

CalFresh & Foster Youth

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Foster Youth CalFresh Participation

Age	All Youth*	Percent <u>Not</u> Participating
18	10,532	60%
19	4,330	63%
20	5,723	59%
Total	20,585	60%

Overall results are broadly consistent with estimates from CalYOUTH study.

*Youth age 18-20 during Calendar Year 2015 who were in foster care on their 18th birthday.

Foster Youth CalFresh Participation

Foster Care Status	All Youth	Percent <u>Not</u> Participating
NMD Only ¹	11,218	69%
FFY Only ²	6,221	50%
Both ³	3,146	49%
Total	20,585	60%

¹ Youth in foster care during entire period

² Youth not in foster care during entire period

³ Youth in and out of foster care during entire period

Current Strategies

- **Expanded Guidance on Student Eligibility**
 - New guidance regarding student eligibility; highlighting current and former foster youth program participation that will exempt students from the work requirement
- **Connecting with Foster Youth**
 - CalFresh flyer sent with Chafee Education and Training Voucher program mailer
- **Connecting with Foster Care Service Providers Community**
 - John Burton Foundation Q&A
 - Presenting at Youth Engagement Project Ambassadors December meeting

Future Initiatives

- **New Guidance on Non Minor Dependent Income**
 - Counties will receive new guidance and clarification regarding treatment of Non Minor Dependent (NMD) income for the purposes of determining CalFresh benefits
- **Foster Youth Focused Webinar**
 - In partnership with CA Welfare Directors Association and foster youth service providers, the webinar will focus on NMD income guidance, student eligibility and foster youth outreach efforts.
- **More to Come!**