NYTD
National Youth in Transition Database

Children's Bureau
National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Review
Quick Reference Guide:
General Requirements, Data Elements, and Rating Factors

The **National Youth in Transition Database** (NYTD) is an important tool for tracking the independent living services states provide to young people and can be used as a starting point in assessing the performance of states in improving young people's outcomes through these services. The purpose of the **NYTD Review** is to evaluate comprehensively the state's policies and practices related to collecting and reporting reliable and accurate data on young people in transition. This assessment includes a review of the state child welfare information system's capability to collect, extract, and transmit NYTD data accurately to the Children's Bureau. Also, a complete review of the state's NYTD survey methodology is conducted.

Overview of the NYTD Review Phases

Pre-Onsite Phase	Onsite Phase	Post-Onsite Phase
	Entrance conference	
	System demonstration	
	Survey methodology	
Planning conference calls	Case record review	
System and survey documentation	Stakeholder/partner interviews	Final Report
Test cases	Young people focus groups	Improvement plan
Case record review sample	Data Quality Assurance, Continuous Quality Improvement, and file reporting discussion	Debriefing conference call
Requirements workbook	Federal review team offsite preliminary findings meeting	
	Exit conference	
Duration: Minimum 16 weeks	**Duration:** 5 days	**Duration:** 16 weeks, plus the time it takes to complete the improvement plan

The federal team conducting this review consists of Children's Bureau Central and Regional Office staff and teams of trained young adult reviewers. The **NYTD Reviewer Program** trains young people to assess states' capacity to collect and use NYTD data to tailor program services to better meet the needs of young people in transition.

General Requirements

1. The state reports information on all youth in the served population.
2. The state reports information on all youth in the baseline population.
3. The state reports information on all youth in the follow-up population.
4. The state implements an appropriate survey methodology to collect youth outcomes data.
5. The state follows ACF's sampling procedures (*applicable to states opting to sample only*).
6. The state reports NYTD data files following ACF's specifications.
7. The state conducts quality assurance to ensure NYTD information can be analyzed and used.

Data Elements

Demographics	Independent Living Services	Youth Outcomes
1. State 2. Report date 3. Record number 4. Date of birth 5. Sex 6. Race: American Indian or Alaska Native 7. Race: Asian 8. Race: Black or African American 9. Race: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 10. Race: White 11. Race: Unknown 12. Race: Declined 13. Hispanic or Latino ethnicity 14. Foster care status 15. Local agency 16. Federally recognized Tribe 17. Adjudicated delinquent 18. Educational level 19. Special education	20. Independent living needs assessment 21. Academic support 22. Post-secondary educational support 23. Career preparation 24. Employment programs or vocational training 25. Budget and financial management 26. Housing education and home management training 27. Health education and risk prevention 28. Family support and healthy marriage education 29. Mentoring 30. Supervised independent living 31. Room and board financial assistance 32. Education financial assistance 33. Other financial assistance	34. Outcomes reporting status 35. Date of outcome data collection 36. Foster care status—outcomes 37. Current full-time employment 38. Current part-time employment 39. Employment-related skills 40. Social Security 41. Educational aid 42. Public financial assistance 43. Public food assistance 44. Public housing assistance 45. Other financial support 46. Highest educational certification received 47. Current enrollment and attendance 48. Connection to adult 49. Homelessness 50. Substance abuse referral 51. Incarceration 52. Children 53. Marriage at child's birth 54. Medicaid 55. Other health insurance coverage 56. Health insurance type: Medical 57. Health insurance type: Mental health 58. Health insurance type: Prescription drugs

Rating Factors

Rating Factor	Definition
4	The **requirement has been met** and the state has developed and implemented policies/practices that support the collection and reporting of **high-quality data** to the NYTD system.
3	There are practice or design issues affecting **data quality**.
2	There are technical problems prohibiting the system from meeting the requirement.
1	The requirement has not been implemented.
0	State operating a SACWIS/CCWIS for which it received federal financial participation (FFP) found not to be collecting or managing NYTD data in its system consistent with federal requirements.