

## Aftercare Participant Survey – April 2009 Results

### Agency providing services:

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
American Home Finding Association	3.2%	11
Boys and Girls Home	9.5%	33
Children and Families of Iowa	2.9%	10
Children's Square	14.4%	50
Family Resources	7.5%	26
Foundation 2	4.9%	17
Four Oaks	20.2%	70
Francis Lauer Youth Services	2.6%	9
Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - YSS	16.7%	58
Quakerdale	0.6%	2
Young House Family Services	3.2%	11
Youth Homes of Mid-America	2.9%	10
YSS - Ames	7.5%	26
YSS - Hamilton	1.7%	6
YSS - Marshall	2.3%	8
<i>answered question</i>		347
<i>skipped question</i>		0

### How old are you?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
18	29.9%	103
19	35.4%	122
20	33.9%	117
21	0.9%	3
<i>answered question</i>		345
<i>skipped question</i>		2

### What is your gender?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Male	35.2%	121
Female	64.8%	223
<i>answered question</i>		344
<i>skipped question</i>		3

### Do you receive a monthly PAL stipend (check)?

Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Yes	70.4%	235
No	29.6%	99
<i>answered question</i>		334
<i>skipped question</i>		13

About how long were you in foster care?		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Less than 6 months	3.8%	13
6 months to about a year	13.5%	46
1 to 2 years	14.9%	51
More than 2 years	63.5%	217
Not Sure	4.4%	15
<i>answered question</i>		342
<i>skipped question</i>		5

What was your last type of placement in foster care?		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Relative	8.8%	30
Family foster home (non-relative)	51.3%	175
Group home or shelter	18.8%	64
Other institution	2.1%	7
Supervised Apartment Living (independent living)	14.4%	49
Some other type of placement	4.1%	14
Not Sure	0.6%	2
<i>answered question</i>		341
<i>skipped question</i>		6

Check the column that best reflects your experience with Aftercare/PAL services.						
Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
I am treated with respect by my SSA?	88.1% (304)	8.7% (30)	0.6% (2)	0.6% (2)	2.0% (7)	345
My meetings with my SSA are at a time and place that is comfortable and convenient for me.	86.0% (295)	10.5% (36)	1.2% (4)	0.6% (2)	1.7% (6)	343
I developed the goals for my self sufficiency plan with the assistance of my SSA.	79.4% (273)	17.2% (59)	0.9% (3)	0.9% (3)	1.7% (6)	344
My SSA recognizes when I am doing well and celebrates my successes and accomplishments with me.	80.2% (276)	16.0% (55)	0.9% (3)	1.2% (4)	1.7% (6)	344
<i>answered question</i>						345
<i>skipped question</i>						2

Would you refer a friend to Aftercare Services?		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Yes	98.5%	333
No	1.5%	5
<i>answered question</i>		338
<i>skipped question</i>		9

<b>Aftercare Participant Survey – Permanency Questions</b>		
<b>Do you currently have a close relationship with any members of your biological family?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	84.9%	287
No	15.1%	51
<i>answered question</i>		<b>338</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

<b>With which members of your biological family do you currently have a close relationship? (Select all that apply)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Mother	58.4%	170
Father	30.2%	88
Sibling	70.8%	206
Aunt/uncle	32.6%	95
Grandparent/great grandparent	43.0%	125
Cousin	34.0%	99
Other (please specify)		11
<i>answered question</i>		<b>291</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>56</b>

<b>How much was done while you were in foster care to help you maintain or strengthen your relationships with these biological family members?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
A lot was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	51.7%	151
Some but not enough was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	31.2%	91
Nothing was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	17.1%	50
<i>answered question</i>		<b>292</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>55</b>

<b>How much are aftercare services doing to help you maintain or strengthen your relationships with these biological family members?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
A lot is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	67.8%	196
Some but not enough is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	22.8%	66
Nothing is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationships with these family members.	9.3%	27
<i>answered question</i>		<b>289</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>58</b>

<b>Do you currently have a relationship that is trusting, supportive, and unconditional with at least one adult who will always be there for you?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	94.2%	324
No	5.8%	20
<i>answered question</i>		<b>344</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

<b>Which of the following best describes the one adult with whom you have the closest trusting, supportive, and unconditional relationship? (Please select only one)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Birth parent	25.6%	79
Adoptive parent	5.8%	18
Spouse/partner	14.3%	44
Sibling	7.8%	24
Aunt/uncle	6.2%	19
Grandparent/great grandparent	6.8%	21
Cousin	2.9%	9
Legal guardian	1.0%	3
Foster parent (or former foster parent)	18.8%	58
Current or former case worker, social worker, or independent living program staff	3.2%	10
Teacher or coach	1.3%	4
Mentor (Big Brother/Big Sister, other volunteer or informal mentor)	1.9%	6
Someone from church or faith-based community	0.3%	1
Parent of a friend	3.9%	12
Other (please specify)		17
<i>answered question</i>		<b>308</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>39</b>

<b>What can you count on this person to do? I can count on him or her . . . (Select all that apply)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
To talk with me about my problems.	96.6%	313
To give me advice.	95.1%	308
To provide me with a place to live	63.6%	206
To help me find a job	67.6%	219
To help if I am sick.	78.7%	255
To help me pay for my education.	26.9%	87
To help me manage my money.	67.0%	217
To help with care for my children	38.3%	124
To help me feel good about myself	87.0%	282
<i>answered question</i>		<b>324</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>23</b>

<b>Did you know this person before you entered foster care?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	62.8%	201
No	37.2%	119
<i>answered question</i>		<b>320</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>27</b>

<b>How much was done while you were in foster care to help you maintain or strengthen your relationship with this person?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
A lot was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	59.7%	190
Some but not enough was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	16.0%	51
Nothing was done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	15.4%	49
I did not meet this person until after I exited foster care.	8.8%	28
<i>answered question</i>		<b>318</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>29</b>

<b>How much is your Aftercare Self-Sufficiency Advocate doing to help you maintain or strengthen your relationship with this person?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Frequency</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
A lot is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	76.0%	244
Some but not enough is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	14.0%	45
Nothing is being done to help me maintain or strengthen my relationship with this person.	10.0%	32
<i>answered question</i>		<b>321</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>26</b>