



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SERVICE MODEL QUARTERLY REPORT MARCH 2024

Pursuant to Laws 2023, First Regular Session, Chapter 141, Section 1, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) established the Extended Foster Care Program (“Program” or “EFC”) for qualified young adults. This session law also requires the Department to submit a quarterly report on the extended foster care comprehensive service model to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). This report shall include:

1. The number of young adults served in the Extended Foster Care Comprehensive Model (“EFC Success Coaching”).
2. The young adult’s participation in regular reviews with EFC staff.
3. Other performance measures as updated by the EFC quality review committee.

This EFC Success Coaching must include supportive services and case management provided by contracted community providers. The EFC Success Coaching has been implemented and actively coaching youth since November 2023.

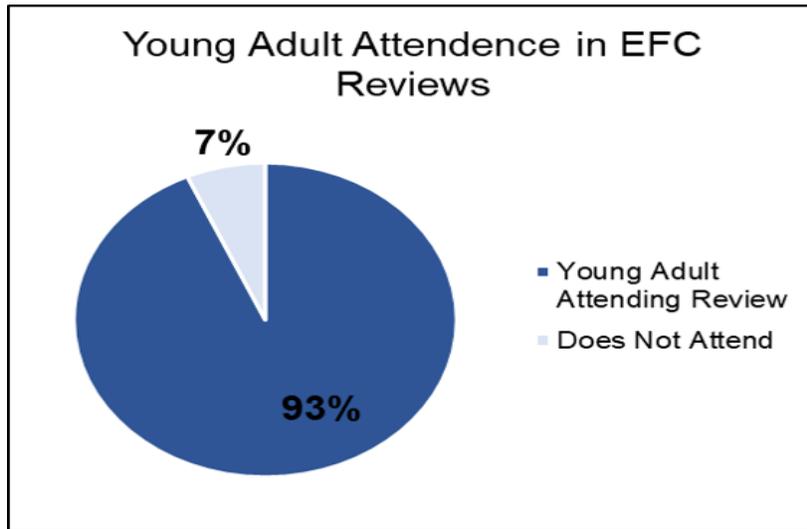
NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS SERVED

The population of young adults served in the Extended *Foster Care Comprehensive Service Model*: includes youth in out-of-home care age 17-20. On March 18, 2024 there were 497 young adults in the program.

Age	Number of Youth
17	198
18	240
19	36
20	23
TOTAL	497

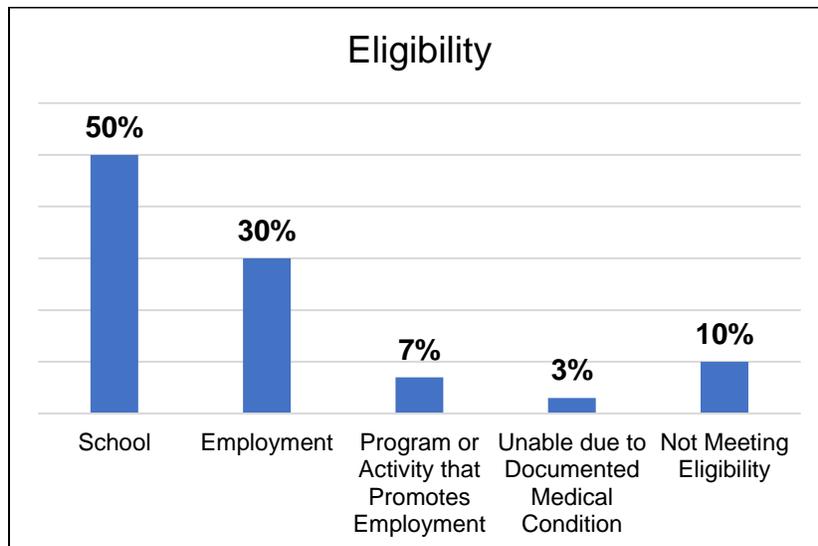
PARTICIPATION IN REGULAR REVIEWS WITH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE STAFF

During this reporting period, 93 percent of young adults ages 18 and older attended their Review.

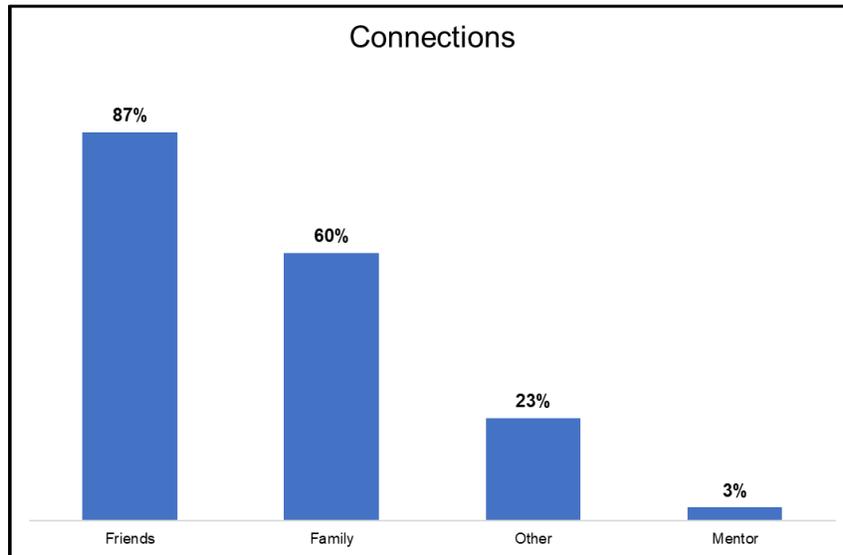


Other Performance Measures

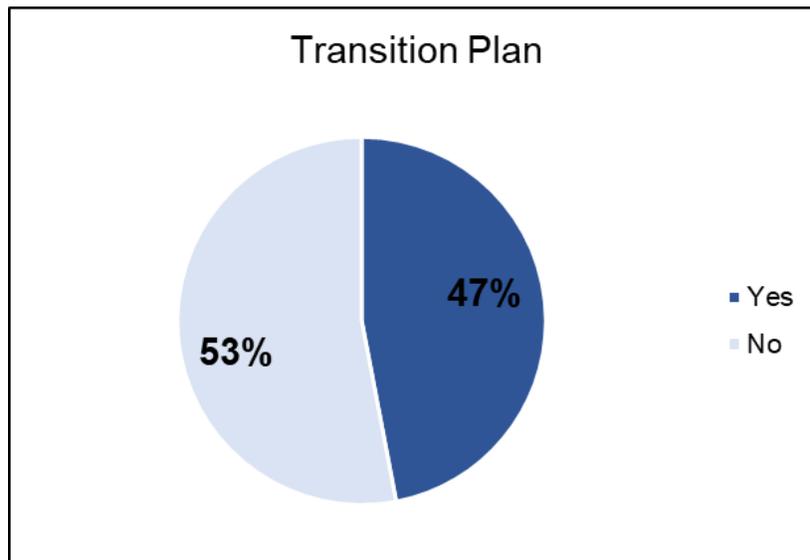
Eligibility Criteria: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 90 percent met their work/school eligibility requirements or were unable due to a documented medical condition.



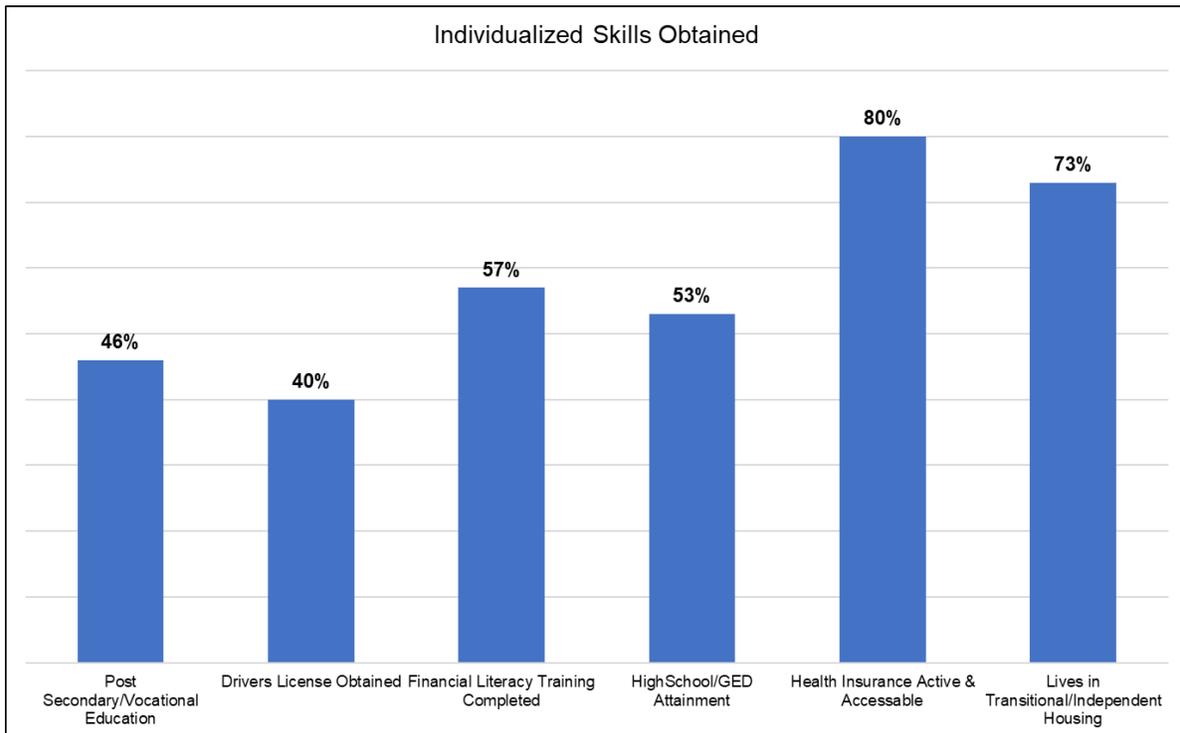
Connections to a Permanent Family and Supportive Adults: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 88 percent identified connections to one or more family members and supportive adults. (“Other” supportive adults include foster parents, coaches, teachers, counselors, pastors, and other community-based supports.)



Person-Centered Transition Plan: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 47 percent had person-centered transition plans.



Acquiring Individualized Skills to Develop the Tools Needed to Thrive Outside of the Foster Care Program: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 100 percent have obtained one or more individualized skill:



Data Source: EFC Database 2024

While 53 percent of youth reviewed attained a high school diploma or GED, this does not include those youth who continue to pursue completion of either their diploma or GED. Additionally, it should be noted that “Post Secondary/Vocation Education” is identified as either completion of their program or current participation in a program.