

Age 17: Transition Planning

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- Transition “From” What – “To” What?
 - Foster care to adulthood, self sufficiency, contributing member of the community...
 - Transition from High School/GED to....
 - Transition from Foster Care Placement to...
 - Transition from Legal Oversight to ...

Transition to “What You Would Like to Become”

Educational Status
1- Areas of Deficit & Achievement
2- Supports & Services
3- Future Plan(s) & Options

Special Needs & Circumstances

Age 17+

Permanency & Permanent Connections
Social Capital

Employment & Work Experience

Life Skills

- 1- Age 13+ (In Case Plan)
- 2- Age 13+ (Statement from Caregiver on Life Skills and other issues/services must be in the Judicial Review)
- 3- 17: Transition Plan (Specific options for services: Housing, Education, Employment)
- 4- 17: Judicial Review (Specific information on Life Skills acquired since age 13)

WE Have to Change the Way We Look At Transition Planning!

Young People Transitioning at Age 18 are NOT Transitioning to Extended Foster Care, PESS or Aftercare! These are programs and funding sources.

Young People at Age 18 are “Transitioning to 1 of 3 Plans”

- (1) Full Time School
- (2) Employment
- (3) Combination of School and Employment

The plan will probably change quite a few times as young people grow and mature to age 23...just a the plan changed for many of us

The program and funding need to support the young person’s plan...

Not: How do we get the young person to fit into one of the boxes of EFC, PESS or Aftercare.

- Much of Transition Planning is “Confirmation of Information” – It is a “Conversation”
 - Whatever “form” is used- majority of information should be filled out prior to Transition Plan Development Meeting
 - The information should come from JR, Case Plan, Skills Plan – other documentation [Not what you know from IL Notes] Address inaccuracies and discrepancies prior to the Transition Plan Development Meeting. The youth should feel confident that we know about them!
 - Not enough to say options are EFC, PESS or Aftercare – Here is your brochure!

- Transition Planning – It is a “Conversation”
 - Confirm this is the school you attend- This is your educational plan for the next 3/6/ - 12 months. Confirm medical/mental health, family visitation, extracurricular, employment experience....everything we report to the court
 - What is the best plan based on the “individual” needs of the youth
 - Good Student? Maybe with EFC “work” is the qualifying activity and taking one/two classes in Math or English is the better plan (Secondary and Post Secondary)
 - Maybe EFC with a career plan within their work organization
 - Nope- Going to PESS




National Student Clearinghouse

- Transition Planning – It is a “Conversation”
 - There is not that much difference between EFC & PESS
 - Still pay Housing and Utilities until young adult demonstrates ability to manage PESS Stipend
 - I get to choose where I live? Is there a big difference in EFC/PESS housing choices in your CBC
 - No Court Oversight with PESS
 - No Rules and “Monthly” Case Management [Not Necessarily]
 - What is your PESS Agreement for Contact [Support Plan] Statute: Post Secondary Supports and Services a young adult is eligible for services and supports if....

How do you know when they can handle finances if we you are not providing case management?

How You Collect, Manage and Coordinate Information is the Difference Between “Paperwork” and a “Plan”

 **FSS SUPPORT & SERVICES PLAN**

NAME: Address:	DOB: AGE:	Best way to contact you: Email: Text: Facebook: Other:
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I understand the support and services offered to me will only be available if I:

- 1- Participate in the agreed upon programs and services identified in my support and services plan.
- 2- Complete the agreed upon tasks within the timeframes specified in my support and services plan.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Initial Support & Services Plan Update of Support & Services Plan dated: _____

Is young adult receiving **AFTERCARE** Services Yes No

Note: Goals & Tasks should be achievable within 30 or 60 days.

Section 1: Housing

Young adult reports they have stable housing and are not in need of assistance for housing

Young adult is requesting funds to maintain housing

Young adult reports they are homeless

Young adult reports they **must** move from their current housing by: Date: _____

Young adult is requesting assistance to find housing

Young adult is in need of Extended Foster Care placement/housing


Other: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

ACTION PLAN: TASK	Person Responsible	Completion Date

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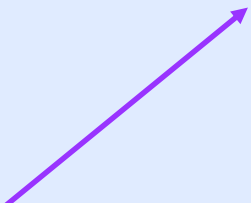
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PESS & Aftercare: Support & Services Plan: Issues such as safe and stable housing, educational tutoring, and reliable transportation can impact success in post-secondary education.

A Support & Services Plan identifies barriers and needs and documents services provided. The Plan does not have to be complicated—it needs to be thorough and timely.

- Transition Plan (Age 17+)
 - The Time, Date & Place must be convenient for the youth and any individual the youth wants to include. Allocate TIME!
 - How do you document this criteria is met?
 - Who is at the meeting? – Where is it being held?
 - How do you invite? How do you document invite?
 - Update before Judicial Review
 - Age 17 Judicial Review and Transition Plan must “Mirror” each other
 - Must include information from an IEP (or other Educational Plan), Medical/Mental Health Treatment Plan, APD, DJJ (Other Services)
 - Case Plan must be updated to the services and other information specific to youth since age 13 or when entered foster care

- Fostering Connections Transition Plan (View as updated Transition Plan and Judicial Review)
 - Within the 90 day period before youth's 18th Birthday
 - Plan the development of the Transition Plan and Final Judicial Review – Avoid Duplication. Last JR before 18th Birthday the court reviews the Transition Plan
 - Specific information on where the youth will living on 18th Birthday, how living expenses will be paid and educational program/school
 - Documentation, information and other items as identified in 39.701
 - Information on EFC
 - Information on PESS & Aftercare
 - Medical Surrogate
 - Credit Report
 - If youth is leaving care at age 18, Court must approve the Transition Plan



Connect this information to the individual needs, services and supports of the youth.

- Age 17: Transition Plans and Judicial Reviews
 - Permanency & Permanent Connections
 - Transition Plan 39.6035: Establishing and Maintaining naturally occurring mentoring relationships and other personal support services (Outside of those paid to care for the youth)
 - EFC: In addition to Transition Plan & Case Plan EFC Requires a Permanency Review at once a year.
 - Transition Plan: Tasks, Due Dates: Accountability for Service Provider(s) and Youth/Young Adults

- Age 17: Transition Plans and Judicial Reviews
 - That all sounds great — But....
 - Youth do not want to participate
 - There are too many plans and JR's to allocate 1-2 Hours for a Transition Development Meeting
 - Youth change their minds about where they are going to live — takes up too much time (wasted time) when the information keeps changing
 - Etc...Etc...

Valid Points: However, if you build your processes and policies on the “least engaged” then you will always have a transition planning system that is inadequate, unaccountable and unable to identify or track outcome measures.

This is Especially Important (not only because we want the best for our young people)

- For Road to Independence: DCF is to develop outcome measures related to the program
 - An analysis of the performance on outcomes for each CBC
 - By CBC, any programmatic or fiscal deficiencies and status of corrective action/compliance

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Age 17: Transition Plan
39.6035

Age 17: Judicial Review
39.701

Age 17: Updated Case Plan
Specific to Youth
39.701

Federal *Fostering Connections* Transition Plan Requirement

Fostering Connection to Success and Increasing
Adoption Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351).

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Thank You: Questions & Comments

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