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Attachment A

The Contractor shall provide the following service relative to this Contract:

This contract serves as a method to ensure the Indiana Department of Child Services meets the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) outcomes survey participation response rates of at least **60 percent** for members of the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population who are no longer in foster care.

Specifically, the Contractor shall:

- A. Comply with the NYTD Outcomes Survey and Data Collection Indiana Protocol and Strategic Plan
- B. Be responsible for administering the NYTD outcomes survey to all youth / young adults who are identified as members of the 19- and 21-year-old follow-up population who are no longer in foster care.
- C. Be responsible for contacting each member of the NYTD outcomes survey 19- and 21-year-old, follow up population for the purpose of engaging the youth / young adult in participating and completing the NYTD outcomes survey.
- D. Serve as the administrator of incentive dollars to be distributed to youth / young adults who participate in the NYTD outcomes survey 17-year-old baseline population and the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population.
- E. Be responsible for youth information gathering and locating youth who are a part of the NYTD outcomes survey 17-year-old baseline population and the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population.
 - The contractor shall be responsible for developing and maintain a locating or contact database to ensure all NYTD outcome survey participants contact information is current and up to date.
 - 2. Utilize locating services such as BMV. white pages social media, DOC search, My Case.in.gov and other paid locating services to search for youth / young adults who are a part of the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population.
 - 3. Maintain contact with DCS staff and older youth services providers
 - 4. Develop ongoing information gather and locating strategies for youth / young adults who are a part of the NYTD outcomes survey 17-year-old baseline population and the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population.
- F. Engage all youth / young adults who have participated and / or are members of the NYTD outcomes survey population.
 - 1. Engage the 17-year-old baseline population from the time such youth have been identified as members of the 19-year-old follow up population through the NYTD random sample process.
 - 2. Engage members of the 19-year-old follow up population from such time the youth / young adults have been identified, during the 19-year-old survey period and through the NYTD cohort cycle.

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- 3. Engage identified members of the 21-year-old follow up population through the NYTD cohort cycle, during and through the NYTD of the 21-year-old survey period.
- G. Oversee and facilitate all youth engagement activities for youth / young adults who have participated and / or are members of the NYTD outcomes 17-year-old baseline population and the 19- and 21-year-old follow up population.
 - 1. Develop youth / young adult engagement strategies and a Youth Engagement Plan
 - 2. Oversee the NYTD Youth Ambassador's Program
 - 3. Use technology and social media to engage youth / young adults through the 17-, 19- and 21-year-old cohort NYTD outcomes survey period.
- H. Develop and maintain a NYTD website / technology that is accessible on the Internet through a secure server according to DCS guidelines. The database tracks NYTD surveys and information, disbursement of incentives, DCS and Community related links, and other resources.
- I. Work closely with the NYTD Coordinator or designee and NYTD team
- J. Work closely with current and former foster youth included in the survey population as well as case managers, current/former foster parents, and other contractors with DCS who may be providing services to the older youth.
- K. Maintain a physical office in the State of Indiana.
- L. Submit monthly and annual reports to the state in a timely manner.

Contractor Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- A. Maintain meaningful contact with youth who participate in taking the baseline NYTD survey at age 17.
- B. Continue meaningful contact with youth from the time such youth are identified as being a member of the 19-year-old follow-up population through the end of the report period in which the youth turn 21 years of age.
- C. Use communication and outreach methods that are confidential, trauma informed and consistent with the tenants of authentic youth engagement and youth/adult partnerships.
- D. Administer incentives dollars to youth who participate in taking the NYTD surveys. This includes youth in the baseline and follow-up populations.
- E. Ensure the survey response rates for youth who are in and out of foster care placement as defined in the final federal rule meets the minimum response rates of 19- and 21-year-old follow up population as defined by NYTD rule.
- F. Maintain records of engagement efforts, contact information and percentage of surveys completed. Must be able to provide such records to DCS contact upon request.
- G. Enter completed surveys through the DCS online portal.
- H. Connect youth with community/state resources as needed.