

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the National Longitudinal Transition Study (NLTS) 2012! The NLTS 2012 seeks to understand the experiences of America's youth as they enter adulthood. This nation-wide study includes approximately 15,000 youth from more than 400 school districts, along with their parents, teachers, and principals.

Having all students graduate from high school ready for college, careers, and productive lives is an important national goal. The study seeks to understand the challenges that youth face and the factors that can make their transition to adulthood easier. By combining information from students, parents, teachers, and principals, this study will provide the most complete information available. Educators and policymakers will use this information to improve programs and policies that support students as they move from high school to college, training, employment, and independent lives.

Whether you are a parent, an educator, a policymaker, or someone interested in the transition to adulthood, we hope you browse through our website for more information. Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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