

## **Methodology for Measure 8A Outcomes for Youth Exiting Foster Care at Age 18\* or Older (Quarter 2, 2015 forward)**

### **Description:**

The California Fostering Connections to Success Act (AB 12) was signed into law September 30, 2010, and allows California to extend foster care benefits up to age 21 for youth who meet the federal participation eligibility criteria. In California, youth 18 years old and older in foster care are designated as Nonminor Dependents (NMDs).

Beginning October 2015 (Quarter 2, April through June 2015), the Measure 8A reports capture the outcomes for youth exiting foster care at age 18 (or legally emancipating before age 18\*), NMDs exiting foster care and NMDs who re-entered foster care and are exiting again. Measure 8A reports include the following outcome categories: Education, Employment, Housing Arrangements, and Permanency Connection.

### **Frequency:**

Reports will be updated and refreshed annually.

### **Data Source:**

Two reports are utilized to create the Measure 8A reports. The Outcomes for Nonminor Dependents Child Welfare Youth Exiting Foster Care Quarterly Statistical Report SOC 405X is used to collect data for youth exiting foster care while under the supervision of the child welfare agency. The Outcomes for Nonminor Dependents Probation Foster Youth Exiting Foster Care Quarterly Statistical Report SOC 405XP is used to collect data for youth exiting foster care while under the supervision of the probation department. Both reports are submitted quarterly by the counties to California Department of Social Services. They are located on the CDSS website at: <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/research-and-data/childrens-programs-data-tables/soc405x>

Line and cell references below are from the SOC 405X and SOC 405XP reports. These reports are identical; therefore, the line and cell numbers are the same.

### **Denominator:**

Line 3, Cells 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, Youth whose whereabouts are known during the quarter.

### **Numerator:**

- **Education:** Line 4, Cells 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Youth who completed high school or equivalency.

- Employment: Line 19, Cells 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145, Youth who obtained employment.
- Housing Arrangements: The sum of the following lines:  
Lines 32, Cells 216, 217, 218, 219 and 220, Youth who have made arrangements to rent their own housing or to pay rent to or share rent with another person,  
  
Line 33, Cells 221, 222, 223, 224 and 225, Youth who have made arrangements to live free of rent with another individual,  
  
Line 34, Cells 226, 227, 228, 229 and 230, Youth who have made arrangements to live in supportive transitional housing,  
  
Line 35, Cells 231, 232, 233, 234 and 235, Youth who have made arrangements to receive subsidized housing,  
  
Line 37, Cells 241, 242, 243, 244 and 245, Youth who have made arrangements to live in a college dorm the next available quarter/semester, and  
  
Line 38, Cells 246, 247, 248, 249 and 250, Youth who have made housing arrangements other than those listed above (e.g., military, Job Corps, California Conservation Corps or AmeriCorps).
- Permanency Connection: Line 46, Cells 286, 287, 288, 289 and 290, Youth who reported that they have at least one connection to a caring, committed adult who can provide a safe, stable relationship, guidance and emotional support to the youth.