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# YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE GUIDELINES - GENERALLY

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65C-31.002 F.A.C., § 409.1451(5), FLA. STAT. (2007)

*Services shall be provided to young adults formerly in foster care to transition successfully to independent living. Services shall include Aftercare Support Services, Road to Independence Program, and Transitional Support Services § 409.1451(5)(c)1, and 65C-31.002(1) F.A.C.*

**Age:** 18 up to 23rd Birthday. 65C-31.002(2)(c) F.A.C.

## Requirements

- Transition Plan must be developed if recipient of scholarship or transitional support services 65C-31.002(2)(b) F.A.C.
  - Types of services being provided by department
  - Activities young adult will complete to achieve self-sufficiency
  - Reviewed every 3 months
  - Any dispute about the contents of the Transition Plan will be resolved through informal grievance process (not a fair hearing)
  - Transition Plan <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/eforms/fsp5293.pdf>
- Amount of contact determined by young adult and service worker 65C-31.002(2)(e) F.A.C.
  - Can be home visits, office visits, other types of contact 65C-31.002(2)(a) F.A.C.
- Service worker should have more contact with young adults with developmental disabilities, mental health or special needs 65C-31.002(2)(d) F.A.C.
- Initial Application, Renewal and Reinstatement for the Road to Independence Program (See *Road to Independence Program Guidelines*)
- For each young adult receiving RTI, aftercare services or transitional services, the department shall have a case file containing:
  - Demographic information, applications, needs assessment for RTI, requests for aftercare services, RTI checklists, contacts made, log of distributions, documentation of eligibility requirements, adjudication of dependency, child living in foster care at 18 for at least 6 months before 18, Florida resident proof, drivers license or Florida ID, educational requirements

## Medical Assistance for Youth Formerly in Foster Care 65C-31.010 (3) F.A.C.

- Department is obligated to enroll specified young adults in Florida KidCare Program.
- Must provide written documentation to the young adult about Florida KidCare
- Young adult pays premiums
- Young adult must have turned 18 in licensed foster care and not yet be 19.
- Those not eligible to enroll:
  - Has third party insurance (i.e. from employer)
  - Eligible for Medicaid
- If young adult is not eligible for Medicaid or Florida KidCare Program, the service worker must provide the young adult with a list of available medical insurance/care resources 65C-31.010 (3)(d) F.A.C.
  - List must include eligibility requirements, application procedure, and costs.