

Staggering Foster Care Crisis BY THE NUMBERS

20%

Youth that will become homeless the day they age out of foster care.

97%

Will never earn a degree in college or vocational school.

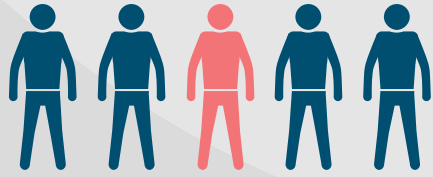
5,000

Less than 5,000 open foster homes in Tennessee.

350+

Children awaiting adoption in Tennessee.

1 in 5



People who age out of the foster care system lack a home when they turn 18.



51%

of foster youth graduate high school.

M 1/3

F 3/4

Former foster youth who rely on government assistance programs.

In comparison to veterans, former foster youth are twice as likely to suffer from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).



< Less Than

1 in 4

enroll in college.

24 years old

By this age, only HALF will have stable and steady employment.



Statistics show that the same % will develop substance abuse.



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