

RETURNING TO EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

HOW?

Reach out to a re-entry liaison by going to the website below or scanning this QR code.

https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Transitional_Living/Extended_Foster_Care/Re-entry_Liaisons.asp



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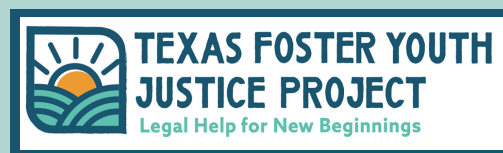
Adults who turned 18 while in DFPS conservatorship may be able to return and participate in Extended Foster Care until the age 21, or 22 in some cases.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-ENTRY?

- Sign or re-sign a Voluntary Extended Foster Care Agreement
- Agree to participate in one of the required **activities** within 30 days of being placed in Extended Foster Care
- There must be a placement available

For a young adult to stay in Extended Foster Care, they must participate in one of the options below:

- Attend high school or a program leading to a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate (GED)
- Attend college or a vocational or technical program
- Participate in a program or activity that promotes or removes barriers to employment
- Work at least 80 hours a month
- Be incapable of doing any of these activities due to a documented medical condition.



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FAQ

QUESTION

ANSWER

What age does Extended Foster Care end?

You can stay in Extended Foster Care from the age of 18 until you are 21, if you participate in one of the required activities.

Or, you can stay until the last day of the month you turn 22 if

You regularly attend high school

OR

You are enrolled & working toward a high school diploma or an equivalency certificate (GED)

But eligibility will end the last day of the month during which you receive your diploma or GED if that date is before you turn 22.

Can CPS still tell me what to do?

No, once you are 18 you have all the rights of any other young adult. But you do have to follow the rules of your placement and continue participating in one of the required activities to stay in Extended Foster Care.

Can I stay in or return to Extended Foster Care during summer and holiday college breaks?

Yes. You can also stay for 3.5 months after graduation from high school or completion of a GED before you start college or a post-secondary program.

What are the placement options?

talk to PAL staff for more info

- Options may include
- Transitional Living Program (TLP)
 - Supervising Independent Living (SIL)
 - Traditional foster family homes
 - Group homes
 - Group care facilities (RTC/QRTPs)

What will happen to my disability check?

Any federal benefit, such as SSI, must be paid to DFPS.

How often do I need to meet with my caseworker?

Your foster care caseworker should be meeting with you at least once a month. Your placement may also require meetings with staff to make sure you have what you need.

Will the court stay in my case?

The court will keep its case open while you remain in Extended Foster Care and while you are in trial independence. Usually, the court will close its case after trial independence ends if you have not re-entered foster care.

However, you may ask the court to keep its case open, also called extending its jurisdiction, until your 21st birthday.