

Aftercare Participant Survey Results - April 2011

N = 358 (94% of active participants)

Agency providing services:	Response Percent	Response Count
American Home Finding Association	3.9%	14
Boys and Girls Home	10.3%	37
Children and Families of Iowa	3.1%	11
Children's Square	17.0%	61
Family Resources	4.2%	15
Foundation 2	4.5%	16
Four Oaks	21.8%	78
Francis Lauer Youth Services	3.6%	13
Iowa Homeless Youth Centers - YSS	10.1%	36
Young House Family Services	4.7%	17
Youth Homes of Mid-America	3.1%	11
Youth & Shelter Services (Ames, Hamilton, Marshall)	13.7%	49
	<i>answered question</i>	358
	<i>skipped question</i>	0

DEMOGRAPHICS

What is your gender?	October 2010	April 2011
Male	37.7%	41.0%
Female	62.3%	59.0%
	<i>answered question</i>	377
	<i>skipped question</i>	5
		349
		9

How old are you?	October 2010	April 2011
18	32.5%	24.0%
19	35.2%	37.1%
20	31.2%	38.3%
21	1.1%	0.6%
	<i>answered question</i>	369
	<i>skipped question</i>	13
		350
		8

Are you currently receiving a PAL stipend?	October 2010	April 2011
Yes	72.3%	65.3%
No	27.7%	34.7%
	<i>answered question</i>	375
	<i>skipped question</i>	7
		354
		4

SELF-SUFFICIENCY ADVOCATES PERFORMANCE

Is the number of times you have contact with your Advocate. . .	April 2011
About right, sufficient to meet my needs	94.6%
Not enough, I could use more help	3.4%
Too much, I really don't need that much help	2.0%
<i>answered question</i>	352
<i>skipped question</i>	6

Do you meet with your advocate at a time and place that is comfortable and convenient for you?	April 2011
Yes	98.3%
No	0.0%
Sometimes	1.7%
<i>answered question</i>	354
<i>skipped question</i>	4

Is your relationship with your advocate mutually respectful?	April 2011
Almost all the time	93.8%
Usually	6.2%
Not at all	0.0%
<i>answered question</i>	353
<i>skipped question</i>	5

Are your meetings with your advocate. . .	April 2011
Rushed, I wish I had more time	0.9%
About right	97.4%
Too long	1.7%
<i>answered question</i>	352
<i>skipped question</i>	6

My Advocate. . .	April 2011
Is supportive and encourages me all or most of the time	97.2%
Is supportive and encourages me some of the time	2.3%
Rarely encourages me or shows support	0.6%
<i>answered question</i>	353
<i>skipped question</i>	5

How much help is your Advocate providing to you with your employment and career goals?	April 2011
I am getting all the help and support I need	94.3%
I am getting some help and support but not enough	5.1%
I am not getting any help or support on my employment and career goals	0.6%
<i>answered question</i>	350
<i>skipped question</i>	8

YOUTH OUTCOMES

Do you have enough resources to meet your living expenses?	April 2010	October 2010	April 2011
Yes	78.8%	83.8%	72.9%
No	21.2%	16.2%	6.3%
Sometimes <i>(option added April 2011)</i>			20.7%
<i>answered question</i>	326	377	347
<i>skipped question</i>	6	5	7

Do you have a safe and stable place to live?	April 2010	October 2010	April 2011
Yes	95.7%	95.2%	97.4%
No	4.3%	4.8%	2.6%
<i>answered question</i>	328	375	346
<i>skipped question</i>	4	7	8

Do you have positive personal relationships with adults in the community?	April 2010	October 2010	April 2011
Yes, plenty	96.7%	82.4%	78.9%
Some but not enough	N/A	13.6%	17.4%
No	3.3%	4.0%	3.7%
<i>answered question</i>	330	375	350
<i>skipped question</i>	2	7	4

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the Aftercare program?

(118 comments)

no she has been very helpful to me.

I Love working with Jackie she is such a good help.

best one i have had

Stella Frank is a kind, caring, compassionate woman who is totally awesome!

no

It is very helpful when u are struggling.

my aftercare worker goes above and beyond all the time!

Im lovin it. Ba da ba ba pa! =]

Nothing other than asha is a great advocate and very positive!!

Jen is a good worker and she stays on my case.

I 'd be lost without it- it is so helpful and has taught me to do a lot of stuff.

she is nice

she is nice and always willing to help with stuff that you dont know what to do on

no

kelli is awesome! she always returns phone calls and is available even when we are not meeting.

it has helped me a lot.

i like jen, she is really nice and listens to me every time i have a problem with work or family :)

That is its very helpful to people.

I like my advocate!

My advocate is very helpful and does a wonderful job.

no

none

Its fun, and I enjoy talking to my advocate.

darcy anderson has helped me with more things that i needed help with. she is very nice, and continues to help me work on my goals.

i wish it wouldnt end so soon.. i feel my advocate and i have a good friendship... and im goin miss cumin to her. my life is just pick up in tha last year. if i didnt have this program i think i wouldnt be here.

its fantastic keep it up and thank you all.

This program has helped a lot

no i think its great !!

she is amazing and very helpful!!

i love this program its the best and helped me set goals and ive completed all of them thanks to this program and the best case manager ever LIZ

i find it very helpful

no

I recommend it!

I like it because it helps me pay bills and keep a place to live.

keeps goals so i can always go for something instead of slipping

Nope not at the moment

You guys should have more get togethers in a group.

Love Stella

I'm good.

Sarah is a wonderful Advocate!!

I am very grateful that Sarah has been able to help me with everything that I need help with.

I gradate this week from school. I thank Candis for this.

I have a fantastic worker! She meets with me on a regular basis and provides me with all of the help I need. I feel like my worker takes very good care of me and is constantly there for me when I need me, and she is the only worker that has ever done so much for me.

I wish that the PAL Stipend could continue for longer than a thirty day period, or could have extensions. The reason I say this is because I'm not in school at the moment, and I live in a small town where there are only eight places to apply, and only three are looking for employment. Without a vehicle, this small number of jobs makes it impossible to meet the required amount of time to do applications.

Candace has been a great after-care worker for me. She has helped me through some rough patches in my life, and is always there when I need someone to talk to. She has been a great support person for me. On top of that, she is always willing to cooperate and work with me, in order to help me in the ways that she is entitled to.

It rocks.

nope

I am currently accepted at dmacc and applying at jobs daily

That it should go until I am 25.

This is a good program and it should be something that shouldn't go away because of budget cuts.

I have had a great experience with my Aftercare worker. I feel that all my needs from the program has been met.

Thank you for your help and God Bless!

I really appreciate the program, it has helped me excel as a student. I wished it covered us all the way through college, but on the other hand my advocate is really good and helpful.

Teresa White has been there every time I have needed her. She has helped me a lot. Thank you!

I am very thankful to have this program. It has helped me out greatly.

Gina is awesome!

She is a great person and does her job well!

Gina needs a raise for what she has done for me and her other clients.

I think I deserved a PAL stipend earlier.

It's been very helpful; wish it would take into consideration mental health issues (anxiety, depression) that affect every aspect of life.

It helps out a lot!

This has been really helpful to me. I consider it the most useful help I've gotten from DHS. I really like my advocate Kate. She is the best!

I love this program. It helps me and my family so much. Thank you.

All of the advocates are wonderful! I am very thankful for this program!!

I like Alyssa! She holds me accountable when she needs to but we still have a good relationship.

Not particularly

Carol Marker is a wonderful advocate! :)

No

my worker is very good

nope

No, but thank you very much for everything!

keep up the good work!!!

my worker does a great job with me

Tracy is very helpful and kind

Boxing is a full time career but I appreciate the consideration you gave me

It helps alot in realizing what I need to do.

It is difficult to pay for car repairs and cover living expenses with PAL stipend if an issue occurs. I know there is vendor money but you cant get it if you get the stipend. A fund for emergencies + PAL would be nice!

Gina puts up with a lot of crap from me

It's an amazing program!!

This is a great program for young adults getting out of foster care. But think advocates need less participants. Cyndi O'Hara is great!

Cyndi is awesome! YAY :)

It's very helpful and I am grateful I am eligible for this program.

I find this program helpful to help get me to where I need to be in line.

Think it is a great program and is a lot of help.

My worker Carol is great, thank you.

It helps pay bills which rocks!

Teresa does a great job. She is active in helping me find new work.

I really like the program and my advocate. I think she provides me with a lot of good info and helps when I need it.

I love my advocate, she is great and always helpful. Consider raising stipend to meet more financial needs.

He is doing a great job, I will miss him when I move to Ames.

It is very helpful and I am glad it is available.

It is helping me through my bills, thank you.

Being a full-time student with two jobs, it is hard to find time for much, but my advocate makes a great effort to meet with me, when it works best, for me. Even if that means after office hours.

NO

I like the program it's really helpful and nice knowing I have the money to get diapers and wipes for my son and also knowing my bills are paid and also having food on the table.

no

Asha rocks!

Asha is very nice and I will miss her when she leaves.

It's been tremendous and super helpful on a low budget.

The program is really designed well and has helped me with the areas I need help.

Maybe think about the goal plan--doing those even once every year or so.

Great help!

Just that it helps a lot.

She helps a lot.

Jen Sjuts is the best worker I've had.

I can talk to all my support groups and I am not uncomfortable.

Holly is great!

I would be lost without it!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to take advantage of such a great program.

It's incredibly helpful! And it's a great support system in helping me as well as other foster-care placements.

no

It's a great program. It helps with whatever obstacle comes my way. It saved my life!

My aftercare worker (Teresa White) is very supportive and goes out of her way to help me and I greatly appreciate it.

no

no, not really

that my worker is there for me when I need to talk to her about things.

no

You should go to 23.

She is such a beautiful lady!