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The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) was created by the federal government to collect information about the services being provided to older youth in foster care and the outcomes resulting from these services. Through this process, the federal government will measure the effectiveness of the foster care system in helping youth transition to adulthood.

The NYTD requires that, beginning October 1, 2012, states must conduct a follow-up survey with those youth at age 19 who completed the 17-year-old baseline survey. A report detailing those youth who need to be asked to complete a survey will be sent to County Directors, assigned case workers, MYOI coordinators, and relevant staff prior to October 1st. For those youth with active cases, the direct caseworker will ensure that the survey is completed. For those youth with closed cases, central office will coordinate with county directors to identify local office staff liaisons to engage youth.

A flyer will be sent to youth who participated in the baseline survey explaining the NYTD as well as announcing an opportunity for them to earn a $15 gift card after they complete the follow-up survey. **It also explains that the survey can only be completed within 45 days after their 19th birthday.** The youth is requested to fill out an enclosed form with contact information and return it in a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The youth's survey ID is also included on the flyer.

Potential Penalties

Michigan was not in compliance with the 17-year-old baseline survey which resulted in a financial penalty and reduction of funds available to older foster youth. **It is imperative that the state successfully completes the follow-up survey and achieves compliance.**

A separate communication that contains specific instruction regarding youth eligibility, administering the survey, and technical assistance will be sent. For questions, please contact Jessica Kincaid in the Health, Education, and Youth Unit at (517) 373-9219 or kincaidj@michigan.gov.