

**Aftercare Participant Survey Results – SFY 2019**  
 April 2019 (N = 389; 93.7% of active participants)



Agency providing services	Percent	Number
American Home Finding Association	3.34%	13
Children's Square	14.40%	56
Family Resources	3.60%	14
Foundation 2	11.57%	45
Four Oaks	16.97%	66
Young House Family Services	2.31%	9
Youth Homes of Mid-America	1.54%	6
YSS – Ames	5.91%	23
YSS – Francis Lauer	5.66%	22
YSS – Hamilton	9.77%	38
YSS – Marshall	6.17%	24
YSS - IHYC	18.77%	73
	<i>answered question</i>	389
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

**Participant Characteristics**

Gender	Percent	Number
Female	47.99%	179
Male	51.21%	191
Other	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	0.80%	3
	<i>answered question</i>	373
	<i>skipped question</i>	16

LGBT+? Orientation	Percent	Number
Yes	11.35%	42
No	84.32%	312
Prefer not to answer	4.32%	16
	<i>answered question</i>	370
	<i>skipped question</i>	19

Age	Percent	Number
18	31.00%	115
19	29.38%	109
20	38.27%	142
21*	1.35%	5
	<i>answered question</i>	371
	<i>skipped question</i>	18

\*Eligibility for Aftercare ends at age 21, but active participants who turn 21 and are in the process of exiting services the month of the survey is administered are invited to complete the survey.

Race (multiple selections allowed)	Percent	Number
African American or Black	19.41%	72
Asian	0.54%	2
Hispanic or Latino	8.89%	33
Native American or American Indian	1.35%	5
Pacific Islander	0.54%	2
White	63.07%	234
Multiracial	4.04%	15
Prefer not to answer	0.81%	3
Other (please specify)	1.35%	5
	<i>answered question</i>	371
	<i>skipped question</i>	18

\*Other races identified: African American and Native American/American Indian; Italian; and White.

Last placement was State Training School or Detention	Percent	Number
Yes	14.99%	58
No	85.01%	329
	<i>answered question</i>	387
	<i>skipped question</i>	2

## Employment and Education Status

Current Employment Status	Percent	Number
Working 25 or more hours a week	45.84%	171
Working less than 25 hours a week	22.52%	84
Not working - full time student	14.48%	54
Not working or going to school	17.16%	64
	<i>answered question</i>	373
	<i>skipped question</i>	16

Current Enrollment Status	Percent	Number
High School or HS completion program	45.84%	171
College (2- or 4- year degree program)	22.52%	84
Career, trade, technical or certificate program	14.48%	54
Not currently enrolled in education	17.16%	64
	<i>answered question</i>	373
	<i>skipped question</i>	16

## Outcome Questions

Last month, did you have enough money and other resources to cover your expenses? (Including earnings, money from PAL, vendor payments, and any other assistance.)	Percent	Number
Yes	77.27%	289
No	19.25%	72
Not sure	3.48%	13
	<i>answered question</i>	374
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

Do you have a safe and stable place to live?	Percent	Number
Yes	97.86%	366
No	2.14%	8
	<i>answered question</i>	374
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

Do you have positive personal relationships with at least one adult in the community?	Percent	Number
Yes	99.47%	372
No	0.53%	2
	<i>answered question</i>	374
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

### Self-Sufficiency Advocate Performance

Overall, how helpful are meetings with your current Advocate to you? Rate on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not helpful and 10 being extremely helpful to you.	Percent	Number
1	0	0
2	.27%	1
3	.27%	1
4	.27%	1
5	1.34%	5
6	1.88%	7
7	6.45%	24
8	10.75%	40
9	15.05%	56
10	63.71%	237
	<b>average rating</b>	<b>9.24</b>
	<i>answered question</i>	372
	<i>skipped question</i>	17

Overall, how helpful is Aftercare to you? Rate on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being not helpful at all and 10 being extremely helpful to you.	Percent	Number
1	1.08%	4
2	.27%	1
3	0	0
4	.27%	1
5	1.62%	6
6	2.43%	9
7	5.66%	21
8	8.89%	33
9	11.05%	41
10	68.73%	255
	<b>average rating</b>	<b>9.23</b>
	<i>answered question</i>	371
	<i>skipped question</i>	18

Does meeting with or talking to your current Advocate help you feel hopeful (or more hopeful) about your future?	Percent	Number
Almost always	77.27%	289
Sometimes	21.66%	81
Not really	1.07%	4
	<i>answered question</i>	374
	<i>skipped question</i>	15

## Open Ended Comments

### Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your experience with Aftercare?

- Aftercare is an "Opportunity" that everyone should participate. It can help shape your future, and the future of others.
- Aftercare is an absolute privilege and is extremely helpful.
- Aftercare is really helpful and without you guys I wouldn't know what to do! :-)
- Aftercare service is very helpful. And my aftercare worker is very sweet and helpful. I appreciate your program and staff.
- Budgeting money
- Darcy is a very good person she helps me with everything I would not change it for the world
- Debbie and the money from Aftercare made moving from foster care to my apartment and college easier.
- Debbie is the BEST!!
- Debbie really puts in effort to make sure I am OK.
- Don't let Lisa leave
- Even with a broken ankle, my advocate was so amazing, she came and saw me still. You should probably give her a pay raise. Oh my advocate is Gina
- Fund this more. Seriously.
- Gina has really helped me out with getting sober and my hiset and applying to college.
- Gina is the best for me and my son
- good work!!!
- Hannah Van Schaik is wonderful and I'm glad she's my worker.
- Has been much appreciated.
- He does a lot for me and keeps me on the straight and narrow. He is the best worker I have had.
- helping apply for housing assistance may help when discharging clients.
- He's a pretty cool guy.
- I am beyond grateful for Peri. She has motivated me and helped me so much as an adult. She has helped me realize my potential and capabilities and I appreciate her and aftercare services and am thankful for the opportunities and guidance it has provided me.
- I don't like that you can't get the rent assistance and the PAL stipend. It would have helped me out immensely in many different scenarios.
- I enjoy it's helped me out it a lot Peri is a great worker who helps out a lot and is always determined to set up our meetings
- I enjoyed every moment in this program.
- I feel like aftercare should get more involved in more service to help with foster care clients
- I hated that I had to keep switching aftercare workers
- I have a great spiritual and personal connection with my advocate, and she's been a big role model in my life.
- I have enjoyed having Peri as an advocate, she is always there for me without being pushy. She encourages me to do my best

- I have a wonderful Aftercare Advocate. I always enjoy meeting with her and look forward to our meetings. She doesn't only offer her service with Children Square, she also offers a helping hand and open ear, giving me a person I could vent to and seek help with personal issues I presently deal within myself and the person I am. I couldn't ask for a better advocate, Jessie Rayment is a great help and positive support for me. She is the reason I decided to get involved with aftercare and the reason I've stayed involve. Out of all the state workers that have been a part of my life, Jessie has by far been the best help and the most efficient with what she does, in and outside her job. She is always willing to go above and beyond when trying to help me and has always made me comfortable around her and talk to her!!!
- I like having Peri to meet with she has been there for me while I lived at Buchanan and now in Aftercare. She is helping me prepare to be 21 and transition into PSERP
- I like Rebekah, please give her a raise!!! She is probably the best you guys have, no shame in her game!!!!
- I like Shelby a lot.
- I love Casie. She's the best
- I love it
- I love it! It makes me get through my month!
- I love Peri <3
- I really like my aftercare worker; she is respectful and honest with everything.
- I'm about to age out and Gina has been my worker the whole time. She has put up with all my crap and tried to help me get my crap together. Sometimes it works sometimes it didn't. LOL but she's the best!
- It has helped me with steps to help myself an get my thoughts straight
- It's a good program.
- It's a good program. Other kids should take advantage of the program too. I still might need a little help once I turn 21.
- It's a great experience. It helps me with life skills.
- It's a great program for teens that need help getting on their... Thank you for everything.
- It's a really good program. If people stick to it, they will be successful.
- It's been great and very helpful with planning and budgeting
- It's very helpful.
- Just started, will let you know
- K.T is a really great advocate and tries to always help us.
- Katies great! I wish the stipend was more realistic to what the cost of living is.
- Kirsten has helped me figure out how to do some things I haven't had to do before such as taxes and such. She has been helpful in those areas
- Lisa is a good helper and extremely nice to people.
- Lisa is awesome! She is so helpful to me with everything I need to accomplish. I am beyond thankful for all the help she has provided to me. I couldn't be as successful as I am now without Aftercare and Lisa. Thank you!
- Make the match process for Opportunity Passport easier
- More money to help with expenses

- Morgan is amazing!!!!!!!!!! She's the best!!
- MORGAN IS THE BEST OF THE BEST
- My advocate has gone above and beyond to help me and make sure I am in a position to keep working and providing for my family.
- My aftercare worker has been extremely helpful to me and my grandmother with moving forward in my life.
- My case manager is always there to talk to about things I cannot talk with my family or friends about.
- No. Everything is awesome
- OP match process is a pain in the ass
- Overall all these people have assisted me with a lot throughout my life, and got mad respect for em
- Peri has been really good at helping me when I need her
- Peri is Amazing!!!!
- Please never stop this program, it's a life saver.
- She's a good aftercare worker and makes me feel great
- Shelby is great
- She's a good worker
- She's very helpful
- Thank you!!!
- The current advocate ain't at the same spot in life I am and it make it difficult. Darcy was and was always a joy of meeting with being she has been in my spot just wish there were older advocates so I had someone that is beyond where I'm at instead of same place
- The people and my aftercare worker especially help take time to see how I'm doing makes me feel capable and wanted.
- The program has helped me get on my feet.
- They are wonderful people. The Best Positive people who are understanding and willing to provide suggestions to seeking help with whatever you have going on in life, All my Advocates been Awesome to me and I highly appreciate it. Shout Out To Kristen For Being the nicest person Ever!!!!!!!!!!!!
- This program has been very helpful!
- You guys have been very helpful to me
- You Rock! :-)