

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Data obtained from the FACTS (report ILP089B) on children age 14 and over who were in foster care as of 4/1/14.

AGE	
14	263
15	285
16	326
17	344
18	278
19	169
20	107
21	6
Total	1751
GENDER	
Male	881
Female	870
RACE/ETHNICITY	
White	852
Black	824
American Indian	4
Asian	2
Pacific Islander	1
Hispanic	58
Unknown	3
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	
Related Home	67
Foster Family Boarding Home	309
Adoptive Home	13
Foster Family Related Home	12
Group Home	251
Shelter	15
Child Care Institution	321
Own Home	32
DYS Operated or Licensed Facility	10
MH Operated or Licensed Facility	54
Respite	59
Nursing Home	10
Runaway Status	71
Out of State Residential Treatment Center	2
Hospital	6
Visiting Resource	3
Independent Living	50
Therapeutic Foster Home	262
Unrelated Home (Court Ordered)	2
Psychiatric Hospital	19
Transitional Living	40
Other	22
SPECIAL NEEDS	
Mental Retardation	96
Diagnosed Emotionally Disturbed	347
Physically Handicapped	18

Behavioral Disorder	0
Visually/Hearing Impaired	12
Other Diagnosed Conditions	26
ADMISSION REASON	
Alleged Abuse	240
Alleged Neglect	305
Adoption Disruption	3
Relinquishment	332
Alleged Sexual Abuse	142
Alleged Emotional Abuse	47
Parent/Caretaker/Child Alcohol Abuse	141
Parent/Caretaker/Child Drug Abuse	217
Child's Disability	32
Child Behavior Problem	443
Death of Parent/CT	28
Incarceration of Parent/CT	88
Parent/Caretaker Cannot Cope	144
Abandonment	106
Inadequate Housing	104
Safe Haven	0
Other	126
CUSTODY STATUS	
Temporary – County	1,353
Permanent – State	353
Agreement for Foster Care	20
Summary Removal	23
Department Youth Services	0
Total	1749
* Data is approximate due to SACWIS conversion.	

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON YOUTH WHO WERE SERVED

This information was obtained from a questionnaire sent to all counties in the state. We recognize that this information was gathered as a total fiscal year number rather than a point in time (as was FACTS information in the previous table). This report represents a percentage of the 2057 youth served and is a result of the counties who completed the questionnaire. Please note that the breakdowns given may not be consistent with the total.

PARENTAL STATUS	
Without Child	1064
With Child	79
Pregnant	24
Father of Unborn	
MARITAL STATUS	
Single	1060
Married	4
DURATION OF FOSTER CARE *	
Less than 6 months	225
6 months to 1 year	259
1 year to 3 years	486
3 years to 5 years	275
5 years to 10 years	332
More than 10 years	174
EDUCATIONAL STATUS	
Middle School	244
In HS/GED	647
Finished HS/GED	97
In Vocational Training	20
In College	81
SPECIAL NEEDS	
Yes	562
No	1189
EMPLOYED	
Total Number Unemployed	942
Total Number Employed	105
Part Time	67
Full Time	38
PARTICIPATION IN ILP SKILLS	
Budgeting	545
Securing Housing	300
Maintaining Housing	243
Roommate Selection	63
Other Homelessness Issues	182
Nutrition	126
Career Planning	412
Job Seeking	420
Job Retention	262
Training Collaboration	90
First Aid and Safety	182
Sexuality	247
Prenatal Care	35
Child Development	128
Discipline	144

ILP Teen Conference	114
Regional Workshop	24
ILP Teen Group	250
ILP Teen Advisory Board	18
Educational Attainment	523
High Risk	537
DISCHARGES	
Total Discharges	166

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF PROGRAM

The following information is based on January 2013 through December 2013 responses received after discharge. The information is provided through the mail by youth and social workers after youth are discharged. Twelve summaries were completed.

AGE AT DISCHARGE	
14	5
15	0
16	7
17	1
18	2
19	2
20	1
21	3
Total Responses	21
EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT DISCHARGE	
High School Drop Out with no GED	2
High School Graduate	3
Attending High School	9
Some College	1
Vocational/Technical School Completed	4
Other	0
JOB STATUS AT DISCHARGE	
No job	10
Part Time Job (32 hours or less)	1
Full Time Job	0
ANTICIPATED AFTERCARE SERVICES	
Mentoring	0
Crisis Counseling	1
Information & Referral	3
Employment Counseling	0
Housing	0
Aftercare Stipend	3
Transportation to College	0
ILP Teen Group	0
Education/Training	0
None	8

CFCIP ALLOCATION REQUEST

ETV ALLOCATION REQUEST



FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Program Design and Delivery

Alabama's Independent Living Program is a state-administered, county-managed program. The Program is managed at the state level by the State Independent Living Program Supervisor assisted by two State Independent Living Program Specialists. The role of the State team is to provide services, supports, training and consultation to the counties, assisting them in the development of group and individual services and supports to Youth in foster care. We partner closely with Children's Aid Society, who have employed two of our former foster Youth. Those Youth act as Independent Living Youth Coordinators serving youth, foster parents, congregate care providers and community stakeholders statewide. Our supports and services are enhanced through directed services and trainings provided monthly by our Youth Leaders and annually at the State and national conferences for our youth age 14-21 and county and state staff.

Strategic planning is a key component to the successful delivery of services to our youth in care. Each year the state staff, county staff, former foster youth, community care providers, foster parents and community stakeholders convene to share successes and challenges and develop networks of support to ensure that our young people receive appropriate services related to their health, education, employment opportunities, financial management, housing and mental health so that they may become self-sufficient, interdependent adults with strong and supportive ties to their communities. The development of the current service plan was in collaboration with current and former foster youth, community providers, congregate care providers and county and state staff from both the foster care and independent living programs. Youth have an active voice in program planning. They are also an integral part of our training model, providing training to their peers, judges, community members, Quality Assurance Committees, foster care training classes, Tribal members and others.

The information received from The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) has been important to our understanding of the lives and well-being of Youth after leaving our care. The data has been shared with providers and community stakeholders, staff, Tribal partners and our young people since the results' initial collection in 2010 were released in 2011. The NYTD information was shared in a series of trainings, consultations and presentations. Alabama did reach the benchmarks set, but we remain concerned about the outcomes for youth who have exited the system of care and the reluctance of our foster care alumni to participate in the survey. We have developed a 20 year old survey in hopes that completing it will keep our young people engaged and assist us in developing and supporting services which will ensure positive transitions. All staff providing services to ILP youth were required to complete online training. The second baseline is in process. The ILP consultants provide their assigned counties with the names of youth who are to be surveyed within 45 days of their birthdates. The Consultants monitor the completion dates and complete follow-up with the counties when issues regarding timely completion are noted. The collection of the data is essential to future planning and will require additional attention as to two set of participants' transition through our system of care. We are planning to pursue additional staff in this program to ensure that the data is properly collected and utilized to improve services and supports to older youth in foster care.

Serving Youth across the State

All youth in our system of care are considered Alabama's children. In an effort to ensure that all young people receive the same level of support and services, the Program has gone to great lengths to provide training directly to youth provided by DREAM Council Youth and community providers in the counties all over the state. We are currently strengthening our partnership with the Poarch Creek Band of Indians to provide training directly to their Youth leaders. This training will occur yearly. All available services and supports are offered to all foster youth in Alabama. Youth and their caregivers and social workers can access information regarding ILP policy, services, job opportunities, health services, Medicaid and trainings at our website, www.ilconnect.org. Services to our foster youth and those youth being served in their homes are individualized to meet each youth's unique needs. Smaller counties often struggle with placing youth in their home counties, as there are a limited number of resources in our rural counties. We are working with our Resources Management Division and Foster Care Recruitment and Retention to develop and train foster homes specifically designed to provide care to this population.

Serving Youth of Various Ages and States of Achieving Independence

The focus of our Independent Living Program is to provide services and supports to promote healthy interdependence. Our young people enter care at various stages and levels of maturity. Because of the unique nature of their circumstance, proper assessment and youth engagement is key when serving this age group. Our ILP Partner, Children's Aid Society, is developing two transition toolkits based on levels of maturity and competence identified by the Individualized Service Planning (ISP) team. We will continue to focus on and provide training to staff regarding the appropriate use of the Daniel Memorial Assessment in the development and delivery of identified needed services and supports. More importantly our focus will be on identifying and facilitating authentic permanent connections. The provision of service is key, but without familial support our young people will continue to struggle post foster care. Breaking down the myths regarding the needs of older foster youth, addressing their unique mental health needs related to trauma, abandonment and loss and empowering them to develop and foster lifelong relationships will be our key to breaking down the barriers that often lead to homelessness, mental health facilities and jail. We began a partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health in 2012. They have provided several of our young people across the state with relationship training focusing on abstinence, safe relationship, safer sex practice and pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention. We will continue to offer this support to our young people.

Youth under 14 to 21 are able to participate in all Independent Living activities provided by the counties and state. There are no age restrictions. Youth have participated in trainings geared toward their specific age group annually in summer or fall conferences/camps. Those youth aged 14-16 participate in a camp which provides introductory training regarding what they are eligible for as a foster youth, how to effectively participate in their in ISP's, basic NYTD, social media safety, money management, preparing for college by successfully completing high school, sex education and human trafficking. The older youth aged 17 to 21 participate in more detailed trainings focused on college, technical and trade school success, credit reporting, household management, permanency pact, sexual safety, NYTD, internet safety, health and fitness, and Medicaid to 26. All youth in the system of care can participate in state and county trainings. There are no incentives offered to non-foster care youth for participating.

Our Children's Aid partners are working on toolkits geared toward the varying stages to be completed in FY2015. The toolkits will be distributed to all youth participating in the Independent Living Program and will be used in concert with their Individualized Service Plans to more closely support and monitor concrete and thoughtful transition planning.

Our Finance Division ensures, through monthly monitoring, that no more than 30 percent of our allotted federal CFCIP funds are expended for room and board for youth who have left foster care after 18 and have not yet attained 21 years of age. Young people are made aware at the time of discharge that they are still eligible for services and supports post-foster care.

Alabama offered foster care to youth up to age 21 prior to the title IV-E foster care extension. There are provisions regarding school attendance or work in our current policy in order to access title IV-E funding. Young people may remain in foster care continuously past their 18th birthday without signing themselves back into foster care. They remain eligible for all services and supports until they reach age 21.

Young people reside in all levels and types of foster care placements post 18, ranging from traditional foster homes to independent living apartments and college dorms. We are working diligently to offer services and supports and foster home placements for young people so that they can remain in foster

care in their home counties as needed. There are programs, supports, services and placements available to support all special needs populations to include, substance using youth, pregnant and parenting young people, and those with mental health needs. We are working with a community provider to develop a facility or facilities to address the special placement needs of those young people who have been victims of sex trafficking. We have a partnership with our Adult Services and Mental Health communities to ensure that our young people with developmental disabilities receive the services needed as they transition to adulthood.

A good education is the great equalizer for our young people. We have developed strong partnerships with the National Social Work Enrichment Program, NSORO, and the Alabama Reach Program to promote post- secondary education. Because of these partnerships, we have more young people graduating high school and receiving GEDs and more attending two and four year colleges and universities, technical and training schools. We will continue to work with these community partners and work to expand our partnerships with Job Corps and the high school systems, the United States Armed Forces and the Department of Youth Services to promote graduation and dual enrollment programs that are being offered in high schools across the state.

Collaboration with other Private and Public Agencies

There have been several initiatives related to private and public agencies which will continue. The Independent Living Program works closely with Children's Aid Society to provide services and supports to older youth in foster care. We have developed great collaborations with Alabama Adoptive and Foster Parent Association, Alabama Department of Education, Alabama Reach, the Alabama Medicaid Agency, Alabama Department of Youth Services, the Child Welfare Collaborative Initiative, the National Social Work Enrichment Program, Foster Care to Success, Alabama Department of Public Health, Casey Family Program and NSORO. These collaborations have yielded improved outcomes with regard to older youth adoptions, improved educational outcomes, college retention and matriculation, an improved knowledge of psychotropic medication use and trauma informed practice, and a focus on ensuring that older youth re-enroll in the Medicaid program. We have had the opportunity to coordinate services to Department of Youth Services crossover youth, provide training and education to our Tribal partners and Court Improvement Program staff regarding older youth issues. We have also had an opportunity to utilize a new permanency consultation model and prepare our young people for academic life beyond high school. We will be working to develop more comprehensive collaborations with Job Corps, the United States Armed Forces, the Department of Mental Health and the Alabama Department of Labor. A stronger and more defined partnership with Alabama Department of Mental Health regarding smooth transition would improve outcomes for our youth with serious mental health issues, reducing the numbers needing to be hospitalized and possibly becoming homeless as adults. Our work with the Armed Forces, Job Corps and the Department of Labor is meant to improve and provide improved options to a population of youth who may struggle with transitions post foster care. We will also work to develop a partnership with Housing and Urban Development to decrease the number of homeless youth. Focus in this area would target those teens who participate in our traditional independent living apartment settings and youth needing to move out independently to better maintain stable housing by taking advantage of opportunities and programs offered by HUD. This collaboration will focus on the access to and availability of funding needed for this unique population of young people.

We have worked closely with our Medicaid Agency to ensure that young people who are eligible for the extension of Medicaid coverage to age 26 are made aware of this opportunity. The information regarding the expansion was provided to all Department staff and they were advised to share that information to all eligible youth. We have coordinated training for our staff and youth making them aware of their eligibility and directing them to Alabama's Medicaid website to re-enroll for insurance coverage. Training has been

provided to case workers and youth, and will be presented to county supervisors at upcoming conferences. The information and link to the website is also on our Independent living website.

County Staff, young people, community partners and foster parents have received training regarding sex trafficking. We will continue to provide this training to all stakeholders to combat this issue. We are working with a local agency to develop a possible treatment/placement facility for young people in the states who have been identified as victims of human trafficking.

Determining Eligibility of Benefits

All youth aged 14 to 21 in the foster care system or receiving services through our Protective Service Program are eligible to receive services. Foster youth age 14-21 are eligible for all benefits and services. There are no restrictions for the use of CFCIP funding for foster youth residing outside of the state.

The State of Alabama's Independent Living Program will cooperate and participate in any and all national evaluations required regarding the effect of the programs in achieving the purposes of CFCIP.

Education and Training Vouchers Program

Our young people are supported with CFCIP monies allotted for Education and Training Vouchers through our partnership with Foster Care to Success. The Department works in partnership with Foster Care to Success to ensure that the total amount of educational assistance to youth does not exceed the total cost of school attendance. Foster Care to Success maintains a web portal which our young people and their caregivers, university officials and state office staff can access 24 hours a day seven days a week. The young people apply online, the information is verified by our office, they submit all required documentation related to their institution and are awarded ETV funds based on their need. Foster Care to Success provides comprehensive support to include care packages, school supplies, and equipment. Our young people are required to check in with an identified staff member once monthly to report their progress or lack thereof. There are 179 young people participating in FY2014, each young person receives an average of \$3100 per year.

The data collected by Foster Care to Success assists us in improving the provision of services to our young people. Current data shows that college and technical school graduation is an area of needed concern and focus. Our number of freshman enrolling far outnumbers our seniors near completion. We will work with our partners at the State the Department of Education, the National Social Work Enrichment Program, Alabama Reach, Casey Family Programs and NSORO to improve our college completion success rate through better preparation for college and additional supportive services while participating in post-secondary education. The focus moving forward will be improved permanent connections and support and increased financial support through tuition waiver.

Alabama Reach, Foster Care to Success, Casey Family Programs and the National Social Work Enrichment Program and other community stakeholders will work to develop a collaborative taskforce to bring tuition waiver to the state. Our young people are grateful to participate in the ETV Program, but as college costs increase, their ability to remain in college, technical, and training programs is seriously challenged. Our young people often lack the credit required to acquire private college loans and often leave college because of the mounting costs and lack of financial support. We will work with our Governor and Legislature to ensure that the lack of funding for higher education tuition is no longer a barrier to successful college completion.

Alabama Reach will be working with the Department to expand their programs to other colleges and universities in the State. The Reach Program is currently housed at the University of Alabama with support from the University and Casey Family Programs. Alabama Reach provides group sessions, access to host families, year round dorm access, financial support, training, and volunteer opportunities for any youth identifying themselves as current or former foster youth. The program supports all foster care youth at the University of Alabama and at Shelton State in Tuscaloosa. We have conducted preliminary program meetings with Alabama State University in Montgomery. It is their goal to serve all foster youth in the seven of the two and four year colleges and technical and training schools in the area.

Consultation with Tribes

We consult on a quarterly and twice yearly basis with our nationally recognized Tribe, the Poarch Creek Band of Indians. It is our goal to expand this partnership by planning an annual convening of our youth leaders and tribal youth leaders. The Tribe is an active partner in our Child Welfare Collaborative Initiative with full access to all information regarding services and supports available to young people. There are no restrictions with regard to the Tribal members accessing any benefits or services available to all other youth in the state. All young people in the state are considered Alabama's children and have access to all services and benefits, as such.

CFCIP Program Improvement Efforts

Our plan will continue to involve youth. Our Youth Leaders meet once monthly during the school year and participate in camps, leadership trainings and state and local conferences annually. They set and develop goals based on information received from youth during their monthly meetings which occur in a different county each month. They develop strategies related to their goals and consult with ILP staff and our Children's Aid Society partners to effect the change that they would like to see. Our focus on the youth voice will continue and will be enhanced by more leadership and training opportunities related to working with the Legislature and effective youth advocacy.

CFCIP Training

We will continue to provide comprehensive, innovative and relevant training to our youth, providers, county and state staff, foster parents, judges and interested community stakeholders. We will conduct annual networking opportunities for ILP staff, providers and community stakeholders. We will continue to provide regional trainings to the county related to independent living policy and procedures and NYTD. We will provide online trainings as deemed appropriate using our LETS training system. We will improve our capacity to provide training upon request to counties and community stakeholders if staff can be added to our Program. Youth will be provided annual leadership and ILP training. Youth will participate in national conferences annually and in monthly trainings around the state. Youth, county staff and stakeholders will participate in training focused on successful transitions supported through the Youth Centered Roundtable permanency process.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2015 - 2019

FIVE YEAR OBJECTIVES

GOAL: Independent living services will be provided to all youth ages 14-21 the means by which to successfully transition into adulthood with appropriate supports and services. All Youth, who are currently in the planning responsibility of the Public Child Welfare system, will receive the services and supports need to become successful interdependent adults.

1. **OBJECTIVE**

The Independent Living Program will conduct, coordinate, and provide consultation and training for all county social workers with ILP responsibilities, community providers, transitional and independent living providers, congregate care providers, foster parents and federally recognized Tribes and community stakeholders to develop programs to promote successful outcomes for youth.

The Office of Permanency, Independent Living Program will work to expand support to counties in building capacity to understand and serve older youth needs through funds available through Chafee. There are currently two State office staff members serving as consultants for our Program. Having only two positions serving 67 counties is a challenge to serving counties adequately. We will seek to expand the program to include at least four Consultants. Adding additional staff will enhance our ability to serve the counties, provide a dedicated Consultant to focus on our NYTD Data Collection, and enhance our ability to assist those youth who are exiting our system of care due to their age.

We will continue to provide annual trainings and regional consultations for state office and county staff, Tribal staff, foster parents and community stakeholders. In order to enhance our capacity to properly consult and train around permanency and transition goals, IL Consultants will complete one site visit per quarter to assess current practices and programs provided to older youth served by the transitional and independent living programs and congregate care facilities. We will use the feedback provided to the county site to include recommendations and strategies to improve outcomes through the IL program.

2. **OBJECTIVE**

Safely reduce the number of Youth who have APPLA as a permanency goal.

Improved policy regarding positive permanency, focused transition planning, placement stability, a focus on positive permanency through family, sibling and community connections are the keys to reducing the numbers of Young People who have a permanency goal of Another Permanent Planned Living Arrangement. We partner with community stakeholders and our ILP Youth and Alumni, develop a Transition Toolkit that not only addresses the global needs related to safety, health, transportation, education and the financial competency of our Youth, but one that focuses on individual goals of Youth with emphasis placed on their input to the overall transition plan. This will also be a focus on quarterly monitoring of transition plans for older youth.

Improving placement stability through the use of appropriate matching and assessment tools is essential. We will work with our Foster Parent Association to deliver additional training to those parents who are interested in serving older Youth. We will emphasize the use of the permanency tools delivered in the Achieving Permanency through Roundtable, formerly Permanency Roundtables consultation model supported by our partnership with Casey Family Programs. That training was successfully delivered to all 67 counties. We will also focus on tools to support older Youth in their current placement, reducing placement moves and enhancing their ability to manage and mitigate crisis. We will partner with our member agencies, Office of Adoption, AFAPA, CAS, the Poarch Creek Band of Indians and our DREAM Council to develop additional training for all stakeholders serving our Youth in an effort to improve placement stability with an emphasis on the changes and development typical to teens based on current research. Focus on increasing responsibility and accountability balancing safety, crisis stabilization and increased autonomy regarding foster parent decision making and permissions will be essential. We will train Youth regarding the importance of permanency at our monthly and annual Youth trainings. We will also employ the Youth Centered Roundtable process to improve positive permanency outcomes.

3. OBJECTIVE

ILP teens will have access to information about policies and program development along with activities and opportunities that will be supportive as youth transition to adulthood. Youth Leadership will be promoted and enhanced.

The DREAM Council will receive and provide leadership training to their peers on a monthly and annual basis. The State ILP staff will assist our Children's Aid Society, (ILP partners) with providing relevant and appropriate content for our www.ILConnect.org. This website will provide pertinent information and helpful tips for teens regarding foster care policy, educational and vocational information, scholarship opportunities, peer achievements, information regarding camps and conferences, NYTD portal, policy relevant to foster parents, independent living and transitional living providers, congregate care providers and the community at large.

4. OBJECTIVE

Improve educational outcomes for ILP Youth partnering with our education systems to provide additional supports and services.

The Independent Living Program will seek to enhance the educational services provided to our Youth. The Program will explore the possibility of issuing a request for proposal for an Education Specialist to act as a liaison to consult with our state and county staff to review educational needs of our young people and offer individualized consultation. The Educational Liaison would serve to provide training to staff and interested stakeholder regarding assisting our Young People as they navigate the education system. This program will provide services to assist foster youth with transitioning into adulthood prior to and after leaving the foster care system for a period of six months from exit of care. Chaffee funding will be accessed to provide services that will aid youth as they transition out of care.

The Program will continue to provide opportunities for our Young People to have real life higher education experiences through our continued partnership with Alabama Reach, NSORO Foundation, Casey Family Programs, and the National Social Work Enrichment Program. We will work to enhance that partnership in our efforts to institute tuition waiver for older foster Youth in the State. We will work to engage our Children's Aid Society, Foster Care to Success, Alabama Reach, Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, State Quality Assurance and the

National Social Work Enrichment Program in developing policy and promoting legislation to secure tuition waiver for Alabama's current and former older foster Youth.

The Program will enhance services to Youth in college through the expansion of the Alabama Reach Program and the supportive services they offer to other colleges and universities across the State. Our Young People also struggle financially and we will seek to alleviate that barrier. The Independent Living Program, in partnership with Alabama Reach, the National Social Work Enrichment Program, Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, with support from Casey Family Programs will also lobby for tuition waiver for all foster care youth exiting the foster system after their 16th birthday.

5. **OBJECTIVE**

The Department will enhance its system to track youth exiting care due to age from the system of care in order to meet National Youth in Transition Data requirements to monitor outcomes for youth transitioning out of care. Enhanced aftercare services will be available to all teens eligible and served for participating in the ILP Program.

The Independent Living Program is currently developing a plan to continue to support around activities and monitoring of NYTD requirements. There is a need to have at least one staff member dedicated to this project. The additional position would support the monitoring of NYTD across the State to help assure implementation of IL services and implementation of NYTD so that youth have permanent connections upon leaving the child welfare system. NYTD information gathered will be used to develop needed services and to craft more intensive aftercare services based on recent studies regarding the full maturation of young adults occurring at age 26. The department will continue to monitor trends in youth who request or need aftercare services beyond our monitoring period and work to develop resources in communities and connect youth to available supports.

6. **OBJECTIVE**

The Department considers all children as "Alabama's Children" without regard to race or culture. The Department continues to strengthen services to Indian youth who reside on reservations and need access to benefits and services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. Families and tribes are included in the ISP for the child when the Department is working with Indian youth living off the reservation and independent living services are being provided. Indian youth living off the reservation have access to services and benefits under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act as would any other child. The Department will collaborate with all tribal entities located in Alabama to provide information and obtain input in the support of Indian youth and their families. See also under Item 38.2, "The Department's goals in regards to work with the Poarch Band of Creek Indian Tribe and other federally recognized tribes located out side the state", which is located in the report section of the APSR.