

SaySO

Strong Able Youth Speaking Out

**Building Protective Factors &
Strengthening Resiliencies**





Life Skills



Collaboration

LINK Up Conferences



Informative



Motivational

O-LINK-Pic Games



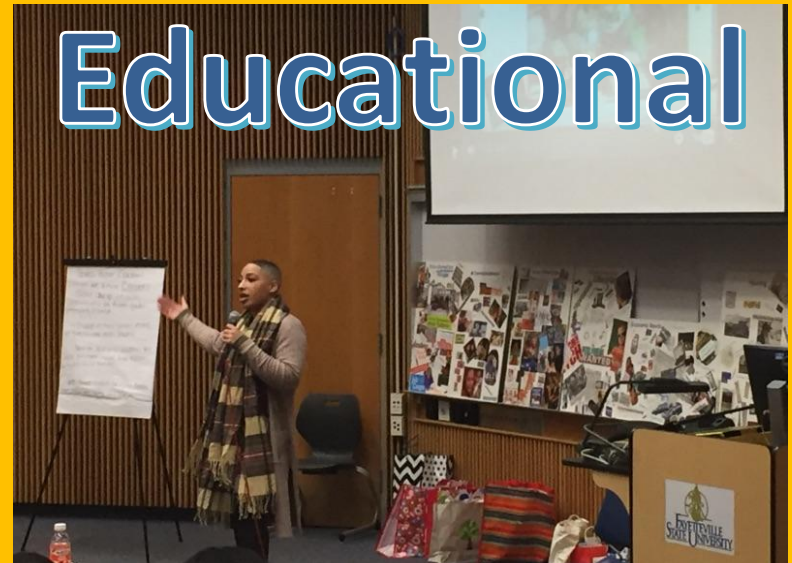
Independent

Living





It's My Transition Seminars





Inspiration



Comradery

SaySo Survivor XI 2017

Team
Building



Resiliency



SaySo Survivor Activities

Determined



Life Changing



Imaginative



Crafty



CONNECTEDNESS



Leadership



Monumental

SaySo @ General Assembly & Page Week 2017



ADVOCACY

Volunteering



Giving

SaySo's Make a Difference Day



Spirited





SaySo Saturday Conferences



SaySo Saturday Activities





Leadership

SaySo's BOD Orientation



Impactful



3 Days of Bonding & Building Family



A TON OF FUN!!!!



Elevating



SaySo Speaking



Inspiring

SaySo is at the TABLE



- Program Improvement Planning & Subcommittees
- DSS Attorney's & Judges Conferences
- Community Child Protection Team State Advisory Group
- Foster Care Recruitment
- Normalcy Act & Prudent Parenting Standards
- Medical Homes & FHNC State Advisory Workgroup
- Project No Rest
- Social Services Institute
- Guardian Ad Litem Advocacy Institutes
- State and National Conferences, etc!

SaySo Annual Numbers

State Fiscal Year
July 1 – June 30

2011 – 713

2012 – 671

2013 – 817

2014 – 762

2015 – 877

2016 – 998

2017 – 1475

*The numbers are
growing fast!!!
And there is a reason
why!!*

These numbers represent the **actual number** of people attending SaySo event and participating on the BOD and as Alumni contractors.

The **impact of SaySo is exponential** as those having SaySo experiences touch others, empower others, and engage others in having hope, belief, and determination to strive towards a better life.

How many lives have improved as a result? Those numbers we cannot calculate but we hear numerous stories of from youth, GAL's, social workers, foster parents, and others who have been **inspired to adjust their methods of engaging young adults** because of what they **heard** at a SaySo event or from the **voice** of a SaySo Young Adult.

Encouraging SaySo involvement is easy and it's free.



SaySo Survey:

How are SaySo Alumni doing?

Note: This was an informal survey. It is not rigorous research but gives a glimpse of how our SaySo alumnus are doing.

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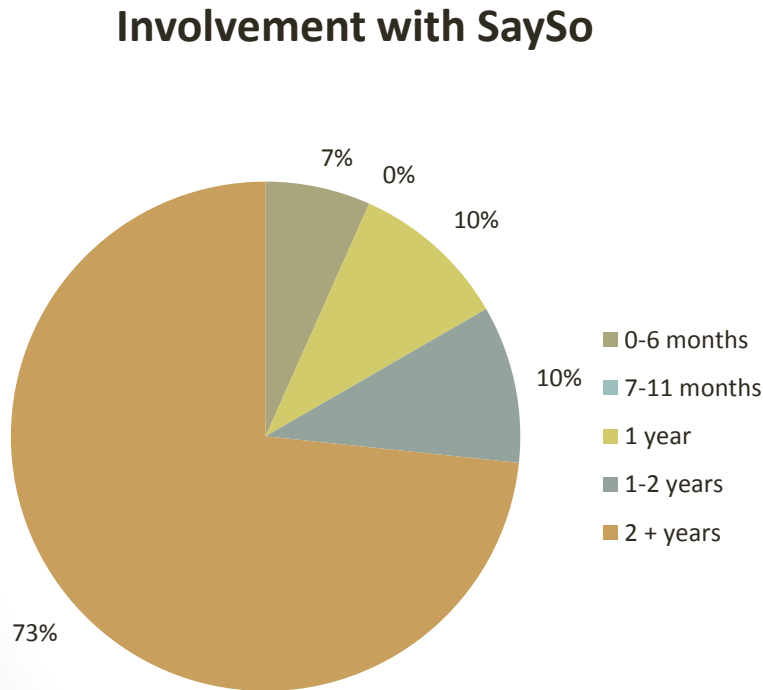
Survey Focus & Data Comparison

- Informal survey of SaySo alumni to answer the question:
Does involvement in SaySo improve outcomes for members who have aged out of the foster care system?
- Whenever possible, SaySo data is compared to similar data from the “Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth” [MWE], 2011, and “Sources of Resiliency Among Successful Foster Youths,” 2008 [Resiliency].
- True comparisons were not always possible unless survey questions were easily aligned.
- 30 respondents ages 18 – 38 (mean age 24, median age 23)
- Self-administered, voluntary and confidential survey available both in person and online

Here are some of our results around outcomes that concern us most:

Involvement with SaySo

Q: How long have you been involved with SaySo?

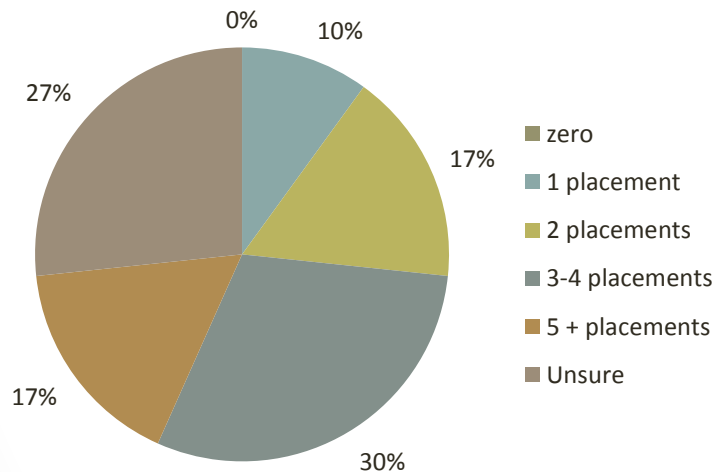


Q: How would you describe your involvement with SaySo? (Check all that apply)

Activity	Qualifier	Percentage
Member	yes	40%
	no	60%
Newsletter	yes	30%
	no	70%
Social Media	yes	37%
	no	63%
SaySo Sat	yes	77%
	no	23%
Local chapter	yes	40%
	no	60%
Events	yes	47%
	no	53%
BOD/SRA/Staff	yes	60%
	no	40%

Number of Placements

Number of placements in
foster care
n = 30



Q: How many placements did you
experience while in care?

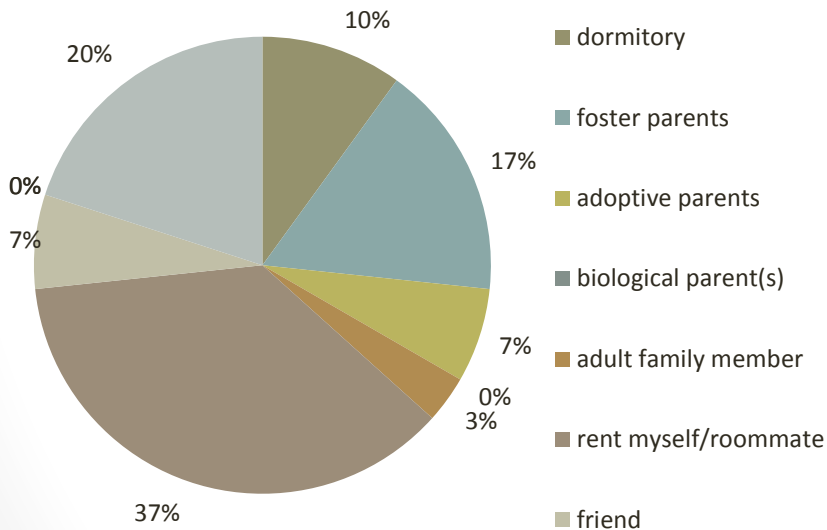
Qualifier	Percentage
zero	0%
1 placement	10%
2 placements	17%
3-4 placements	30%
5 + placements	17%
Unsure	27%

27% of alumnus had 1 or 2 placements
47% of alumnus reported 3 or more placements.
27% were not sure how many they had

Current Living Arrangement

Q: Please select the option that best describes your current living situation.

Current Living Arrangement
n = 30



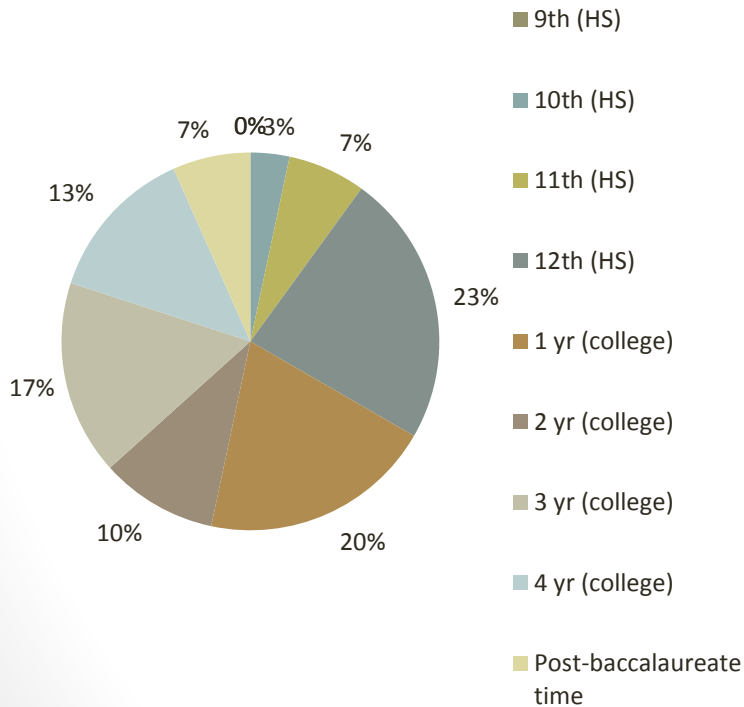
Qualifier	Percentage
dormitory	10%
foster parents	17%
adoptive parents	7%
biological parent(s)	0%
adult family member	3%
rent myself/roommate	37%
friend	7%
between living arrangements	0%
shelter	0%
other	20%
military housing	
buying a home	
Own home	

Comparison Data

49% (MWE) live on their own compared to 57% SaySo alumni (including rent myself and/or roommate, and "Others" given the respondents' identified living arrangements)

Highest Level of Education

Highest Educational Level Achieved
n = 30



Q: What is the highest level of school or year of college that you have completed?

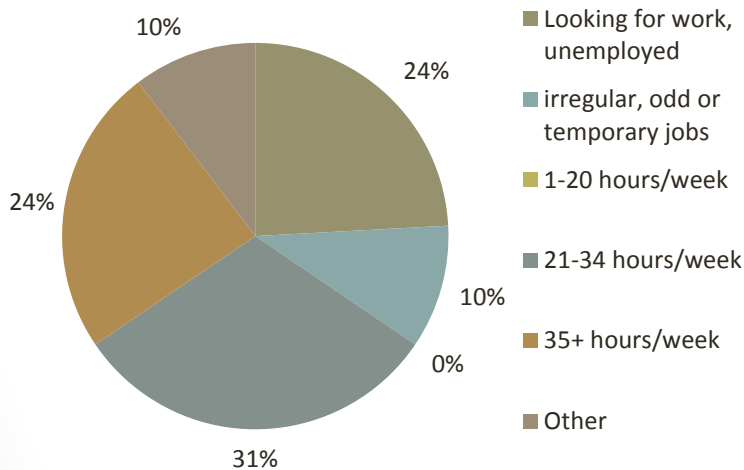
Qualifier	Percentage
9th (HS)	0%
10th (HS)	3%
11th (HS)	7%
12th (HS)	23%
1 yr (college)	20%
2 yr (college)	10%
3 yr (college)	17%
4 yr (college)	13%
Post-baccalaureate time	7%
Unsure	0%

Comparison Data

2.5% (MWE) completed a Bachelor's degree compared to 13% SaySo Alumni (20% when post-Baccalaureate studies are included)

Employment

Current Employment Status n = 29



Q: Please select the statement that best describes your current employment status?

Qualifier	Percentage
Looking for work, unemployed	24%
irregular, odd or temporary jobs	10%
1-20 hours/week	0%
21-34 hours/week	31%
35+ hours/week	24%
Other	10%
military	
	24/7

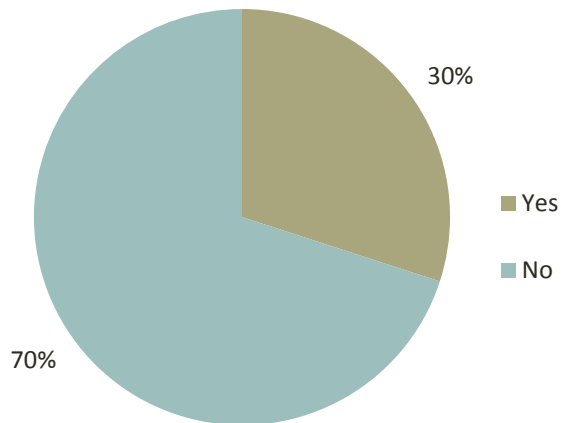
Comparison Data

37% (MWE) were employed more than 21 hours per week compared to 55% SaySo Alumni (65% including Other)

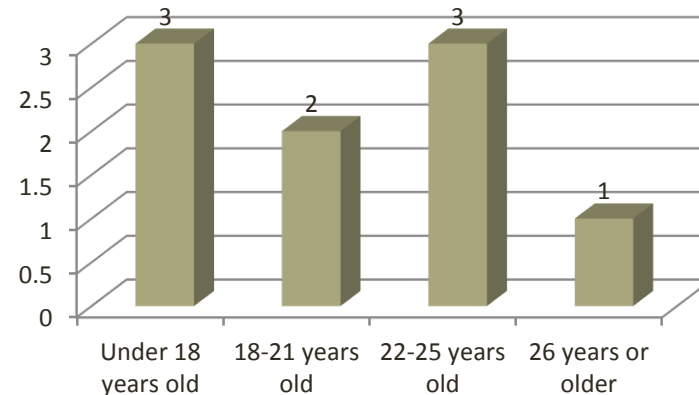
Parenting

Q: Have you given birth to or fathered any children?

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n = 30



If yes, at what age did you have your first child?
n = 9 (23%)



Comparison Data

52%(males/MWE) and 71% (females/MWE) had a living child compared to 23% SaySo Alumni



SaySo Call to Action



1. Support & encourage young people to get to SaySo events, including events that are on Saturdays!
2. Establish or Re-establish a local SaySo Chapter!
3. Find out if you have any SaySo youth in your county or area and meet with them!
4. Come to SaySo Saturday! (Save the date 3/3/2018)!
5. Contact me if we can support you in any way!



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