

Connecticut Department of Children and Families

Policy Manual

Case Planning

Policy 42-10-3

Adolescent Transition Plan

Policy -

For youth age 16 and older transitioning from DCF care, the Department, during the 90 day period immediately prior to the child's 18th birthday or the date on which the youth will leave DCF care, whichever is sooner, shall hold an Administrative Case Review Conference for the purpose of helping the youth to develop a Transition Plan.

Adolescent Transition Plan ACR -

The Social Worker shall develop the Transition Plan (DCF-2092) with the youth at the last ACR before the youth's 18th birthday or the date the youth is scheduled to be discharged from care, whichever is sooner. If the ACR is held more than 90 days prior to the youth's discharge, the Transition Plan shall be updated within the 90 prior to discharge. The ACR shall be held at a place and time that meet the youth's needs.

Adolescent Transition Plan Conference Invitees -

The conference invitees shall be:

- the Social Worker;
- the Social Work Supervisor;
- the youth;
- any significant individuals, as requested by the youth, especially family members and supportive adults;
- youth's attorney;
- youth's GAL;
- foster parent or caregiver; and
- community service providers.

The Social Worker shall document the invitations in LINK.

Adolescent Transition Plan Conference Topics -

Topics which shall be discussed at the Transition Planning portion of the ACR conference include, but are not limited to:
Safety:

- any difficulties with the move toward more independence which the foster parents, biological parents, relatives or any professional who has been providing services to the youth foresee.

Permanency:

- the identification of at least three adults committed to lifelong family relationships and a description of their commitment to the youth; and
- expectations about the youth's continuation with any services or program.

Well-Being:

- any concerns the youth has about being discharged from the care of the Department;
- any benefits which the youth shall be entitled to such as Social Security and medical coverage;
- any benefits or services which will or may be discontinued, and the effects on the youth's plan; and
- aftercare services.

- any person, including a provider, who may have knowledge of the whereabouts of the youth.

If the youth chooses to appeal the Department's discontinuance of benefits, he or she may request that a Fair Hearing be held pursuant to the instructions on the DCF-800.

Cross reference: Policy 22-4-2 through 22-4-8, "Fair Hearings."

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