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Success Beyond 18

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THE CHALLENGE

Every year, 26,000 young people “age out” of foster care without permanent families or supports.

Negative outcomes include:

- Homelessness
- Failure to complete high school
- Criminal involvement
- Unplanned pregnancies

***Estimated lifetime cost to taxpayers = \$8 billion
For each state - \$300,000 per youth for each cohort year***

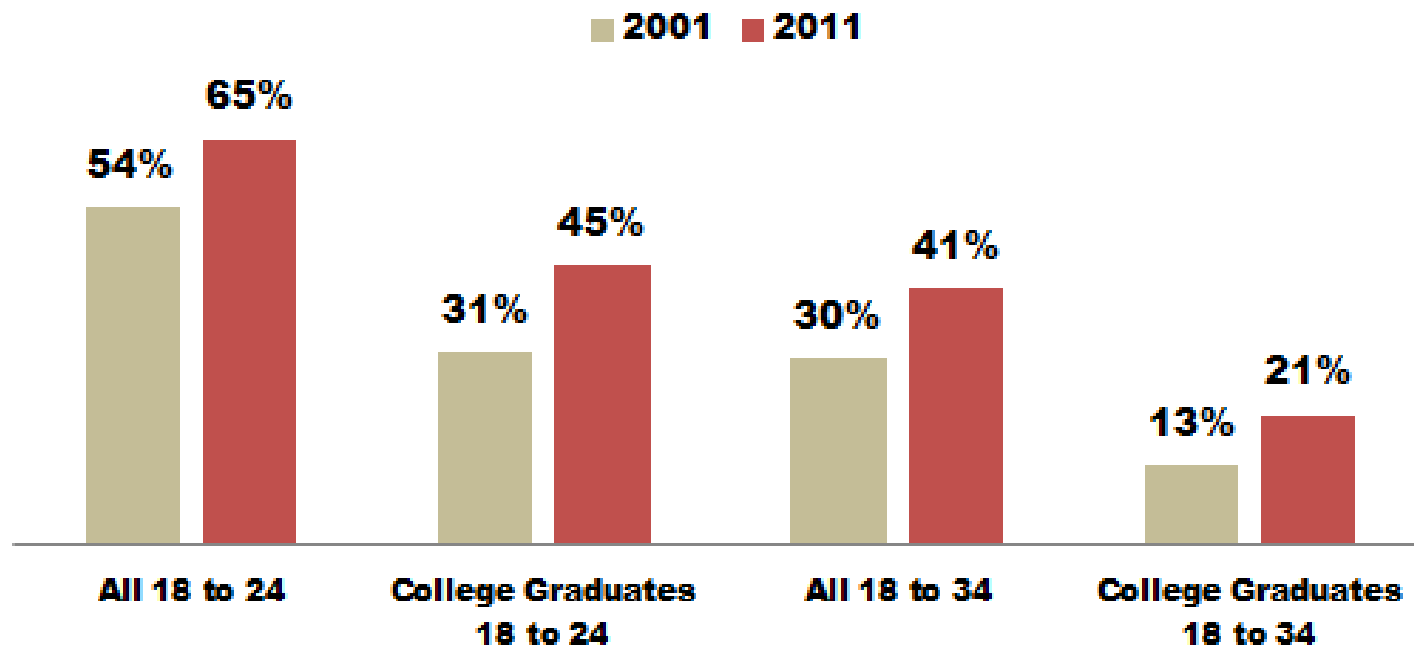
Cost Avoidance: The Business Case for Investing in Youth Aging out of Foster Care, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative



In the General Population

How Many Young Adults Live With Family?

(Pew Research Center analysis of American Community Survey data)



“Here’s Exactly How Many College Graduates Live Back at Home”, The Atlantic Monthly Group 2013 by Jordan Weissmann



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SUCCESS BEYOND 18

The campaign's three policy and practice goals:

1. Young people are not on their own at 18 without families or supports.
2. Young people have a meaningful voice and say in their future – before and after 18.
3. Greater oversight and accountability for their well-being leads to more positive outcomes.

Doing it right has the power to change lives.



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EXTENDING CARE: DOING IT RIGHT

Extending the availability and enhancing the quality of foster care beyond age 18

- Collaborate with young people in designing extended care
- Leverage federal funding
- Take advantage of federal options (supervised independent living, allow for re-entry, voluntary agreements, direct stipends to young people)
- Maximize participation of young people in extended care (inclusive eligibility)
- Align extended care with approaches to case planning and oversight



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GETTING STARTED

- Convene diverse group of stakeholders, including authentic youth engagement
- Review federal requirements and options
- Consider existing supports and services
- Reach agreement on key design issues
- Project costs and revenue
- Next steps



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ELIGIBILITY

- Option to extend care until age 19, 20, or 21 and receive continued Title IV-E reimbursement
- In order to be eligible for services at age 18 + young people must be:
 - Completing secondary education or in a program leading to an equivalent credential
 - Enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education
 - Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers, to employment
 - Employed for at least 80 hours per month, or
 - Have a medical condition that renders youth incapable of engaging in any of these activities



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OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Placement options for young people 18+ can include:
 - Foster homes
 - Child care institutions
 - “Supervised settings in which the individual is living independently”
- States can offer extended foster care to young people who exit and choose to reenter
- States that opt to extend FC to 21, also have to extend adoption assistance and guardianship subsidies to 21 for young people adopted or moving into guardianship at age 16+



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CASE PLANNING AND REVIEW

- Same case planning and review requirements are in place for youth in extended foster care age 18 and older as are in place for youth under 18.
 - Periodic case reviews (every 6 months) by either the court or an administrative panel
 - Judicial determination that agency made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan still required unless youth are in Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA).
 - With a VPA judicial determination that staying in care is in the best interest within the first 180 days of the VPA.
- In a VPA, IV-E eligibility is determined by the young adult's income.



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STATES THAT HAVE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

Approved Title IV-E Plans

Alabama

Indiana

Michigan

N. Dakota

Texas

Arkansas

Maine

Minnesota

Oregon

Washington

California

Maryland

Nebraska

Pennsylvania

W. Virginia

Illinois

Massachusetts

New York

Tennessee

Wash, DC

Enacted legislation

Delaware

Nebraska

Florida

Virginia

Hawaii

Missouri



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PARTNERSHIPS

Connecticut
Georgia
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Mississippi
N. Carolina

Delaware
Hawaii
Maine
Nebraska
Rhode Island

Florida
Indiana
Michigan
New Mexico
Tennessee

IN PLANNING

Arizona

Cleveland

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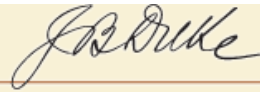
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THE TIME IS NOW

“Every young person needs an opportunity to look up in the stands and see somebody cheering for them.”

– *Crystal, 25, Jim Casey Initiative Young Fellow*

Together, we can create a better path.



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RESOURCES

www.jimcaseyyouth.org

- *Adolescent Brain Development: Implications for Youth in Foster Care*
- *Authentic Youth Engagement*
- *Re-Examining the Foster Care Review Process (fall, 2013)*
- *Cost Avoidance: the Business Case for Investing in Youth Aging out of Foster Care **
- *Extending Foster Care: Getting Started **
- *Foster Care to 21: Doing it Right **
- *Promoting Development of Resilience*
- *Social Capital: Building Quality Networks*
- *Success Beyond 18 White Paper**
- *Guide to Support Implementation of Foster Care Beyond 18 – Q&A*
- *Extending Foster Care Beyond 18: Placement Options (fall, 2013)*

*Included in NGA Policy Institute materials