Nearly a third of former foster youth had spent time in a correctional facility by age 21.
Transitional Living Program
Selected Outcomes at One Year Post-Discharge
Follow-ups conducted through September 2013

- Young women ever pregnant: 15%
- Youth parenting a child: 32%
- Youth receiving mental health services: 18%
- If so, receiving mental health services regularly: 33%

Only includes youth who received at least 60 days of service.
Surveys are conducted by research staff via phone with letter surveys to non-respondents.

Please note: Surveys are completed with youth/families who have discharged from YV services altogether. If a youth re-enters YV services, the survey cycle is reset and begins again at their discharge.

Rate of re-entry into YV services:
- 6-Month Follow-up – 3.9% (191 out of 4,956)
- 12-Month Follow-up – 5.3% (235 out of 4,450)
- 24-Month Follow-up – 6.6% (223 out of 3,388)

Internet search of public records (Lexis-Nexis) is completed to locate accurate contact information.

Due to the number of youth served, beginning in 2010 youth are randomly selected at discharge for follow-up surveys. The sample has been found to accurately represent the population of youth served based on demographics, length of service, and outcome at discharge; figures presented here represent outcomes for the population of youth discharged from the program within +/- 3% at the 95% confidence level.

While no consensus exists regarding adequate response rates, 40% - 60% has been identified as appropriate for surveys of this type and size.

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About our Response Rates

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All benchmarks on the previous slides come from the Chapin Hall study cited below.

Randomized Clinical Evaluation

- Random assignment evaluation conducted by an independent third party (scientific gold standard)
- Largest random assignment study of program for transition-age youth – 1,322 youth
- One year follow-ups completed by January 2014
- Follow-up at years 2 – 5 will be completed with administrative records
- Implementation evaluation due out this year
- Impact analysis due in the fall of 2014/spring of 2015
“This is one of the largest experimental evaluations ever conducted in the child welfare services field and the largest by far of a program focused on improving the transition to adulthood for foster youth. It will provide invaluable evidence to the field regarding ‘what works’ for foster youth.”

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Question and Answer