



Several organizations in Nebraska are working with Child Trends, a nationally renowned non-profit research center, to evaluate Bridge to Independence (b2i) and other related programs and services in Nebraska. You are receiving this information because you work closely with young people who may receive these programs/services and because we need your help!

As part of the evaluation, young people will participate in small in-person focus groups held by Child Trends to share their experiences and thoughts on b2i and related programming/services. We need your help recruiting interested young people to participate.

Here's how you can help:

- **Share focus group details with young people you work with and encourage them to participate. You can use the information below to help!**
- **Help interested young people provide their contact information via this link by March 15, 2019:**
<https://tinyurl.com/NE2019Contact>
- **That's it for now! We'll take it from there in gathering additional information from young people and communicating focus group details to them.**

Here are the focus group details:

- Focus groups will be held in Omaha and Columbus in April (and scheduled according to participant availability)
- Focus groups will last approximately 1.5 hours each
- Young people will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card, a free meal, and be entered into an additional raffle for participating.
- Childcare options will be available, and young people will be reimbursed for travel. Possible transportation assistance may also be explored/provided.
- We are looking for young people age 19 or older, who were in foster care in 2010 or later, and were in foster care after their 16th birthday. If you're unsure a young person fits the criteria, that's ok. We will verify their eligibility.
- The information young people share will be protected. They will be asked to consent to participate in the focus group, and all focus group materials are approved by Child Trends' International Review Board (IRB).

If you have any questions about the focus groups or the study in general, don't hesitate to reach out to Kristin Sepulveda (Child Trends): ksepulveda@childtrends.org, or Claire Hoff (Nebraska Children and Families Foundation): choff@nebraskachildren.org. Thanks in advance for your help!

Sincerely,

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(operating under the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee pursuant to Nebr. Rev. Stat. §43-4513)

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