



# You Are a Piece of the NYTD Puzzle!



## WHAT IS NYTD?

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) is a survey designed to track how states serve older youth, and to measure how well states are helping foster youth prepare for adulthood. Your feedback completes the puzzle.

## HOW DOES YOUR LIFE FIT THIS PUZZLE?

The information gathered from NYTD helps Pennsylvania determine what impact they have made on your life. The survey gives agencies, staff and lawmakers real feedback, from real youth, about the services that are provided and whether they are making a difference for youth exiting, or who have exited foster care.

## HOW TO GET NYTD!

Your personal experiences can help change "the system" and make a difference.

- Get involved
- Leave your story behind in a meaningful way
- Impact your county's Independent Living Program
- Impact the types of services youth get to improve their future
- Give lawmakers an idea of how you're doing

**FOLLOW THROUGH.** If you are contacted about taking a NYTD survey, complete it before the deadline! Remember, the information you provide is private and the puzzle isn't completed without your experiences and feedback.

**SPREAD THE WORD.** Tell your friends and teach other youth about the survey. Tell them that they are also an important part of the puzzle.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Hit up your Independent Living Caseworker about how you can register to take the survey right after your 17th birthday.
- Always make sure your IL Caseworker has your updated contact information – even after you leave foster care.

This also allows them to keep you updated on what's happening around the state!

## FOR MORE INFO

The Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board at [www.independentlivingpa.org](http://www.independentlivingpa.org)

Contact your Independent Living Program at:



County : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

