



Youth Services'
PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE
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It is in the best interest of our youth to prepare them for the challenges of adulthood, regardless of their permanency goal. By actively engaging our youth to take responsibility for this transition, their outcomes will be improved. This tool would empower the youth, and their team, to measure their progress toward important milestones on the pathway to independence. It would also provide specific activities for the placement provider to complete with the youth, and a tool to document these efforts.

Below is a sample checklist. This tool will be completed with the youth and modified to best meet their needs. This tool would be employed when youth reach age 16. The youth will receive a binder containing the checklist, sleeves to maintain vital documents, and sections to organize other important information and contacts. By formalizing the process, it will provide a structure and consistent way to engage youth. In turn, youth will have more ownership of their own independence preparation efforts.

As goals are reached, the youth can utilize a reward system to assist with reaching independence. The primary goal of these rewards is to provide a significant amount of resource to promote the youth's transition into the community.

MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS

VITAL DOCUMENTS					
Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Demonstrate Knowledge of How to Obtain Vital Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate • Social Security Card • Colorado ID 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain Original Birth Certificate*					<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain Social Security Card*					<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain Colorado ID*					<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain Vital Documents in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

* SCW make sure to document in Trails

EDUCATION

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Complete GED Pre Tests					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Individual Tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts, Writing • Language Arts, Reading • Social Studies • Science • Mathematics 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain Copy of GED Scores					<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain GED Scores/Completion in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
Pass Grade Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th Grade • 10th Grade • 11th Grade • 12th Grade 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain High School Diploma in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain GPA at _____.					<input type="checkbox"/>
Raise GPA from _____ to _____.					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete IL Classes					<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify Post Secondary Education Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify 3 Potential Scholastic Programs • Complete Comparison of Scholastic Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification Program vs. Community College vs. 4 Year College or University 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Apply to Scholastic Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification Program _____ • Community College _____ • 4 year College or University _____ • Other: _____ 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for Financial Aid • FASFA • ETV • COF • 3 Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ _____ ○ _____ ○ _____ 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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					<input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYMENT

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Complete Job Readiness Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Peak • OED • GRID • Cleo Wallace • Bayaud • Other: _____ 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill Out Pocket Resume					<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Typed Resume • Maintain Copy of Resume in Binder 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in Mock Interviews					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Applications for Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Employment Contact Log 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Visit Workforce Center Regularly					<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain at least One Positive Work Experience to use as a Reference • Work for One Employer for at least 6 Months • Maintain Employment for: _____ 					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMUNITY

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find and Demonstrate how to Utilize Community Resources • How to use Food Bank • How Apply for Food Stamps • Contact 211 to Identify 3 Providers 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer in the Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify 3 Potential Volunteer Opportunities • Complete 40 Hours of Community Service within one year 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

PERSONAL SUPPORT

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Identify and Locate at least 3 Relatives you can use as Supports					<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and Locate at least 3 Non Relatives you can use as Supports					<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact Supports and discuss Sustainable Relationships					<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilize Family Finding worker to complete Diligent Search					<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in Permanency Round Table					<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign Permanency Pact					<input type="checkbox"/>
Insure Supports and Contacts are Listed in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

HOUSING

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Participate in Chafee Apartment Search					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Budget including Needed Savings, Bills, Utilities, Household Expenses (Refer to Financial Section)					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Cooking/Nutrition Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to Prepare Weekly Menu and One Week of Dishes 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Research Independent Living Stipend					<input type="checkbox"/>
Research Rocky Mountain Youth Housing					<input type="checkbox"/>
Research Community Transitional Living Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____ 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save at least \$1000 in Preparation for Move • Identify 3 Possible Apartments • Review a Lease and be able to Verbalize the Basic Agreements of that Contract 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain Stable Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have NO Issues with Landlord • Follow Lease Agreement • Remain Current with Payment of Utilities 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Manage Regular Home Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to Purchase Appropriate Cleaning Supplies • Maintain Regular Cleaning Schedule • Budget for Laundry Expenses • Maintain Regular Laundry Schedule • Budget for Groceries • Determine how often Groceries need to be Purchased 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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					<input type="checkbox"/>

FINANCIAL

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Open Savings Account					<input type="checkbox"/>
Save \$ _____ Per Month					<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain a TOTAL Savings of \$ _____					<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Monthly Budget Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Receipts for 1 Month • Complete Budget Worksheet for 3 Consecutive Months to Adjust Spending 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Complete Bill Pay/ Check Writing Exercise					<input type="checkbox"/>
Review Credit Report					<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrate Knowledge about and How to Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Stamps • Emancipation Medicaid • Aid for Needy Disabled • SSI/ SSI Payee 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If receiving SSI Benefits , determine steps needed to transition to adult benefits.					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

MEDICAL/DENTAL/MENTAL

Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Identify Primary Physician <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Physician Appointment • Follow through with Appointments and Follow Recommendations 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Identify Primary Dentist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Dentist Appointment • Follow through with Appointments and Follow Recommendations 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Identify Mental Health Provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Mental Health Appointment • Follow through with Appointments and Follow Recommendations 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Identify Psychiatrist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Psychiatric Appointment • Follow through with Appointments and Follow Recommendations 					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrate Understanding of Diagnoses and Medications					<input type="checkbox"/>
Demonstrate Knowledge of how to Secure Duplicate Medicaid Card if Lost					<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify Safe Place to maintain Medicaid Card					<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain Copy of Medicaid Card in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain and Maintain Copy of Immunization Record in Binder					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

LEGAL					
Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Participate in Court Process and Attend Court					<input type="checkbox"/>
Communicate with Guardian ad Litem regarding Needs and Wants					<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in a Benchmark PRT 30 – 60 days prior to Benchmark Hearing					<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare for Benchmark Hearing					<input type="checkbox"/>
Participate in Benchmark Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate ability to Advocate for Self 					<input type="checkbox"/>
If on Probation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an Understanding of Charges/Convictions Attend Meetings with Probation Complete Required Drug Screens Pay Restitution 					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
GENERAL INDEPENDENT LIVING KNOWLEDGE					
Goal	Person(s) Assisting	Projected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Completion	Reward (As Available)	Reward Received
Participate in and Complete Independent Living Group					<input type="checkbox"/>
Read Things People Never Told Me <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with Social Case Worker Discuss with Placement Provider 					<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare for Benchmark Hearing					<input type="checkbox"/>
Utilize <i>A Future Near Me</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete # 1 – 20 Complete # 21 – 40 Complete # 41 – 60 Complete # 61 – 80 Complete # 81 -100 					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>