

Methodology for Measure 8A Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care (Quarter 4 2008 forward)

Description:

Previously, Measure 8A was an annual report comprised of data from the SOC 405A, Independent Living Program Annual Statistical Report. Effective Quarter 4 (October – December), 2008, the measure has been revised to a quarterly report of outcomes for youth who exited foster care placement due to attaining age 18 or 19, or those foster youth under age 18 who were legally emancipated from foster care pursuant to Family Code Section 7000. Measure 8A will now include welfare supervised and probation supervised foster youth. All data for the measure are collected from the SOC 405E, Exit Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Quarterly Statistical Report. The information entered on each youth is based on what is known about the youth's status at the month of exiting care. The revised Measure 8A will include the following categories: Education, Financial Support, Housing Arrangements, Independent Living Program Services, and Permanency Connection.

Frequency:

This report will be updated and refreshed quarterly.

Data Source:

SOC 405E, Exit Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Quarterly Statistical Report, submitted quarterly by the counties to California Department of Social Services. This report is located on the CDSS website at:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research/PG1940.htm>

Line and cell references below are from the SOC 405E, Exit Outcomes for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Quarterly Statistical Report. The first cell reference listed is for welfare supervised youths and the second cell reference is for probation supervised youths.

Denominator:

Line 3, Cells 31 and 32, Youth whose whereabouts are known during the report quarter and information included in the SOC 405E quarterly report.

Numerator:

- Education: Line 4, Cells 34 and 35, Youth who completed high school or equivalency.
- Employment: Line 12, Cells 76 and 77, Youth who obtained employment.
- Housing Arrangements: The sum of the following lines:

Lines 32, Cells 142 and 143, Youth who have made arrangements to rent their own housing or to pay rent to or share rent with another person,

Line 33, Cells 157 and 158, Youth who have made arrangements to live free of rent with another individual,

Line 34, Cells 169 and 170, Youth who have made arrangements to live in supportive transitional housing,

Line 35, Cells 184 and 185, Youth who have made arrangements to receive subsidized housing,

Line 37, Cells 199 and 200, Youth who have made arrangements to live in a college dorm the next available quarter/semester, and

Line 39, Cells 205 and 206, Youth who have made housing arrangements other than those listed above (e.g., military, Job Corps, California Conservation Corps, or AmeriCorp).

- Independent living Program Services: Line 47, Cells 229 and 230, Youth who received Independent Living Services prior to aging out or legally emancipating from Foster Care.
- Permanency Connection: Line 48, Cells 232 and 233, Youth who reported that they have a permanency connection to at least one adult that they can go to for support, advice, and guidance.