

Services Post-Majority Administrative Requirements

Youth who are committed abused, neglected, or uncared for as of his or her 18th birthday, shall have the current "family" case closed in the computer system and re-opened as a "Services Post-Majority" (SPM) case in order to continue receiving services and to allow a youth who leaves care at age 18 the ability to apply for re-entry services prior to age 23. DCF shall ensure that the youth's SPM case contains the current Individual Case Plan, placement, payments, medical, educational, legal, NYTD, Pregnancy/parenting and any other necessary information from the previous case record. At all times, the record shall reflect where the youth is currently residing. The Transitional Specialist shall assist potentially eligible youth to apply for Social Security benefits prior to discharge from DCF care. Referrals to adult services shall be made on an as needed basis as part of the discharge process.

For assistance and brainstorming on planning, regional staff can always feel free to call the Transitional Supports and Success Division.