

CHAFEE STRENGTHENING OUTCOMES FOR TRANSITION TO ADULthood (CHAFEE SOTA)

Sample Survey of Youth Participants

INTRODUCTION

Westat, an independent research firm located in Rockville, Maryland, has been contracted by the Administration for Children and Families (also known as “ACF”) to learn about how [PROGRAM] serves youth/young adults who are transitioning out of foster care. As part of that evaluation, we are conducting a brief survey of program participants to understand your current education and employment situation, challenges you face, and services you have received.

Before completing this survey, please know:

- Your answers to this survey will be kept private. Your name will not be associated with any of your responses. Only study staff will have access to your individual answers. We will share data in reports that summarize the findings and do not present identifiable information.
- Your participation is voluntary. You may skip any question you don’t want to answer.
- Nothing you say today will affect the services you are receiving. Your input will help others who may be in the same situation as you are.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey as your participation is very important to us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-610-4849 or KathrynHenderson@westat.com.

Thank you,

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

To start, please answer a few questions about yourself.

1. What is your sex?
 - ☐ Female
 - ☐ Male
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer
2. What year were you born _ _ _ _
3. How many biological and adopted children do you have?
_____ # of children
 - ☐ Don't Know

EDUCATION

Please answer the following questions about your education.

4. What was the highest level of schooling you have completed?
 - ☐ No schooling completed
 - ☐ Nursery school to 4th grade
 - ☐ 5th or 6th grade
 - ☐ 7th or 8th grade
 - ☐ 9th grade
 - ☐ 10th
 - ☐ 11th
 - ☐ 12th grade, no diploma
 - ☐ High School diploma
 - ☐ GED
 - ☐ Some college
 - ☐ Associates degree
 - ☐ Bachelors program
 - ☐ Some graduate school
 - ☐ A graduate degree (Specify:_____)
 - ☐ Something else (Specify:_____)
 - ☐ Don't know
5. ***[IF LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED]*** Are you currently participating in a GED program?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know

6. Do you have any vocational certificates or licenses?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
7. **[IF YES]** What vocational certificate or licenses do you have?
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8. Are you currently enrolled in school or in a vocational, trade or business program, other than a GED program?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
9. **[IF YES]** Where are you enrolled? For what program/degree?
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10. Are you having difficulty getting into or staying enrolled in school?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
11. **[IF YES]** What challenges are you facing?
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12. Have you received any of the following services to help you get into or stay enrolled in school in the last six months?
- | Have you received.... | Yes | No | Don't Know |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Help identifying schools to apply for? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. Help completing applications? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. Help applying for financial aid/scholarships? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. Academic counseling/guidance? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. Financial assistance to pay for school tuition? | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. Financial assistance to pay for other things (e.g., text books, | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

computer, internet, rent, etc.)			
g. Transportation assistance to attend school?	☐	☐	☐
h. Other employment services?	☐	☐	☐

13. What additional assistance getting into or staying in school would you like to receive?

EMPLOYMENT

The next set of questions are about some of the jobs you have had.

14. Are you currently working for pay?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
15. Are you currently working at more than one job?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know

IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

For the following questions, think about your current primary job only:

16. What is your primary job? What type of work do you do? _____
17. On average, how many hours do you work per week? _____ hours/week
- ☐ Don't know
18. How much do you earn an hour? \$ ____ . ____ / hour
- ☐ Don't know
19. Do you have access to benefits from this job, such as health insurance, retirement, paid sick days, paid vacation, paid holidays, or something else?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Don't know
 - ☐
20. **[IF YES]** What benefits do you receive? **[MARK ALL THAT APPLY.]**

- ☐ Health Insurance
- ☐ Paid sick days
- ☐ Paid vacation days
- ☐ Paid holidays
- ☐ Retirement savings
- ☐ Tuition
- ☐ Something else (Specify: _____)
21. Is this job permanent, temporary, seasonal, or day labor?
- ☐ Permanent
- ☐ Temporary
- ☐ Seasonal
- ☐ Day labor
- ☐ Don't know
22. What month and year did you begin this job? ____ / ____
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23. Does this job offer opportunities for advancement?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
24. Are you having difficulty with your job?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
25. [IF YES] What challenges are you facing?
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IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED

26. What was your most recent job? What type of work did you do? _____
27. On average, how many hours did you work per week? _____ hours/week
0 Don't know
28. How much did you earn per hour? \$ ____ . ____ / hour
0 Don't know

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FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

35. Have you received any of the following services to help you find or keep a job in the last six months?

Have you received...	Yes	No	Don't Know
a. An assessment of your job skills?	☐	☐	☐
b. Job preparation/job search services?	☐	☐	☐
c. Paid or unpaid work experience, such as internships or apprenticeships?	☐	☐	☐
d. Support or coaching while employed?	☐	☐	☐
e. Transportation assistance to attend work?	☐	☐	☐
f. Other assistance (e.g., work clothes, equipment)?	☐	☐	☐
g. Other employment services?	☐	☐	☐

36. What additional assistance finding or keeping a job would you like to receive?

37. Is there anything else you would like to add about your current education or employment situation?

This is the end of the survey. Thank you for your participation.