

Normalcy Rights and Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care!

Direct your planning:

Voice your opinion at hearings and meetings and start planning your own goals in life!

Prevent long term foster care:

The use of Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) can no longer be your goal. Work to build family supports and permanent connections!

Older youth services:

Independent Living Services are now available from age 14 until 21!

Rights:

You must be given your rights and steps to file a grievance with issues, problems, or disagreements with your case plan.

Case planning:

Starting at age 14, you can make your own choice of 2 people to help with your case plan and transition plan. One can be your advocate for normalcy.

Credit reports:

Credit reports will be done annually and your caseworker must help you with incorrect information.

Documents:

You must be given a copy of all your identification documents and medical records when leaving care.

Normalcy:

The opportunity to participate in school or social activities must be discussed with your team and the judge.

Parenting decisions:

Your resource parent can now make decisions and give permission for school and social activities.



Want to know more about your rights as a youth in foster care?

Check out the Know Your Rights Manual at: <http://www.independentlivingpa.org/rights.htm>