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This News brief alerts you to findings of the first of three waves of data collection from the Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth Study (i.e., the Midwest Study). The study follows the progress of a number of youth (N=749) in three states as they transition out of foster care. The report presents data on the youth's status with respect to family history and current family relations, experiences while in out-of home care, health, mental health, social support, delinquency, substance abuse, education, and employment. The report reveals the formidable challenges these youth face as they anticipate their exit from the child welfare system. Subsequent phases of the study will examine how these youth have fared after their exit.

The Midwest Study is a collaborative effort between the state public child welfare agencies in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, and the University of Wisconsin Survey Center. The report is available at the Chapin Hall Center for Children website (link below). Other articles of interest are located at this website as well.

Although the report is free of charge, you will need to register to receive access:  
[http://www.chapinhall.org/PDFDownload\\_new.asp?tk=1039927&ar=1359&L2=61&L3=130](http://www.chapinhall.org/PDFDownload_new.asp?tk=1039927&ar=1359&L2=61&L3=130)

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