

## Advocate! A Case Study for Continuity and Coordination of Care

Jacob is 16 years old. He has been a dependent for 10 years. He went into care at age 6 after suffering many years of severe abuse and neglect. Jacob became legally free at age 12. His birth mother died of a drug overdose when he was 9 and his father relinquished parental rights after he was convicted and sentenced to 10 years for armed robbery. Jacob has been in 20 foster placements since being placed in care. He has had a dozen different caseworkers.

Jacob is serving a JRA commitment based on a manifest injustice disposition. He is scheduled to be released a month after he turns 18. Prior to his current JRA commitment, Jacob had been in and out of detention, mostly for minor assaultive behaviors in his foster and group home placements and at school.

Jacob has developmental disabilities related to fetal drug and alcohol exposure. He also has been diagnosed with anxiety disorder and post traumatic stress disorder.

Jacob is eligible for Medicaid because of his dependent status. He is also eligible because he qualifies for SSI. Because of moves, he has changed community mental health providers and counselors many times. The longest therapeutic relationship he's had with a counselor was six months.

Jacob's Medicaid eligibility has been terminated when he has spent more than 30 days in detention. His Medicaid eligibility is currently terminated because of the JRA commitment. He will get help reestablishing eligibility when he is released.