happens when former foster youth contact or return to your CoC because they are homeless or have no place to live and they are not a candidate for FUP?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Youth are referred to a homeless shelter

🞏 Youth are referred to a PCWA

🞏 Youth are referred to a PHA

🞏 Youth are referred to other service providers

🞏 Youth are informed about the option to re-enter foster care, if applicable

🞏 Youth are referred to a housing program administered by your CoC

🞏 Youth don’t receive any assistance

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

🞏 Don’t know

55. How often is your CoC ever contacted by a homeless shelter or other homeless service provider about a homeless youth who is eligible for FUP?

*Select one only*

🔾 At least once a month

🔾 Every few months

🔾 At least once per year

🔾 Less than once a year

🔾 Never SKIP to Q57

56. What happens when your CoC is contacted by a homeless shelter or other homeless service provider in [JURISDICTION] about a homeless youth who had aged out of foster care?

*Select all that apply*

🞏 Youth is referred to [PCWA NAME] or other public child welfare agency

🞏 Youth is referred to [PHA NAME] or other public housing authority

🞏 Youth is referred to other service providers

🞏 Youth is informed about the option to re-enter foster care

🞏 Youth is referred to a housing program administered by your CoC

🞏 Youth doesn’t receive any assistance

🞏 Other (SPECIFY)

🞏 Don’t Know

The next few questions are about the different types of housing available to young people *who have aged out of or emancipated from foster care* in [JURISDICTION].

57. Which of the following housing options are available to youth who have aged out of foster care in [JURISDICTION].

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | YES | NO | DON’T KNOW |
| a. **Scattered-site or semi-supervised apartments** (Youth live alone or with a roommate in an apartment rented from a private landlord). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| b. **Clustered or supervised apartments** (youth live alone or with a roommate in an apartment located in an agency-owned building with 24/7 supervision). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| c. **Shared homes** (several youth live together in and take responsibility for an agency-owned or –rented house, with minimal supervision or live-in adults). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| d. **Adult-roommate apartments** (youth share an apartment with an adult who serves as a mentor. | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| f. **Host homes** (youth rent a room and share facilities in a home that is not licensed for foster care). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| g. **Boarding homes** (youth live in a room and share kitchen facilities with minimal supervision). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| h. **Subsidized housing** (youth live in an apartment and the government covers part of the rent). | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| i. **Public housing** | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |
| j. Other (SPECIFY) | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | d 🔾 |

V. PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES USING FUP

The questions in this section are about the challenges your CoC has faced in identifying and referring FUP-eligible youth to [PCWA NAME].

58. Below is a list of factors that may affect your CoC’s ability to identify and refer FUP-eligible youth to [PCWA NAME]. Please indicate how much of a challenge each factor presents or has presented to your CoC.

|  | *Select one per row* |
| --- | --- |
|  | NOT A CHALLENGE | SOMEWHAT OF A CHALLENGE | MAJOR CHALLENGE |
| a. Assessing a youth’s FUP eligibility | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| b. Integration of referral process into coordinated entry  | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| c. 36-month time limit on FUP assistance | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| d. Coordination with [PCWA NAME] | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| e. Service provision costs | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| f. Staffing resources | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |
| g. Wait list procedures and administration | 1 🔾 | 2 🔾 | 3 🔾 |

VI. PERSPECTIVES ON PRACTICE AND POLICY

60. Youth with FUP vouchers are currently limited to 36-months of housing assistance payments. In your opinion, should this time limit be eliminated, reduced, extended, or remain the same?

*Select one only*

🔾 Eliminated SKIP TO Q62

🔾 Reduced

🔾 Remain the same SKIP TO Q62

🔾 Extended

🔾 Don’t know

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

 MONTHS

 Partner PCWAs are required to provide a specific set of services to FUP-eligible youth for 18 months after they lease up with a FUP voucher.

62. What is your opinion about requiring PCWAs to provide services for 18 months?

🔾 Service requirement should be eliminated SKIP TO Q64

🔾 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 Q64

🔾 Number of months PCWAs are required to provide services should be increased

🔾 Allow the PCWA to determine how long services should be provided

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

 MONTHS

64a. 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

64b. [IF Q64a = “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

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| --- |
| * 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.
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* 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.

**64c. [IF Q64a = “List of required services should be longer”] Which services would you add to the list of required services?**

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