

NYTD Codes: Data Collection

The National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) supports state and federal partners in understanding the services provided to youth and young adults and their outcomes. The following are the identified services and codes assigned:

SERVICE	DSS 5027	DSS 4263		DSS-1571		PROGRAM CODE
		SIS CODE	CLIENT ID# REQ'D	PART II	PART IV	
LINKS-Independent Living Needs Assessment	130			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS-Supervised Independent Living	131			No	Yes	K, N, P, X
LINKS Activities: Outreach Services	132	132	No	Yes	No	K, N, X
LINKS Services to Current/Former Foster Youth 13-15	135	135	Yes	No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS Activities: Services to Current or Former Foster Youth Ages 16-21	136	136	Yes	No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS Activities – Group Setting		137	No	Yes	No	K, N, X, Z
LINKS – Program Planning		138	No	Yes	No	K, N, V, X, Z
LINKS-Academic Support	156			No	Yes	K, N, P, X
LINKS- Post Secondary Educational Support	157			No	Yes	K, N, P, X

LINKS- Education Financial Assistance	158			No	Yes	K, N, P, X
LINKS- Career Preparation	160			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Employment Programs or Vocational Training	161			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Budget and Financial Management	162			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Housing Education and Home Management	163			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Health Education and Risk Prevention	164			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Family Support and Healthy Marriage Education	165			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Mentoring	166			No	Yes	K, N, P, X, Z
LINKS- Room and Board Financial Assistance	167			No	Yes	K, N, P, X
LINKS- Other Financial Assistance	168			No	Yes	K, N, P, X

Appendix B

Reference: North Carolina Division of Social Services, Services Information System (SIS) User's Manual, Appendix B. (02-25-2019) p. B-25-B-28.

Please visit the website for updates [Services Information System link](#).

130 – LINKS Activities Independent Needs Assessment: An independent living needs assessment is a systematic procedure to identify a youth's basic skills, emotional and social capabilities, strengths, and needs to match the youth with appropriate independent living services. An independent living needs assessment may address knowledge of basic living skills, job readiness, money management abilities, decision-making skills, goal setting, task completion, and transitional living needs.

131 – LINKS Activities Supervised Independent Living: Supervised independent living means that the youth is living independently under a supervised arrangement that is paid for or provided by the State agency. A youth in supervised independent living is not supervised 24-hours a day by an adult and often is provided with increased responsibilities, such as paying bills, assuming leases, and working with a landlord, while under the supervision of an adult.

132 – LINKS Activities Outreach Services: Locating and offering services to former foster youth ages 13-21 have aged out of foster care or are otherwise known to be in need of LINKS services.

135 – LINKS Services to Current/Former Foster Youth 13-15: Assessment of needs, skills, and resources, engaging young adolescents in planning and implementing LINKS services, and service delivery to the targeted group.

136 – LINKS Activities Services To Current Or Former Foster Youth ages 16-21: Assessment of needs, skills, and resources, engaging youth and young adults in planning and implementing LINKS services, and service delivery to the targeted group of older adolescents and young adults who are or were in DSS custody/planning responsibility.

137 – LINKS Activities Group Setting: Activities associated with planning, coordinating and conducting activities with eligible LINKS participants in a group setting for the purposes of instruction, skill-building, leadership development, or collaboration with other youth-serving agencies to conduct such activities.

138 – LINKS Program Planning: General administrative activities conducted by the county LINKS liaison/coordinator to include LINKS program planning, data collection and analysis, preparation of reports, surveys, and development of agency plans.

156 – LINKS Activities Academic Support: Academic supports are services designed to help a youth complete high school or obtain a General Equivalency Degree (GED). Such services include the following: academic counseling; preparation for a GED, including assistance in applying for or studying for a GED exam; tutoring; help with homework; study skills training; literacy training; and help accessing educational resources. Academic support does not include a youth's general attendance in high school.

157 – LINKS Activities Post Secondary Educational Support: Post-secondary educational support are services designed to help a youth enter or complete college, and include the following: classes for test preparation, such as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT); counseling about college; information about financial aid and scholarships; help completing college or loan applications; or tutoring while in college. The list is not all-inclusive; other supports such as college tours provided by the agency could fall within this definition.

158 – LINKS Activities Education Financial Assistance: Education financial assistance is a payment that is paid for or provided by the State agency for education or training, including allowances to purchase textbooks, uniforms, computers, and other educational supplies; tuition assistance; scholarships; payment for educational preparation and support services (i.e., tutoring), and payment for GED and other educational tests. This financial assistance also includes vouchers for tuition or vocational education, or tuition waiver programs paid for or provided by the State agency.

160 – LINKS Activities Career Preparation: Career preparation services focus on developing a youth's ability to find, apply for, and retain appropriate employment. Career preparation includes the following types of instruction and support services: Vocational and career assessment, including career exploration and planning, guidance in setting and assessing vocational and career interests and skills, and help in matching interests and abilities with vocational goals; job seeking and job placement support, including identifying potential employers, writing resumes, completing job applications, developing interview skills, job shadowing, receiving job referrals, using career resource libraries, understanding employee benefits coverage, and securing work permits; retention support, including job coaching; learning how to work with employers and other employees; understanding workplace values such as timeliness and appearance; and understanding authority and customer relationships.

161 - LINKS Activities Employment Programs Or Vocational Training: Employment programs and vocational training are designed to build a youth's skills for a specific trade, vocation, or career through classes or on-site training. Employment programs include a youth's participation in an apprenticeship, internship, or summer employment program and do not include summer or after-school jobs secured by the youth alone. Vocational training includes a youth's participation in vocational or trade programs in school or through nonprofit, commercial or private sectors and the receipt of training in occupational classes for such skills as cosmetology, auto mechanics, building trades, nursing, computer science, and other current or emerging employment sectors.

162 - LINKS Activities Budget And Financial Management: Budget and financial management assistance includes the following types of training and practice: Living within a budget; opening and using a checking and savings account; balancing a checkbook; developing consumer awareness and smart shopping skills; accessing information about credit, loans and taxes; and filling out tax forms.

163 - LINKS Activities Housing Education And Risk Prevention: Housing education includes assistance or training in locating and maintaining housing, including filling out a rental application and acquiring a lease, handling security deposits and utilities, understanding practices for keeping a healthy and safe home, understanding tenants' rights and responsibilities, and handling landlord complaints. Home management includes instruction in food preparation, laundry, housekeeping, living cooperatively, meal planning, grocery shopping and basic maintenance and repairs.

164 – LINKS Activities Health Education And Risk Prevention: Health education and risk prevention includes providing information about: Hygiene, nutrition, fitness and exercise, and first aid; medical and dental care benefits, health care resources and insurance, prenatal care and maintaining personal medical records; sex education, abstinence education, and HIV prevention, including education and information about sexual development and sexuality, pregnancy prevention and family planning, and sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS; substance abuse prevention and intervention, including education and information about the effects and consequences of substance use (alcohol, drugs, tobacco) and substance avoidance and

intervention. Health education and risk prevention does not include the youth's actual receipt of direct medical care or substance abuse treatment.

165 – LINKS Activities Family Support And Healthy Marriage Education: Such services include education and information about safe and stable families, healthy marriages, spousal communication, parenting, responsible fatherhood, childcare skills, teen parenting, and domestic and family violence prevention. **166 – LINKS Activities Mentoring:** Mentoring means that the youth has been matched with a screened and trained adult for a one-on-one relationship that involves the two meeting on a regular basis. Mentoring can be short-term, but it may also support the development of a long-term relationship. While youth often are connected to adult role models through school, work, or family, this service category only includes a mentor relationship that has been facilitated, paid for or provided by the State agency or its staff.

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167 – LINKS Activities Room And Board Financial Assistance: Room and board financial assistance is a payment that is paid for or provided by the State agency for room and board, including rent deposits, utilities, and other household start-up expenses.

168 – LINKS Activities Other Financial Assistance: Other financial assistance includes any other payments made or provided by the State agency to help the youth live independently.