



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Guaranteed Income Pilot Program

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Background

- County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors approves Foster Youth Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot Program in July 2023
- Pilot Period: May 1st, 2024 to November 1st, 2025



Guaranteed Income (GI)

Pilot Objectives

01



Serve current and former
San Mateo County foster
youth ages 18 -22

02



Positively influence
social determinants
of health and
outcomes

03



Understand the
influence of payments
on safety net services &
other benefits

GI Service Providers



U.S. Bank

Payment Distribution



MyPath

Benefits Counseling and
Financial Mentorship



HSRI

Program Evaluation



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Enrolled Participants

“I am so very grateful to have been able to receive the GI payments. It has been a huge help.”

-Foster Youth GI Recipient



Mandatory orientation to participants

Optional benefits counseling and
financial mentoring services

MyPath Outcomes

- 10 orientations in -person and virtually
- 6 participants actively enrolled in the Financial Mentorship Program
- 1 participant graduated from the Financial Mentorship Program
- 150 hours of benefits counseling provided

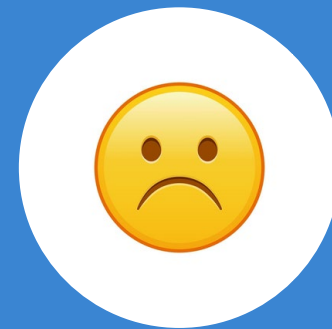
“I really appreciate the help from MyPath. I wish this was an ongoing program I am barely surviving off the money that they send every month.”
- Foster Youth GI Recipient





Strengths

- Engaged youth have genuine interest in financial mentorship component
- Engaged youth are eager to learn and improve financial literacy
- Empowers participants through financial mentorship
- Youth are able to plan for expenses, and build savings



Challenges

- Low engagement with optional services
- Completion of paperwork
- Citizenship status and/or impact to public benefits

Evaluation: Areas of Study



■ **01** Demographics

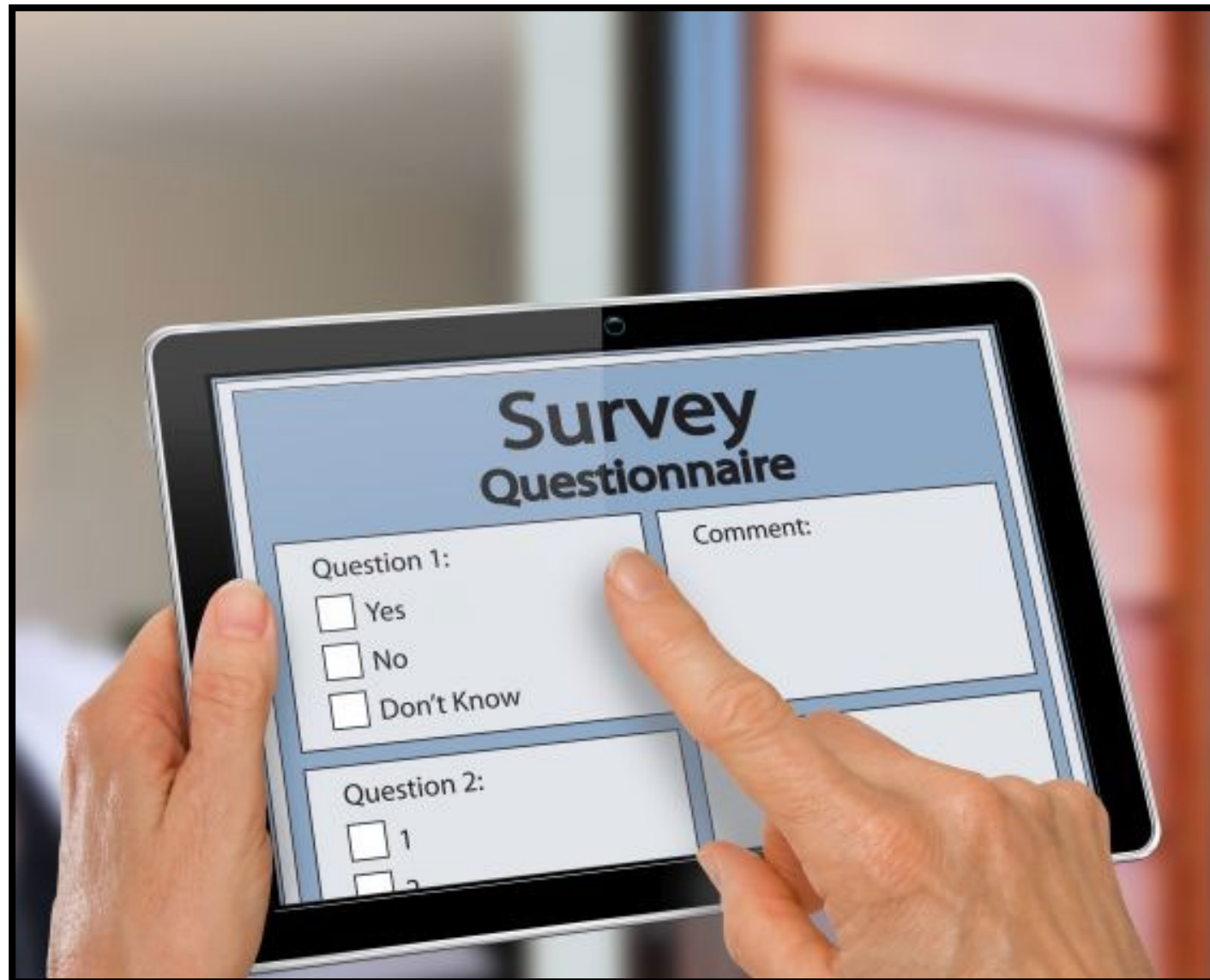
■ **02** Finances

■ **03** Food Security

■ **04** Housing

■ **05** Health

Response Rates



Baseline Survey

- 37 out of 48 responses
- Four (4) partial responses

77%

Six-Month Survey

- 21 out of 48 responses
- Three (3) partial responses

44%

Analysis

- 17 participants completed both baseline and six-month



Survey Highlights

“{GI} has been a great help for me by getting my bills paid and getting food in my fridge and things I need for my house.”
- Foster Youth GI Recipient

The following statement were true for participants in the last month (sometimes, fairly often, or very often true)		
	Baseline	Six months
I cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food	9 (53%) (n=17)	7 (44%) (n=17)
I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more	9 (53%) (n=17)	7 (41%) (n=17)
I couldn't afford to eat fresh food and/or healthy meals	8 (47%) (n=17)	5 (31%) (n=16)
I was hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food	5 (29%) (n=17)	5 (29%) (n=17)
The food I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have enough money to get more	8 (47%) (n=17)	8 (50%) (n=16)

The following statements were true for participants in the last month (sometimes, fairly often, or very often true)

	Baseline	Six months
I was in debt	2 (14%) (n=14)	0 (0%) (n=17)
I lived off my savings	3 (21%) (n=14)	1 (6%) (n=17)
I just managed to get by	4 (29%) (n=14)	6 (35%) (n=17)
I had a bit of money left over	2 (14%) (n=14)	7 (41%) (n=17)
I had enough money to be able to save	3 (21%) (n=14)	3 (18%) (n=17)

Survey Highlights



Had I not had the GI I would've never had the money to take care of myself..nor would I have considered going back to school..Every former foster youth should have this type of relief so that they may have the incredible weight of adulthood eased off their shoulders.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible, it's been more helpful than words can explain.



-Foster Youth GI Recipient

Survey Highlights

In the last three months, how difficult has it been to cover your expenses and pay all your bills?

	Baseline	Six Months
Very difficult	1 (7%) (n=14)	3 (19%) (n=16)
Somewhat difficult	10 (71%) (n=14)	4 (25%) (n=16)
Not at all difficult	3 (21%) (n=14)	9 (56%) (n=16)

Looking ahead...

- Continue outreach efforts
- Ongoing enrollments as youth become age eligible or enter care
- Interview pilot participants and administrators
- Administer 12 - and 18-month surveys
 - Increase response rates
 - Increase accessibility
- Ramp Down and Last Disbursement - November 2025





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