Sexual and Reproductive Health Among Youth Who Experience the Child Welfare System

49%

of 11-21-year olds who experience the child welfare system have recieved some type of sex education.



20%

received sex ed on contraceptives only.



19%

received abstinence-only sex ed.



10%

received sex ed on abstinence and contraceptives.



42%

of youth with an open child welfare case knew how to access birth control or family planning services.



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Most 19-year olds who **experience foster care** have had sexual intercourse.

Among youth who experience the child welfare system:



On average, youth report having six sexual partners by 19.



43%

of 18-year-olds report inconsistent or no condom use.



14%

of sexually active 19-year-olds reported ever having an STI.



49%

of women reported ever being pregnant by age 19.

54%

of youth who experience foster care reported some physical or sexual abuse.

30%

of women ages 16-24 who experience foster care reported pressure from a partner to not use birth control and/or their partner sabotaging their contraceptives.

