

**Extended Foster Care Program Participation Agreement**

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

DATE OF BIRTH

This Agreement is between _____ (youth's name) and Children's Administration (CA), Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

I. The Youth Agrees to:

- Participate in one or more of the following eligibility categories: (a) enrolled in a secondary education or equivalency program; or (b) enrolled and participating in a post-secondary education program; or (c) participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment (including part-time employment); or (d) employed 80 hours or more per month; or (e) unable to engage in any of the above activities due to a documented medical condition. I understand that continued participation in Extended Foster Care is subject to continuing eligibility in one of the five categories listed in the paragraph above.
- Live in a placement approved by CA or the court to remain eligible for Extended Foster Care.
- Make ongoing progress completing identified goals in my case plan, which may include education, vocation, employment, and other skills needed for independence.
- Be involved in decisions about my case and, if I do not already have an attorney, one will be assigned to me by the court to help me through the court process.
- Comply with all dependency court orders (for example, participate in services ordered to assist in my transition to independence).
- Remain in my CA or court approved placement.
- Comply with any placement rules.
- Not leave my placement for more than 72 hours without prior approval from my assigned social worker.
- Meet with my assigned social worker at least monthly to review my progress and ensure that I continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the Extended Foster Care program.
- If the Social Security Administration has determined that I am not capable of managing my benefits, then CA will apply for consideration to serve as my representative payee.

II. CA Agrees to:

- Provide and support the placement or living situation, where authorized by law, and provide extended foster care services to the youth.
- Verify the youth's participation in an educational / vocational / removing barriers activity / employment / medical condition.
- Continue to provide Independent Living Skills or transition services to the youth.
- Assist the youth in coordinating services with other administrations or agencies that offer benefits for which the youth is eligible.
- Review and update the case plan with the youth.
- Meet face to face with the youth at least one time each month.

III. Extended Foster Care will end and CA will ask the court to dismiss your case when you:

- Inform the court that you no longer want to participate in the program.
- Are no longer participating in one of the five categories listed in Part I, paragraph 1.
- Leave your foster care placement for more than 72 hours without prior approval from the assigned social worker or chose to reside in a placement that has not been approved by CA or the court.
- Turn 21 years of age.

This agreement is effective on the date it is signed.

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH

DATE

SIGNATURE OF CA CASE WORKER

DATE

Copies: DCYF Case File; Youth; Foster Parent