

Driving Change in Adoption

SELFLESS LOVE FOUNDATION'S LIVED EXPERT PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

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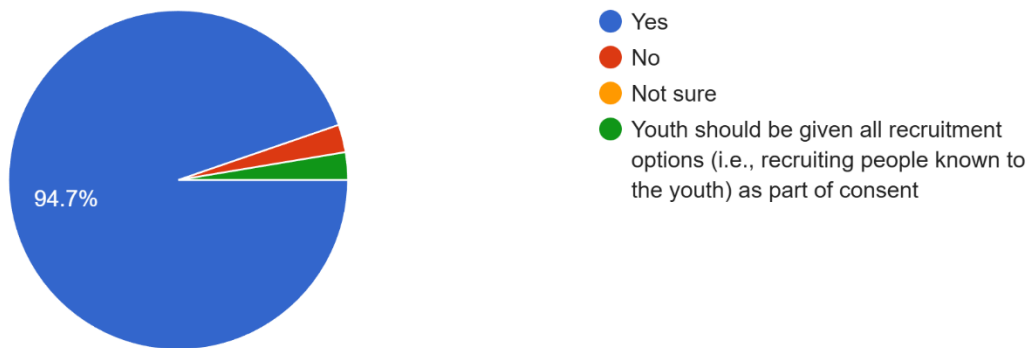


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Context: Prior to attending the convening, Selfless Love Foundation developed and deployed a survey distributed to 38 young people with lived experience in adoption from foster care across 30 states. These survey results summarized below were intended for preconvening reflection and to facilitate pre- and post-convening dialogue.

Do you believe youth should be asked for their consent before being placed on an adoption photolisting website?

38 responses



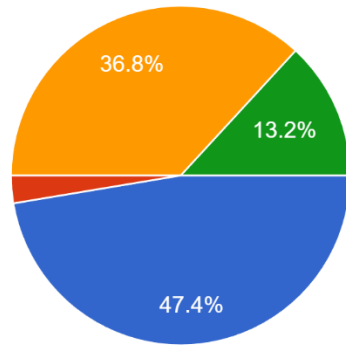
At what age do you believe youth should have the right to provide or deny consent for their information to be used on adoption photolistings?

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If a youth is not developmentally able to provide consent, what should happen?

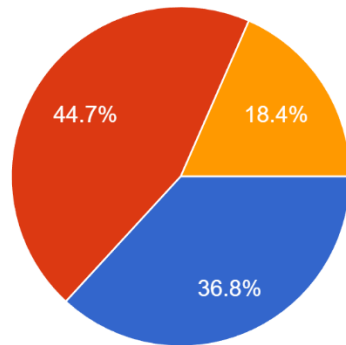
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- A trusted adult (advocate, guardian ad litem, caseworker) should decide
- The court should decide based on best interest
- Consent should be delayed until the youth is able to understand
- Other:

If a young person is missing (runaway, not able to be contacted), how should decisions about their photolisting be handled if staff, or supportive adults, cannot obtain consent?

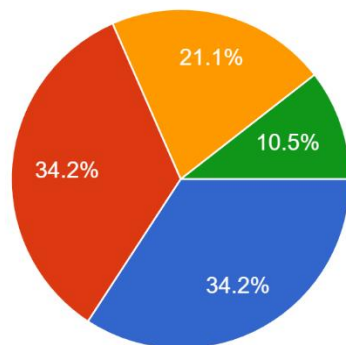
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- Their profile should not be posted until they are located and able to give consent.
- A temporary, de-identified profile (e.g., age, gender, general description) could be posted, but no photos or personal...
- A designated adult (e.g., caseworker, attorney, or advocate) should decide on their behalf until the youth can be con...
- Other (please explain):

How often should youth be asked to reaffirm or update their consent for being on a photolisting?

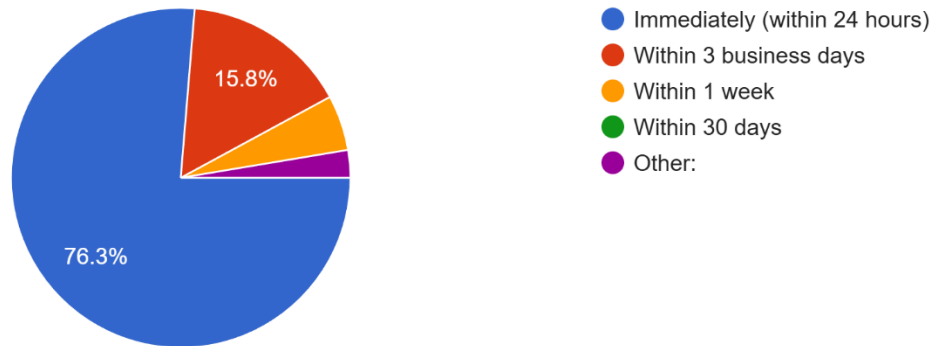
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- Every 3 months
- Every 6 months
- Once a year
- Only when there is a major change (new photos, new info, etc..)
- Other:

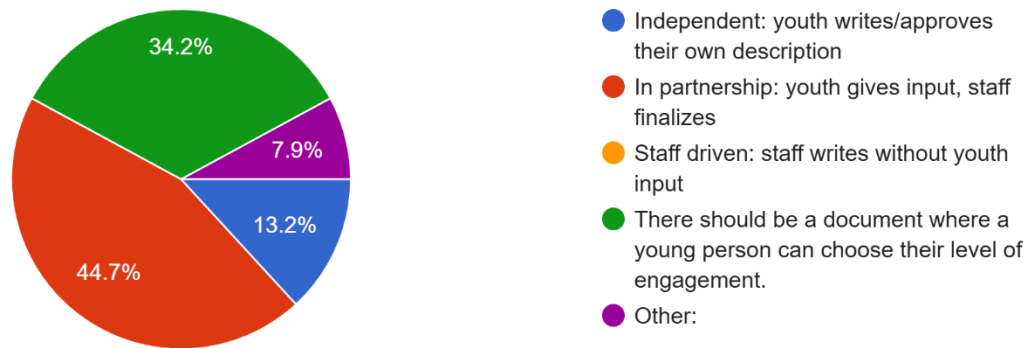
If a youth withdraws their consent, how quickly should their profile be removed from a photolisting?

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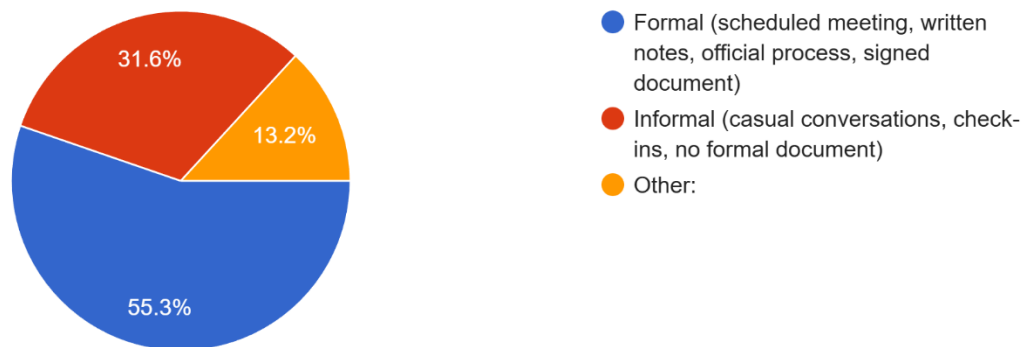
How engaged should youth be in the development of personal descriptions used for adoption recruitment?

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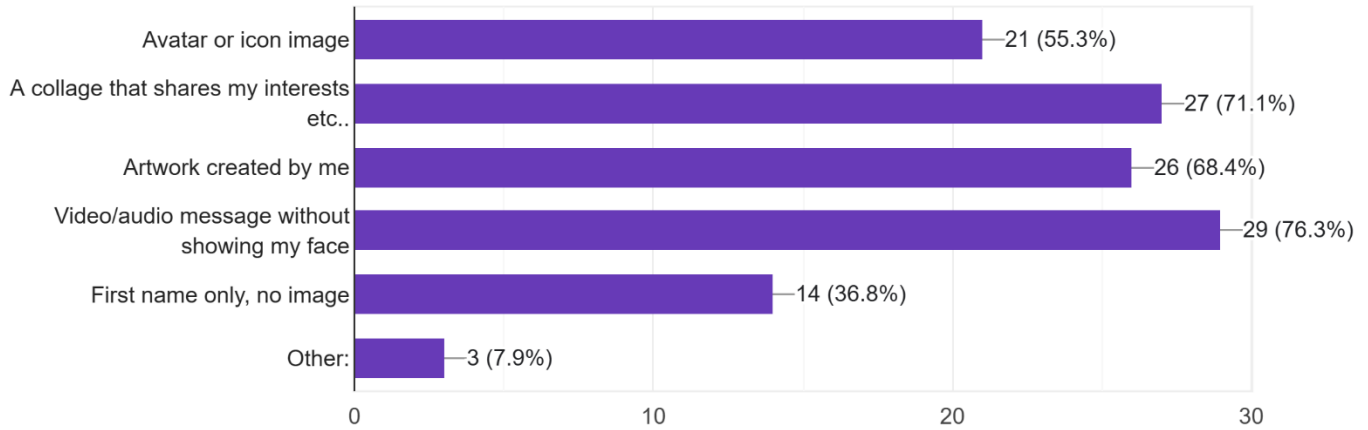
How formal should the consultation process be?

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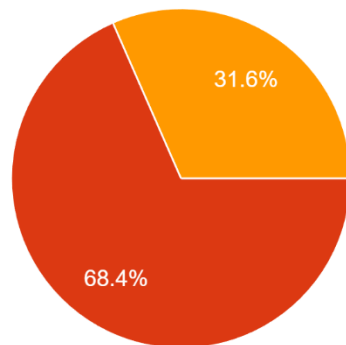
Young people should have options! If you did not want your personal photo used, what alternatives would feel respectful and effective? (this could also be a way to connect with someone creatively)

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Do you think photolistsings should be fully public, or should there be protections in place that limit access to individuals or families who have been screened by an adoption agency?

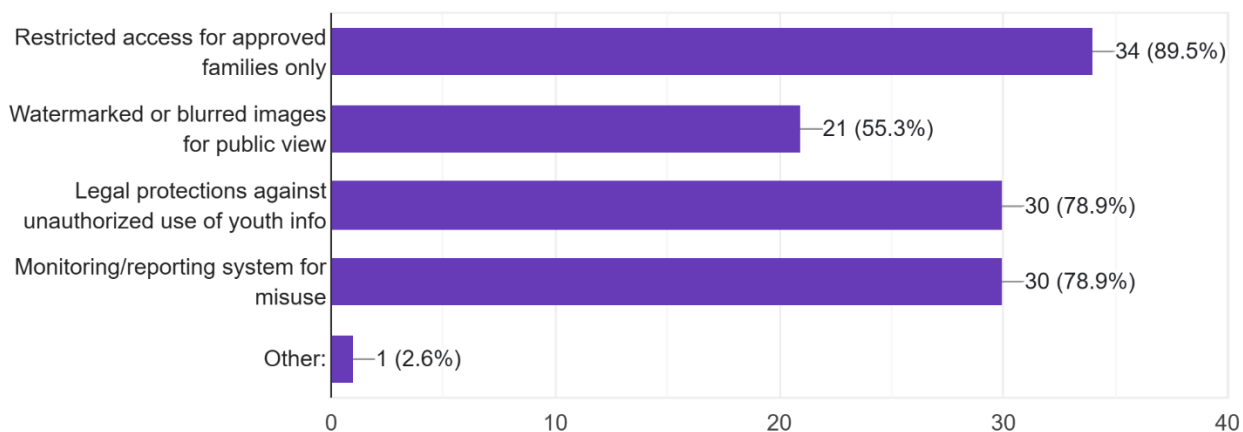
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- Photolistsings should be fully public so anyone can view them.
- Photolistsings should be protected and restricted to individuals/families who have been screened by an adoption agency.
- A combination: basic, de-identified profiles available publicly, with full details restricted to screened individuals/families.

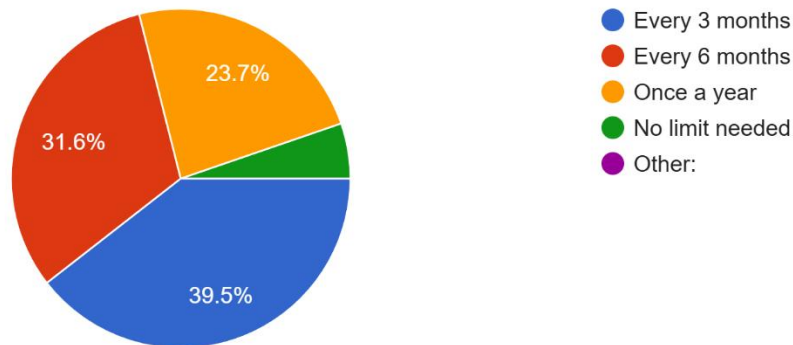
What safeguards should be in place to prevent misuse of photolistsings (e.g., media, exploitation risks, "window shopping")?

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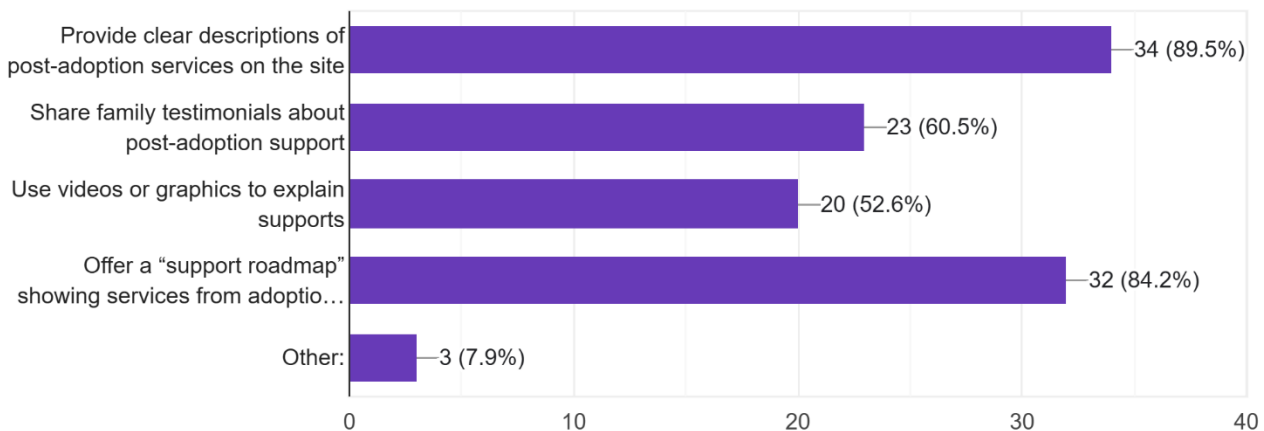
Should there be a maximum time limit for how long a youth profile can remain listed before requiring review and re-approval?

38 responses



How can photolisting better communicate what supports are available for families after adoption, so families know they will be supported long-term?

38 responses



Would you support the idea of a youth portal where young people could see profiles of waiting families, with filters and content similar to what they provide?

37 responses



What features would be most important to make a youth portal safe and useful?

38 responses

