



## Extended Foster Care Background and Reference Information

Youth Law Center has compiled the following links to extended foster care background and reference information for the National Press Foundation Future of the American Child Fellowship presentation in Charlotte, NC:

[www.ylc.org](http://www.ylc.org) Youth Law Center is the lead partner for child welfare issues for the report, *On the Threshold of Change: Forces that could transform future conditions for youth in Extended Foster Care*. An embargoed copy of the report will be posted on the website starting Friday, January 19 with a release date of Wednesday, January 24.

[www.iftf.org](http://www.iftf.org) Institute for the Future is the world's leading futures organization and lead partner on applying foresight strategies to foster care.

[www.calyouthconn.org](http://www.calyouthconn.org) California Youth Connections is a partner in the project and as a youth-led organization that develops leaders who empower each other and their communities to transform the foster care system.

[www.aecf.org/resources/fostering-youth-transitions-2023#lists](http://www.aecf.org/resources/fostering-youth-transitions-2023#lists) is on the Annie E. Casey Foundation website and includes state-by-state data on transitions of youth in foster care to adulthood.

[The National Youth in Transitions Database \(NYTD\) Services File](#), a part of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services collects information on children in foster care who have received independent living services under the federal John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood ("Chafee program"). NYTD Services administrative data are collected and reported by the states. States report annually on all youth who receive at least one federally funded independent living/transition service. The most recent data files are from 2021.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-19-411> Government Accounting Office Report 19-411, *States with Approval to Extend Care Provide Independent Living Options for Youth up to Age 21*, (May 21, 2019), reviews the living settings of states approved to use federal funds to extend foster care including those providing a range of independent living options, such as shared apartments or college dorms.

[The Role of Enduring Relationships on Youth Outcomes](#) by Nathanael J. Okpych, et. al. A 2023 peer-reviewed study showing that only about half of the youth in extended foster care had enduring relationships and that these relationships had real, material consequences for youth and that the need to establish these valuable relationships was especially pressing for Black and Native American youth who were found to be less likely than their peers to have an enduring relationship.