
YOUTH SUBSIDIZED INDEPENDENT LIVING WORKSHEET

Name: _____

Your Permanency Goal: _____

What is Subsidized Independent Living?

Subsidized Independent Living (SIL) is an optional living arrangement while you are still under the care of the department. If you are eligible and decided to live in an SIL arrangement, you will enter into an agreement with the department to meet certain expectations; you will live independently, and receive a subsidy payment to pay for your rent. You will still be entitled to receive your clothing allowance. **The department is required to evaluate you for SIL.**

Do I Qualify for Subsidized Independent Living?

- I am 16 but not yet 18
- I am dependent
- I have been in out-of-home care for 6 months
 - Remember – these 6 months can be accumulated over your lifetime. The 6 months do not have to be right before you enter into SIL.
- I can demonstrate IL skills. The following are examples of what will be reviewed in determining if you have demonstrated IL skills:
 - Employment – making at least \$100.00 a month
 - Extracurricular activities - may include but are not limited to sports, cheerleading, school bands, internships, youth advisory boards
 - Savings
 - You must be able to provide a statement that you can pay for the first month's living expenses and move in costs
 - Education – you must be involved in full time education program
 - Grades – you are making progress in school
 - Assessment of Skills
 - Behavior – no irresponsible behavior (running away, violent acts, delinquency or property crime)
 - You may still be eligible for SIL if you have demonstrated irresponsible behavior if appropriate letters of reference are supplied.
 - Staffing

What is my Plan for Entering into Subsidized Independent Living?

- I will develop an SIL agreement with the department including the following information

- Educational Plan: start date, end date, goals
 - My responsibilities: regular attendance educational program, completion of life skills training, monthly submission of pay stubs or report from official conducting extracurricular activities, verification of school attendance. 65C-28.009 (7)(d)(2)b
 - Department's responsibilities: Regular staffings, service worker contacts, life skills training, counseling and therapy
- I understand the consequences of violating the law or not complying with the SIL agreement.
 - Living in an SIL arrangement is in my best interests and all safety concerns have been discussed and dealt with
 - I will develop a budget with the help of my service worker and maintain monthly budget
 - We have a plan for developing and maintaining support
 - I will meet with the service worker 2 times a week and have weekly contact with the IL coordinator weekly (first 3 months) and monthly after the first three months if appropriate.

I would like to discuss the possibility of a SIL arrangement with my service worker.
