

Texas Foster Youth Justice Project

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COURT CHECKLIST FOR YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

Before a youth's foster care case is closed, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services caseworker assigned to the case should provide the youth with the following items.

General Information

- _____ Original birth certificate.
- _____ Original Social Security card.
- _____ Identification card or driver's license.
- _____ Immigration documents.
- _____ A copy of the final court order and case file.
- _____ A copy of the CPS file on a computer disk.
- _____ Any information relating to the youth's personal bank account or any trust funds established on behalf of the youth.
- _____ Any information regarding child support.
- _____ Information explaining how to obtain Section 8 or Subsidized Housing.

Education Information

- _____ Official school records from all schools attended.
- _____ Last report card.
- _____ Official high school transcript.
- _____ For special education students:
 - _____ The youth's most recent ARD report

- _____ The youth's most recent evaluation.
- _____ Information on how the youth can continue working towards graduation until the age of 21.
- _____ If a youth is not graduating from high school, information about getting a GED and Job Corps.
- _____ Verification from PAL coordinator or Aftercare Case Manager of eligibility for:
 - _____ Transitional Living Allowance
 - _____ Aftercare Room and Board Assistance
 - _____ Education and Training Voucher Program
 - _____ College Tuition and Fee Waiver
- _____ Detailed instructions on how to access the services including contact phone number, forms to be used, and where to find them on the internet.
- _____ Information on the appeal process if the youth does not receive the Transitional Living Allowance or another benefit.
- _____ Contact information of the youth's PAL coordinator and Aftercare Case Manager.

Medical Information

- _____ Complete medical and dental reports, exams, and logs.
- _____ Complete list of psychoactive medication prescribed and administered at any time in the child's history.
- _____ Information regarding Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) or any other type of disability, such as Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) and other Medicaid waiver programs.
- _____ Original Medicaid card.
- _____ Record of immunizations.
- _____ Details on the follow-up medical, dental, psychiatric, and therapy appointments that are scheduled or need to be scheduled.

_____ Adequate supply of medication including instructions on how to access refills, a copy of any paperwork that must be submitted, names of participating pharmacies or locations where medications can be obtained?

_____ Psychological evaluations (if applicable).

_____ Information on how to obtain affordable mental health and medical care.

Employment/Job Training

_____ Information on enrolling in a job training program.

_____ If the youth is disabled, information about applying for services from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS).

The DFPS caseworker should have also completed and filed the following:

_____ Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-360

_____ Transitional Medicaid application or other health insurance form

_____ Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) application

_____ Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services application, if youth is disabled

_____ Applications for public assistance such as food stamps

_____ Application for services from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), if the youth is disabled.