

Appointment of a Health Care Representative for Youth

Transition planning for youth should also include the very important discussion about the importance of designating another individual to make health care treatment decisions on behalf of the youth if the youth becomes unable to participate in such decisions and the youth does not have, or does not want, a relative who would otherwise be authorized under state law to make such decisions.

At Still Rising Conferences (ACRs for youth over 18), a youth over the age of 18 shall be given the option to execute either a DCF-3013, "Appointment of Health Care Representative" or a DCF-3014, "Living Will." The Transitional Specialist shall provide these documents to the youth and his or her attorney prior to the ACR so that the youth may consult with the attorney and make an informed legal decision regarding whether to execute either document. Youth who do not have legal representation may request assistance with understanding and completing these forms.

Please feel free to contact the Transitional Supports and Success Division for consultation and assistance in planning.