



## COURT PREP FORM

*This is a youth developed guide to help you participate in your court hearings and advocate for your case. Fill in the blanks according to your experience. If a statement doesn't apply to your experience, you can leave it blank. You should either fill this out with your attorney or talk with your attorney after you fill out the form.*

### School/Education

1. The most positive thing in school right now is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The class I like the most right now is \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  **Tutoring**  **Counseling**  **Extra time with teachers** would help me in school.
4. After high school, I am interested in  **college**  **job**  **trade school**  **training program**.
5. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Employment

1. I am  **working**  **applying**  **interested in** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I want more help in \_\_\_\_\_.

### Housing

1. My housing plan after I leave care is  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I still need to figure out \_\_\_\_\_ about my housing plan.
3. Currently, I am living at \_\_\_\_\_.  
It  **is going well**  **is not going well** because  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Basic Needs

1. I **need** help getting:  **food**  **clothing**  **hygiene items** **other:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR**  I **don't need** help getting any of these items
2. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Family, Friends, and Supportive Relationships**

1. The adult I trust or feel supported by the most is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I would like to have visitation with \_\_\_\_\_ (family/kin/another supportive adult).
3. I currently have visitation with \_\_\_\_\_ (family/friends/supportive adults).  
 **It is going well**  **It is not going well** because \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Safety**

1. The following about my placement makes me feel unsafe:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The following about my school or neighborhood makes me feel unsafe:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I'm in a relationship that makes me feel **safe**  **unsafe**  **\*Be sure to tell your lawyer or another safe adult if you are feeling unsafe.**
4. I feel safe with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A place I feel safe at is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Activities, Hobbies, and Leisure**

1. In my free time, I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I would like to be more involved in \_\_\_\_\_ (community/sports/internships/religion/volunteering/skill building/etc).
3. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Health**

1. I have the following concerns about my physical and/or mental health:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I need \_\_\_\_\_ to support my physical health and/or mental health.

### Communication and Participation

1. I attend my  **permanency conference meeting**  **membership development plan meeting**.
2. I speak with my caseworker \_\_\_\_\_ (how often).
3. I speak with my attorney \_\_\_\_\_ (how often).
4. I would be more likely to participate in my permanency hearing if \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I need help with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Vital Documents

1. Check the following boxes if you have:  
♦ **birth certificate** ♦ **social security card** ♦ **health insurance card** ♦ **state ID**  
 Original                       Original                       Original                       Original  
 Copy                               Copy                               Copy                               Copy
2.  **I do have**  **I do not have** a safe place to keep my documents.
3. I need my vital documents because \_\_\_\_\_.

### Court

1. I would like to  **speak in court**  **read something I have written in court**  **have my attorney read something that I have written in court**  **speak to the judge in their chambers**  **other:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. It would be easier to attend court if \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ (supportive adult) present at my next court hearing.
4. If I don't attend court, it is because \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I  **would**  **would not** like more help from my attorney preparing for court.
6. I  **would**  **would not** like more help from my social worker preparing for court.
7. Do you need help with transportation getting to court? If so, how?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Any additional comments or concerns that you would like to share with the judge or your attorney:

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