

Colorado Administrative Unit Post-School Outcome Data Collection Protocol March 2019

Welcome to the Colorado Post-School Outcomes Survey

Introduction to data collector:

As a data collector, your participation in this process is important and appreciated. The efforts you put forth to get youth or their families to answer the questions will be directly reflected in the district's and state's response rates and how representative those who respond are to all youth in Colorado. Thank you for being a part of this important survey.

You are going to conduct an interview with former students or their family members. The interview will take about 10 to 15 minutes depending on the responses provided. As you read the questions to the respondent, you may need to provide additional information to help them understand the question you are asking in order to get accurate information. The survey asks questions about the former student's further education and employment.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Gail Lott, Senior Consultant, Results Driven Accountability, Secondary Transition and Student Outcomes, Colorado Department of Education (303-866-6721).

Begin the interview by reading the introductory script to the respondent. **[Read the survey introduction to the former student or the parent]:** Hello. May I speak to **[parent of or former student by name]**?

Hi, my name is **[your name]** and I work for **[_____ High School or School District]**. The Colorado Department of Education requires school staff in Colorado School Districts to conduct 10 to 15 minute interviews with former students who left high school one year ago. The purpose of the interview is to learn what former students do after they leave high school. This information is used to help schools improve programs for students with disabilities who are still in high school. This interview is completely voluntary and I want to assure you that I am not selling anything. We will compile the responses from all the young adults who are interviewed. From that information, no one will be able to identify who you are or how you answered these questions.

Do you have any questions before we begin? **[If yes, answer respondent questions.] [If no say],** "We appreciate your help. I'd like to begin the survey now."

*Note: Each caller must make 3 attempts before considering the student/family unreachable unless on the first or second attempt the caller finds that the number is disconnected, the youth is deceased, refuses to participate, or has returned to school. Document attempts with dates.



What is the result of the initial contact?

- (1) Interview began > **Go to Overall Outcome of Call Attempts > Interview began Go to Question 1**
- (2) Youth is deceased > **Go to Overall Outcome of Call Attempts > Youth is deceased (End survey)**
- (3) Refused to participate > **Go to Overall Outcome of Call Attempts > Refused to participate (End survey)**
- (4) Returned to school > **Go to Overall Outcome of Call Attempts > Returned to school (End survey)**

POST-SCHOOL OUTCOME SURVEY

THESE DATA ARE TO BE GATHERED NO EARLIER THAN ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THE STUDENT'S EXIT FROM HIGH SCHOOL. Specify the answer given by the participant for each question.

POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL

1. At any time since leaving high school or exiting 18-21 services, were you enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college or university?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

1a. Did you complete an entire term? (NOTE: this can be any complete term including quarter, semester, summer session)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

At any time since leaving high school or exiting 18-21 services, have you ever participated in any of the following programs?

2. Did you participate in a high school completion program (e.g., GED, HiSET, Adult Basic Education, TASC)?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

2a. Did you complete an entire term? (NOTE: this can be any complete term including quarter, semester, summer session)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

3. Did you participate in a short-term education or employment training (e.g., Job Corps, Workforce Development)?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

3a. Did you complete an entire term? (NOTE: this can be any complete term including quarter, semester, summer session)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

4. Were you enrolled in a vocational, technical, or trade school (less than two-year program)?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

4a. Did you complete an entire term? (NOTE: this can be any complete term including quarter, semester, summer session)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

5. Were you enrolled in an adult education program? (NOTE: Non-credential college courses)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

5a. Did you complete an entire term? (NOTE: this can be any complete term including quarter, semester, or summer session)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

Additional comments:

EMPLOYMENT

6. *At any time since leaving high school or exiting 18-21 services, have you ever worked?*

- (1) YES → GO TO QUESTION 7; (student will answer questions 7-15)
- (2) NO → GO TO AGENCY LINKAGES

7. *Describe the job you have or have had.*

Record the company name: _____

8. *Have you worked for a total of 3 months (90 days) (NOTE: Days do not need to be in a row.)*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

9. *Are you currently, or have you worked for an average of 20 hours per week? (NOTE: Hours may vary week to week.)*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

10. *Were/are you paid minimum wage (NOTE: 2018, \$10.20; 2019, \$11.10)?*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

11. *Did/do most of the workers have disabilities?*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

12. *When doing your job, did/do you interact with co-workers to get your job done? Or when you have a question at work, or need help getting your job done, do you ask a co-worker for help? (NOTE: Emphasis is on interaction with other employees and other persons as appropriate, i.e., customers and vendors, not supervisors)*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

13. *Can you receive a pay raise or promotion while working for this company? (NOTE: If none of the workers with and without disabilities are eligible for pay raise or promotion, the answer is "YES")*

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

14. Were you paid the same as other people who work in a similar job with the same skills, experience and training? (NOTE: Ask this or other probing questions if you, the interviewer, are unfamiliar with the company described in Question 7; otherwise, consider this answer to be YES)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

15. Were worker's compensation, social security or unemployment insurance benefits taken out of your check? (Further probing question: Did you receive group insurance like health, dental, vision, paid sick or vacation leave?)

**If the student receives any of the benefits listed, answer "YES".*

(NOTE: Ask this or other probing questions if the interviewer is unfamiliar with the company described in Question 7; otherwise, consider this to be a YES.)

- (1) YES
- (2) NO
- (3) I don't know

Additional comments:

AGENCY LINKAGES

16. Have you or are you currently working with the School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP)?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she has not worked with SWAP)
- (3) N/A (The student reported he/she did not need SWAP)

17. Have you or are you currently working with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she has not worked with DVR)
- (3) N/A (The student reported he/she did not need DVR)

18. Have you or are you currently working with your local Community-Centered Board?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she has not worked with local Community-Center Board)
- (3) N/A (The student reported he/she did not need local Community Center Board)

19. Have you or are you currently working with an Independent Living Center?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she has not worked with an Independent Living Center)
- (3) N/A (The student reported he/she did not need an Independent Living Center)

20. Have you or are you currently working with the local Workforce Center?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she has not worked with the local workforce center)
- (3) N/A (The student reported he/she did not need the local Workforce Center)

Comments/Additional information:

SCHOOL-RELATED INFORMATION

21. Did you participate in services for students ages 18-21 in your district?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO (The student reported he/she did not participate in the 18-21 services)
- (3) N/A (The student did not need these services due to on- time graduation)

22. To the interviewer: Did the student leave before graduating or reaching maximum age? (If "BASIS_EXIT" in the demographic information above is any code other than "90 - Graduated with Regular Diploma" or "01 - Reached Maximum " the student did leave before graduating or reaching maximum age.)

- (1) Yes (the student left before graduating or reaching maximum age) – *If student left before reaching maximum age, answer questions 22a-22h.*
- (2) NO (the student did not leave before graduating or reaching maximum age):

22a. According to our information, you left school before graduating or reaching maximum age.

Did you leave school because you felt/thought that classes were boring?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

22b. Did you leave school because you missed too many school days and could not catch up?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

22c. Did you leave school because you spent time with people who were not interested in school?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

22d. Did you leave school because you had too much freedom and not enough rules in school?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

22e. Did you leave school because you were you failing in school?

- (1) YES
- (2) NO

21f. Would you have stayed in school if you had more support from school personnel?

(1) YES

(2) NO

21g. Would you have stayed in school if had more support from family?

(1) YES

(2) NO

21h. Would you have stayed in school if different classes were offered?

(1) YES

(2) NO

Comments/Additional Information