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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

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