

Services Post Majority**28-1****Policy**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) shall have a Services Post-Majority Program (SPM) for youth who wish to remain voluntarily in care of DCF after their 18th birthday. Youth who are committed to the Department as of their 18th birthday shall have their current family case closed in the computer system and re-opened as a "Services Post-Majority" case to continue receiving services.

At age 16, an Omega Assessment is held through the Administrative Case Review (ACR) process. At age 18, a youth-led case plan is developed. Shared decision making with the youth is an important component in this case planning.

**Case
Transfer
Conference**

A case transfer conference shall be held for DCF youth aged 14 or older, in an out-of-home placement and committed as abused, neglected or uncared for that will be transitioning from ongoing service to a Transitional Support Social Worker (TSS). If the youth want to keep their worker that's discussed with the team.

Cross reference: V.I.T.A.L. Practice Guide

**Services
Post-
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Require-
ments**

Youth receiving SPM services shall be eligible to receive continued support from DCF if one of the following criteria is met:

- the youth is completing secondary education full-time or a program leading to an equivalent credential
- the youth is enrolled full-time in an institution which provides post-secondary or vocational education
- the youth is participating full-time in a program or activity designed to promote or to remove barriers to employment.

The Commissioner has the discretion to waive the requirement for full-time enrolment or participation based on compelling circumstances.

Legal reference: C.G.S. section 46b-129(j)

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Responsibilities**

The TSS shall

- ensure that the youth's SPM case contains the current individual case plan, placement, payment, medical, educational, legal and other necessary information from the previous case record
- complete, and have the youth sign, the DCF-779, Notice at Age of Majority and Agreement for Services Post Majority, DCF-550 (system generated), DCF-551 (system generated), and file the originals in the case record. The DCF-779 shall also be completed and signed by the youth if the youth is declining DCF services post-majority
- file in Superior Court for Juvenile Matters on behalf of the youth, a Motion for Determination Regarding Continuance in Care within 120 days of the youth's 18th birthday if the youth has signed a DCF-779, indicating a desire to receive DCF services post-majority.

The court must rule on the motion within 180 days of the youth's 18th birthday.

Legal reference: C.G.S. section 46b-129(j)

**Legal
Determination and
ACR's**

If there is no approved permanency plan, a Motion for Review of Permanency Plan shall be filed concurrently with the Motion for Determination Regarding Continuance in Care and then annually thereafter.

In all other cases a Motion for Review of Permanency Plan shall be filed annually in accordance with the current schedule.

DCF shall continue to hold an ACR meeting every six months for as long as the youth is receiving services.

Legal reference: C.G.S. section 46b-129(j)