

5101:2-42-19.2 **Requirements for provision of independent living services to young adults who have emancipated.**

- (A) Each public children services agency (PCSA) shall, when requested, provide services and support to former foster care recipients, who emancipated from that agency's custody due to attaining eighteen years of age. A PCSA shall evaluate the strengths and needs of the young adult to determine the services to be offered. The services and supports are to complement the young adult's own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency, and shall be available until the young adult's twenty-first birthday.
- (B) Based on the evaluation required by paragraph (A) of this rule, the PCSA and the young adult shall develop a mutually agreed on written plan for the provision of services. The plan shall clearly outline the responsibilities of the young adult and the PCSA. The written plan shall be signed by the young adult and a representative of the agency.
- (C) Before a PCSA provides services to a young adult between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, the PCSA shall explore and coordinate services with other community resources.
- (D) Independent living services that are available to young adults aged eighteen to twenty-one include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Daily living skills;₂
 - (2) Assistance in obtaining a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED);₂
 - (3) Assistance in preparation for post secondary education and training;₂
 - (4) Assistance with career exploration, vocational training, job placement and retention;₂
 - (5) Preventive health activities (smoking avoidance, nutritional education, and pregnancy prevention);₂
 - (6) Financial, housing, employment, education, and self-esteem counseling;₂
 - (7) Development of positive relationships and support systems; ~~and~~₂
 - (8) Drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment.

(E) A PCSA may use up to thirty per cent of its federal independent living allocation for room and board for eighteen to twenty-one year old emancipated young adults. Room and board may include but is not limited to:

(1) Assistance with rent;

(2) Initial rent deposit;

(3) Utilities; ~~and~~

(4) Utility deposits.

(F) Under no circumstances shall the PCSA use any of its independent living allocation for room and board for youth under the age of eighteen or past the young adult's twenty-first birthday.

(G) The PCSA shall provide foster children aging out of the system, a copy of their health and education records free of charge.

~~(G)~~(H) All PCSAs shall report applicable independent living services information for young adults as described in this rule, and any other information deemed necessary by the director of ODJFS, as required in rule 5101:2-33-05 of the Administrative Code to the family and children services information system (FACSIS) or statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) reporting requirements, if applicable.

~~(H)~~(I) The PCSA shall provide a copy of the agency's grievance policy as required by rule 5101:2-33-04 of the Administrative Code to each young adult who requests independent living services from the agency.

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