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Dear PCP Provider,

The purpose of this transmittal is to introduce additions to the Independent Living Program. The federal National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) has been developed to track independent living services to youth across Kentucky to meet new federal guidelines. Beginning in October 2010, Chafee Independent Living Services, provided by your regional Independent Living Coordinators, will be documented in the new data system. Also in October, the regional Independent Living Coordinators will begin providing surveys to all committed 17-year-old youth. The survey will be used to evaluate the Chafee services provided by the state.

As part of the new federal guidelines, Kentucky will be conducting follow-up surveys with these youth again at ages 19 and 21 in order to collect and report information regarding financial self-sufficiency, experience with homelessness, educational attainment, positive connections with adults, high-risk behavior, and access to health insurance. Information will be collected regardless of whether the youth are still receiving independent living services from the State when they are 19 or 21 years old. Kentucky will comply with NYTD standards to ensure the youth participation rate is met. Data collected will be shared with staff as it becomes available. The regional Independent Living Coordinators will be primarily responsible for collecting data and overseeing the database; however, youth, foster parents/private providers will be encouraged to respond in a timely manner. Data collection includes independent living needs assessment, academic support, career preparation/educational training, budget and financial management, health education and risk prevention, as well as other areas.

Please feel free to contact the Independent Living Coordinator in your region and either Shelley Brown or Lucie Estill for more information regarding the survey and database at (502) 564-2147.

Sincerely,

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