

# APPENDIX E

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YCT! Extended Survey Results

## Appendix E: Extended Survey Results

The 6 page version of the survey (see Appendix 2B) was administered in 4 communities – Austin (n=51), Bryan (n=32), Dallas (n=49) & New Braunfels (n=19). The following appendix presents data on these additional items. The maximum sample size was n=151.

### Sample characteristics

<b>Age (n=151)</b>	Frequency	Valid Percent
Under 19	67	44.4
19-24	84	55.6
Total	151	100.0

<b>Gender (n=150)</b>	Frequency	Valid Percent
Male	63	42.0
Female	85	56.7
Transgender	2	1.3
Total	150	100.0

<b>Sexual Orientation (n=146)</b>	Frequency	Valid Percent
Heterosexual	118	80.8
LGBTQ	28	19.2
Total	146	100.0

<b>Race/Ethnicity (n=148)</b>	Frequency	Valid Percent
African American, Non-Hispanic	61	41.2
African-American, Hispanic	7	4.7
White, Non-Hispanic	40	27.0
White, Hispanic	30	20.3
Other, Non-Hispanic	4	2.7
Other, Hispanic	6	4.1
Total	146	100.0

### Foster Care (n=39/111)

Overall, 39 youth (35.1%) in the extended survey reported that they had been involved in foster care. Therefore, the questions below were only asked of those youth so cell sizes are small.

#### How many placements (i.e. places to stay) did you have in foster care? (n=39)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
1	5	12.8
2	7	17.9
3	6	15.4
4	2	5.1
5-7	7	17.9
8-10	4	10.3
15 or more	7	17.9
Total	39	100.0

#### Did you age out of the foster care system? (n=39)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	17	43.6
Yes	22	56.4
Total	39	100.0

#### If you did not age out of foster care, how did you leave? (n=17)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Reunited with parent(s)	3	17.6
Placed with relatives	5	29.4
Ran away	2	11.8
Adopted	7	41.2
Total	17	100.0

**Did you age out of foster care system in Texas? (n=22)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	1	4.5
Yes	21	95.5
Total	22	100.0

**Did you participate in Extended Foster Care after age 18? (n=22)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	8	36.3
Yes	14	63.7
Total	22	100.0

**Did you ever have a job while in foster care? (n=22)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	9	40.9
Yes	13	59.1
Total	22	100.0

**Did you ever have a savings account while in foster care?(n=22)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	12	54.5
Yes	10	45.5
Total	22	100.0

**Did you feel prepared to live independently when you aged out of care? (n=22)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	13	59.1
Yes	9	40.9
Total	22	100.0

**Where did you live after leaving foster care?**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Emergency shelter	6	19.4
Transitional living program	6	19.4
Returned to biological family	4	12.9
Leased an apartment	1	3.2
Stayed with a friend	4	12.9
I was homeless when I left care	10	32.3
Total	31	100.0

## Criminal Justice Involvement

### Have you ever been involved in the adult criminal justice system?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	77	67.5
Yes	37	32.5
Total	114	100.0

### Have you ever been involved in the juvenile criminal justice system?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	82	66.7
Yes	41	33.3
Total	123	100.0

### At what age were you first involved with the legal system (juvenile or adult)?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
11	2	4.9
12	2	4.9
13	4	9.7
14	7	17.1
15	7	17.1
16	5	12.2
17	2	4.9
18	4	9.7
19	3	7.3
20	3	7.3
21	2	4.9
Total	41	100.0

## Prior Service Use

### Which of the following services have you used in the past? (n=151)

	n (%)
Drop-in Center	42 (27.8)
Emergency Health Care	25 (16.6)
Transition Center	8 (5.3)
Emergency Shelter – Youth	34 (22.5)
Emergency Shelter – Adult	45 (29.8)
Transitional Housing	36 (23.8)
None	33 (19.9)

### How did you find out about shelters or others services that you used? (n=150)

	n (%)
Church or faith community	13 (8.7)
Family member of relative	23 (15.3)
Foster or Adoptive Family	8 (5.3)
Hospital/Police/First Responder	10 (6.7)
Internet Search	21 (14.0)
Peers or Word of Mouth	44 (29.3)
Social Service Agency	21 (12.7)
Teacher or School Personnel	8 (5.3)
Other*	10 (6.7)

\*Other responses provided: boyfriend, stranger, TRAC, walked-in, walking around

**Has there ever been a time when you went to a shelter and did not feel safe? (n=126)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	93	73.8
Yes	33	26.2
Total	126	100.0

**If yes, Why didn't you feel safe?**

Most respondents filled in the open ended "other" response. Reasons for not feeling safe included (all responses were given by one person except age (3) and gender (3))

Age, gender, sexual orientation, area, because of kids, crime, crisis, didn't know anyone, discrimination, race, family, instincts, drug/mental health/prostitution/gangs, mobs, physical abuse at night, pregnant, fights, race, scared, sexually assaulted, substance use at shelter, threat of harm, transgender, violence, women felt threatened.

**Has there ever been a time when you went to a shelter but did not stay the night? (n=119)**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	81	68.1
Yes	38	31.9
Total	119	100.0

**If yes, why didn't you stay at the shelter? (n=38)**

	n (%)
Didn't like the rules	8 (21.0)
Couldn't stay with children	1 (2.6)
Partner couldn't stay	2 (5.3)
Pet couldn't stay	1 (2.6)
Shelter was full	13 (34.2)
Felt uncomfortable or unsafe	13 (34.2)
Social Service Agency	21 (12.7)
Teacher or School Personnel	8 (5.3)
Other*	16 (42.1)

\*Other responses provided: mom pick up, miss the lottery (2), drugs at shelter (3), me and mom couldn't stay, shelter said have to go back to Dad's



## Survival Behaviors

### What do you do for money or to cover needs? (n=141)

	n (%)
Financial support from family, friends	54 (38.3)
Borrow from others	25 (17.7)
Panhandle	16 (11.3)
Receive Public Assistance	18 (12.8)
Trade or Sell Drugs	10 (7.1)
Trade Services, Clothes or Food	19 (13.5)
Seek Services	24 (17.0)
Steal	3 (2.1)
Work	63 (44.7)
Other*	21 (14.9)

\*Other responses included donate plasma, odd jobs, sell personal items, street perform

### Have you been afraid to leave or quit a work situation because of fears of violence or threats of harm to yourself, family or friends? (n=145)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	130	89.7
Yes	15	10.3
Total	145	100.0

### Have you been promised work where the work or payment was different than expected? (n=141)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	90	63.8
Yes	51	36.2
Total	141	100.0

**Did you feel forced, pressured, or tricked into continuing this job?  
(n=79)\***

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	65	82.3
Yes	14	17.7
Total	79	100.0

\*Only respondents who said yes to being afraid or where payment was different than expected were asked to respond

**Have you had any jobs like this in the past 3 months? (n=70)\***

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No	60	85.7
Yes	10	14.3
Total	70	100.0

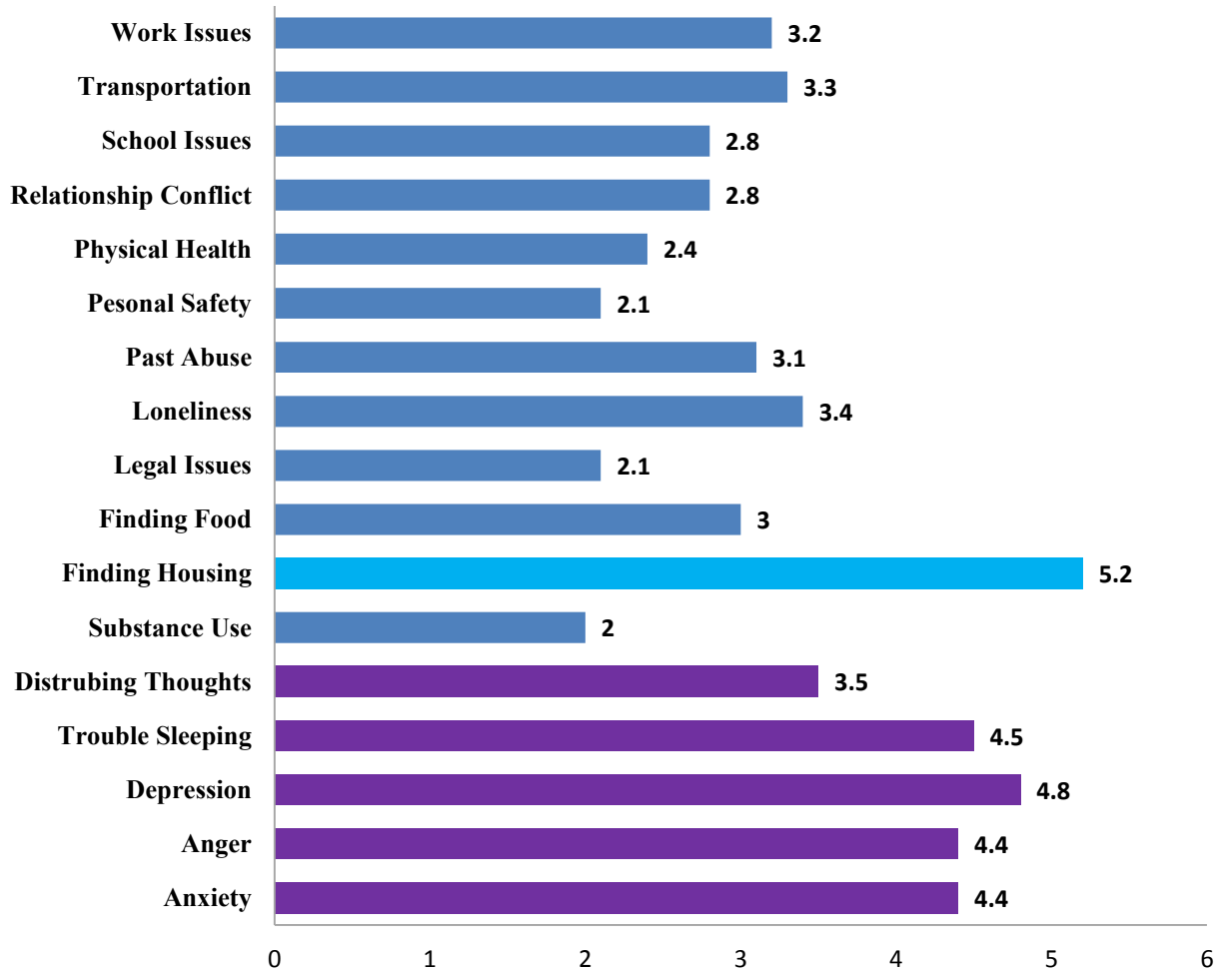
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**Have you ever received anything in exchange for having sexual relations with another person such as money, food, drugs, or shelter?\***

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	No	131	91.0
	Yes	13	9.0
	Total	144	100.0

\*Question was also asked in San Antonio survey

**On a scale from 1-10, how challenging are these issues for you  
(means presented below, (n=101-106 across items):**



**Are there rules or practices in your community that make life harder? (n=83)\***

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	n (%)
Rules about loitering	28 (33.7)
Rules about sleeping	32 (38.6)
Rules about panhandling	20 (24.1)
Rules about sleeping in vehicles	13 (10.9)
Issues with police	26 (31.3)
Lack of access to public restrooms	32 (38.6)
Lack of payphones	20 (24.1)
Other <sup>§</sup>	1 (1.2)

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\*These questions were only asked in Austin & Bryan in extended version but were also included for some respondents in Corpus Christi

<sup>§</sup>The other response was "public camping"

**What special strengths or talents do you have that have kept you moving forward and will help you stay safe?**

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<b>Theme (n)</b>	<b>Example Response</b>
Spiritual (3)	Having Faith, God
Family (9)	Mi familia, Strong family support
Missing (12)	
Extracurricular Activities (9)	Dancing, Football, Art
Resilience (5)	Thinking positive, Stamina
Ambition (5)	Always striving for better
Independence (6)	I can take care of myself
Confidence (3)	Confidence
Skills (4)	Social skills, Leadership skills
Miscellaneous (6)	Being overly cautious

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**Imagine you are in charge. If you could change one thing (like a rule or law) to help youth who are homeless, what would it be?**

<b>Theme (n)</b>	<b>Example Response</b>
Food/Meals (3)	Easier access to food, Food
Shelter (15)	Give them a place to stay, Build a shelter
Policy Change (7)	Rules against loitering or sitting in public places
Security (4)	A safe place to sleep
Employment (3)	Make more jobs with less restrictions and requirements so that more youth can work at these jobs
Assistance (12)	More caring people, Help them make their own money
Easier access to obtain resources (5)	Create more services
Education (1)	Free school for all
Miscellaneous (2)	Anything because being homeless is not fun. I wish everybody that is homeless the best