Bring it All Together: Connecting Child Welfare Services for Young Adults to Other Systems

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Youth’s Perception of Preparedness to Achieve Goals

- Sexual health
- Parenting (n = 121)
- Substance abuse
- Family planning
- Relationship skills
- Independent living skills
- Physical health
- Mental/Behavioral health
- Employment
- Education
- Financial literacy

Legend:
- Not prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Prepared
- Very prepared
Youth’s Receipt of Life Skills Preparation, Support Services, or Training

- None
- A little
- Some
- A lot
Youth’s Satisfaction with Life Skills Preparation, Support Services, or Training

Average Satisfaction

1=Very dissatisfied   2=Dissatisfied   3=Satisfied   4=Very Satisfied
Caseworker’s Perceptions of Youth’s Preparedness in Various Life Areas

- Address alcohol/sub abuse/dependence (n=441)
- Manage physical health (n=479)
- Make sexual health decisions (n=446)
- Maintain pos. relations w/ people (n=481)
- Live independently (n=482)
- Make family planning decisions (n=446)
- Get/keep a job (n=484)
- Manage mental health (n=463)
- Find/keep place to live (n=481)
- Continue education goals (n=477)
- Manage money (n=482)
- Parent a child (n=399)

Legend:
- Not prepared
- Somewhat prepared
- Prepared
- Very prepared
Caseworker’s Perception of Youth’s Need for Services

- Finish Secondary Education (n = 99)
- Manage money (n = 448)
- Parent a child (n = 397)
- Get/keep a job (n = 481)
- Live independently (n = 481)
- Manage mental health (n = 466)
- Maintain pos. relations w/people (n = 478)
- Make family planning decisions (n = 449)
- Make sexual health decisions (n = 479)
- Manage physical health (n = 479)
- Address alcohol/sub abuse/dependence (n = 443)

Legend:
- 1 No need
- 2
- 3 Medium
- 4
- 5 High
Caseworkers’ Perceptions of Availability of Trainings and Services for Older Youth

A Wide Range  Some  Few  None
Caseworkers’ Perceptions about Helpfulness of Trainings/Services for Older Youth

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

- Postsecondary education (n = 274)
- Secondary education (n = 270)
- Independent living prep. (n = 270)
- Financial literacy (n = 257)
- Mental health (n = 272)
- Pregnancy and parenting (n = 264)
- Sexual/reproductive health (n = 242)
- Interpersonal/relationship skills (n = 244)
- Pregnancy prevention (n = 244)
- Addressing safety concerns (n = 235)
- Alcohol/substance misuse (n = 250)
- Health education (n = 244)

- 5 Very helpful
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1 Not helpful
Housing Options

Caseworkers’ Perceptions of Availability of Housing Options
\( (N = 292) \)

- A wide range: 17%
- Few: 43%
- Some: 39%
- None: 2%

Caseworkers’ Perceptions of Appropriateness of Housing Options
\( (N = 292) \)

- Very appropriate: 23%
- Somewhat appropriate: 48%
- Slightly appropriate: 24%
- Mostly not appropriate: 5%
Caseworkers’ Satisfaction with Collaboration with Other Systems

- 1 Completely dissatisfied
- 2
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4
- 5 Completely satisfied
Supportiveness of Court Personnel

- County Judges (n = 290)
- Youth’s Attorney (n = 289)
- County Counsel (n = 287)
- CASA (n = 265)

Categories:
- Very unsupportive
- Unsupportive
- Indifferent
- Supportive
- Very supportive
Summary

• Youths’ perceptions of preparedness differs from caseworkers’ perceptions

• Youth are least prepared in education and employment, while these two areas are the service types that are the most widely provided

• Youth reported being the least satisfied with the preparation they received in the areas of education, housing, and financial literacy

• Caseworkers are mostly dissatisfied with collaboration with other systems around substance abuse, mental health, and employment service