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Research Opportunities with the Transition-Age Youth Research & Evaluation Hub

Project Summary

The Transition-Age Youth Research & Evaluation Hub (TAY-Hub) invites letters of interest for applied research aimed at enhancing policies and practices for young people living in or transitioning out of foster care.

Scope of Work

We welcome proposals for quantitative and qualitative research focusing on California populations. Topics of interest include:

Education: Factors associated with educational success for foster care alumni.

Relationships and Social Support: The nature and effect of social connections during the transition to adulthood.

Physical and Behavioral Health: Prevalence of health conditions or effectiveness of services for young adults with behavioral health needs and other disabling conditions.

Two-Generation Needs: Parenting experiences among transition-age youth.

Housing: Suitability of extended foster care living arrangements.

Employment, Income, and Assets:

Examination of economic stability and asset-building opportunities.

Legal System Involvement: Patterns of legal system engagement.

Homelessness: Supports preventing housing instability and homelessness.

County Context and Service Delivery: The influence of county context and operation of county public child welfare and allied systems on service delivery and youth outcomes.

Material Hardships & the Safety Net: Access to public assistance programs and resources.

Topics of Interest (continued)

Reproductive Health: Access to and utilization of services.

Public Systems: Utilization of public institutions outside child welfare.

Disproportionality: Racial, ethnic, and gender disproportionality in service receipt and outcomes.

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression: Unique needs and experiences of LGBTQ+ youth in foster care.

Native American Youth: The experiences of Native American youth in foster care, including the effect of culturally specific practices and access to tribal services.

Transition Planning & Services: Strategies and outcomes of service planning for adulthood.

Extended Foster Care: Evaluations of outcomes for youth in extended foster care.

Permanency Outcomes: Differences in reentry into care and other outcomes among older adolescents exiting foster care through adoption, reunification, or guardianship.

Studies may utilize data from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project, CalYOUTH surveys, or other sources (including primary data collection by grantees). IRB and CDSS approval for data access are required.

Contractor Requirements

We expect to offer several awards that may vary in size. Analyses that leverage existing data are anticipated to be lower in cost (ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000). Studies that involve primary data collection can be funded up to \$40,000.

Awards may be provided as contracts, personal service agreements, or institutional grants. We prioritize proposals from researchers with lived foster care experience or from communities of color.

The award period will run from July 1, 2025, through March 1, 2027, culminating in a convening to present findings in Sacramento in February 2027.

Proposal Components

Letters of Interest should include:

- Contact information (name, phone, email, organization).
- Research proposal summary (1 page, single spaced, minimum 10pt font).
- Statement of expertise (1 page), with CV/resume encouraged (not included in 1 page limit).
- Sample publication (if available).
- Invited Research Proposals will require: 5-page research proposal.
- Project timeline.
- Detailed budget.

Proposals will be assessed on content, qualifications, past performance, and cost.

Important Dates

Letter of Interest Deadline	March 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. PST
Invitations for Full Research Proposals	April 15, 2025
Full Proposal Deadline	June 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. PST
Award Notification	June 30, 2025
Anticipated Funding Availability:	Up to \$200,000 total for FY 2025-26

Please submit to Andrea.Eastman@berkeley.edu.

Issuance of this RFP does not obligate the TAY-Hub to award funding. TAY-Hub reserves the right to award contracts to multiple bidders, select none, or re-solicit proposals

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