

# YOUTH ON THE MOVE



**Metro**<sup>TM</sup>



**Department of Children  
and Family Services**

# HOW WE GOT HERE

- ❖ August 2011 – the Metro Board approves a motion to establish a 1-year pilot program providing free annual Transit Access Passes (TAP) to current and former foster youth
- ❖ July 1, 2012 – Youth on the Move begin their official pilot year
- ❖ July 1, 2013 – Youth on the Move becomes a Metro Board mandated program, slated to continue indefinitely

# THE PARTNERS



❖ DCFS Youth Development Services

❖ Metro (Commute Services)

❖ **23 Los Angeles county transit operators**

(Antelope Valley Transit, Santa Clarita Transit, Culver City Bus, Big Blue Bus, Foothill Transit, Gardena Municipal Bus Lines, LADOT, Long Beach Transit, Montebello Bus Lines, Norwalk Transit, Pasadena ARTS, Burbank Bus, Carson Transit, Torrance Transit, Glendale Beeline, Compton Transit, and more)

# WHAT WE OFFER

- ❖ A free annual tap card (\$1,320 value)
- ❖ EZ pass loads for zones 1-10 (\$1,584-\$4,224 value)
- ❖ 2 replacements for lost/stolen cards for a nominal fee (\$25 and \$50)
- ❖ An easy application process and technical assistance

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



- ❖ DCFS/Probation youth between 18-21
- ❖ ILP eligible youth utilizing public transit in L.A. County (out of county/state included)
- ❖ Case can be open, closed, Extended Foster Care, Kin-Gap, or Probation Placement

# WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

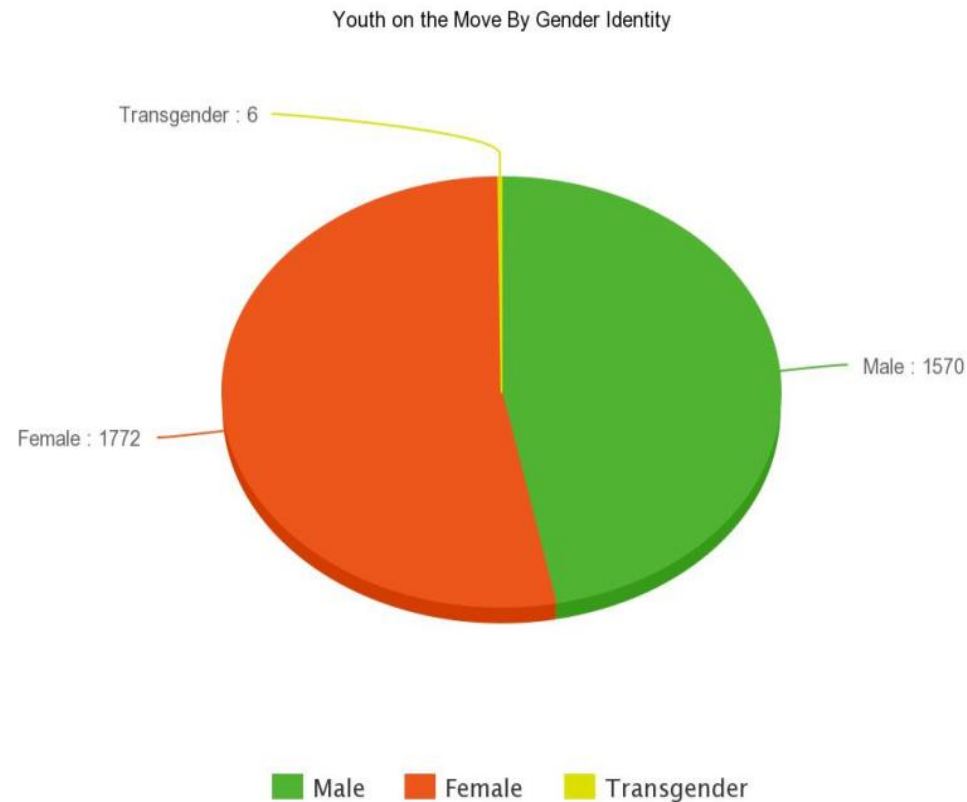
- ❖ Youth applies for card with ILP Coordinator, CSW, DPO, or YOTM staff
- ❖ Application, data release and photo submitted to Metro by YOTM staff
- ❖ In 20 business days, a TAP card is returned to DCFS for distribution to the youth

# THE NUMBERS

- ❖ More than 5,000 youth have been issued YOTM TAP cards
- ❖ 70% of our riders utilize EZ access passes for use on non-Metro transit agencies
- ❖ From July 1, 2012 to present, this represents roughly \$7M in fare media
- ❖ The implementation of the replacement fees, in January 2015, has decreased the number of replacements by 55%!

# YOTM BY GENDER

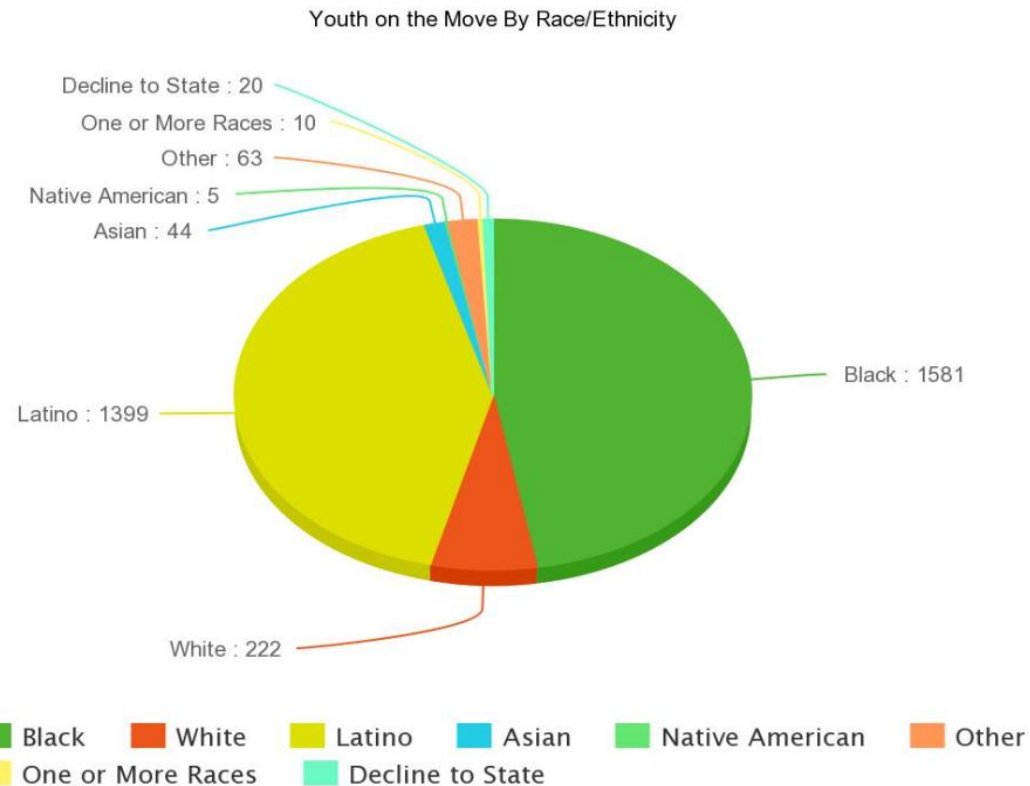
- ❖ The gender breakdown of YOTM youth is almost evenly split. In FY 2014, the Transgender category was added to our application as an option.





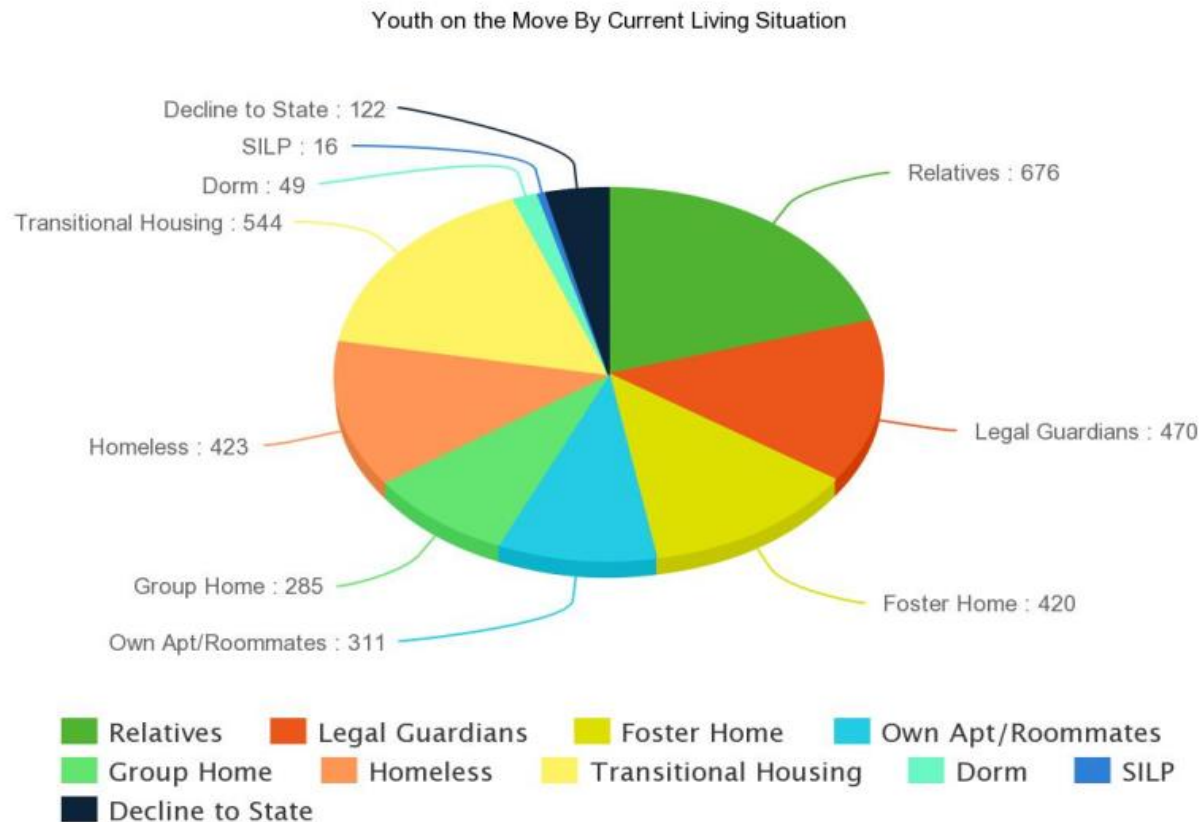
# YOTM BY RACE/ETHNICITY

- ❖ The racial/ethnic breakdown of YOTM youth is consistent with the racial/ethnic breakdown of those youth served by DCFS/Probation.



# YOTM CURRENT LIVING SITUATIONS

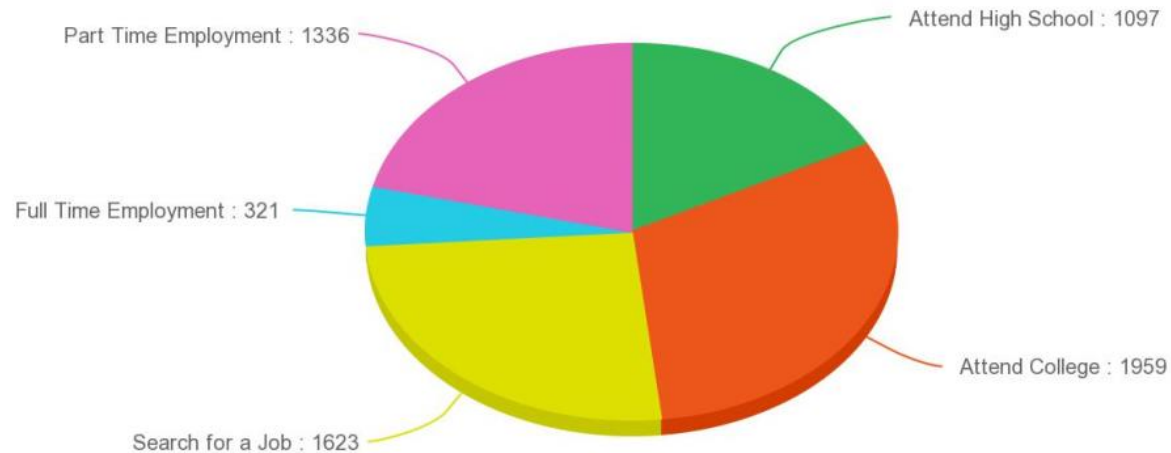
- ❖ The vast majority of youth reside with relatives/legal guardians, while the next largest segment of youth are in transitional housing.



# YOTM BY DAILY ACTIVITY

- ❖ We ask youth to identify the primary activity they're engaged in. The majority report they use their tap cards to attend school and search for a job.

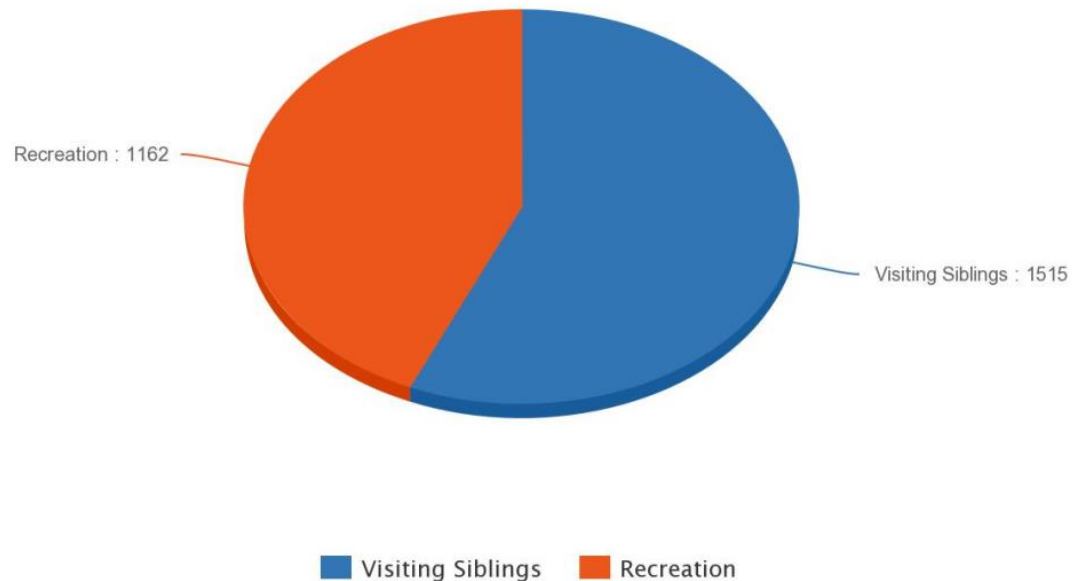
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# YOTM SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

- ❖ We want youth to engage in healthy activities that promote physical health and emotional well-being,. Visiting siblings and participating in recreational activities are favorite options.

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# QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

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