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Permanency

Extended Care/Voluntary Foster Care Agreement & Trial Independence

DFPS - [DFPS - Extended Foster Care \(texas.gov\)](#)

Circle of Support- [Updates to Permanency Planning Meetings, Circles of Support, & Child's Plan of Service \(texas.gov\)](#)

Housing

[DFPS - Youth Housing Program \(texas.gov\)](#)

TLP

(In care)- Refer to CPU.
(Out of care)- [DFPS - Youth Housing Program \(texas.gov\)](#)

Kinship

Licensed Home- Youth can transition to extended care.
Non-licensed Home- Youth will transition to trial independence.

SIL

[DFPS - Supervised Independent Living \(texas.gov\)](#)

[FYI/FUP Housing Vouchers & 811 PRA Prg](#)
[DFPS - Youth Housing Program \(texas.gov\)](#)

Military

Contact your local branch.
CPS Policy Section 6455

HCS/SSI

When IQ is below 70, contact your DDS and SSI Coordinator for additional information, immediately.

CPS Policy Section 10341.2

https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/cps/well-being/developmental_disability/default.asp

[SSI Coordinators \(texas.gov\)](#)

Education

[DFPS - Education Specialists \(texas.gov\)](#)

HS Graduation Plan

Communicate with the high school counselor and/or DFPS Education Specialist

GED

https://ged.com/study/ged_classes/

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/certificate-of-high-school-equivalency/ged-information>

Gary Job Corp

Earn HS diploma or GED and Vocational certification

Housing on campus in- R3, R7, R10, & R11

<https://gary.jobcorps.gov/>

VR Services/IEP

VR services can be added to an IEP

[Introduction to Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Services - YouTube](#)

<https://webp.twc.state.tx.us/services/VRlookup/>

FAFSA

[Home | Federal Student Aid](#)

TAFSA

Undocumented students

[TASFA - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#)

Foster Care Liaisons

College Advisors

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/roster/crs-cfat-foster-care-liaison-listing/>

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Documents

** By DFPS policy (Section 6452) and by law (Texas Family Codes §264.121 & §266.008), all youth will be given the below documents**
https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Transitional_Living/documents/foster-care-handbook.pdf

Original Birth Certificate

CPS Policy Section 1521

Foster Care Eligibility Specialists
texas.gov

Original Social Security Card

SSI Coordinators texas.gov

Texas Workforce Commission Driver Education Program

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/driver-education-funding-program>

Driver's License/State ID

New driver's education funding statewide coming soon

<https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Application/Forms/showFile.aspx?Name=K-908-2042.pdf>

Immunization/Medical Records

Documents should be printed and provided as health passport does not possess all records

DFPS - Health Passport - A Guide to Medical Services at CPS texas.gov

Medicaid Card

Your Texas Benefits - Learn

Call 800-252-8263

Education Portfolio

Caseworkers/Caregivers must update and provide to youth

Education Matters texas.gov

Foster Care Verification Letter

Form K-908-4200

Employment

Communicate with your regional PAL Coordinators for additional information

TWC

Foster Youth Programs - Texas Workforce Commission

WIOA Programs

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program - Texas Workforce Commission

Employment Preference Letter

<https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/application/Forms/showFile.aspx?NAME=1013.doc>

Undocumented Status

CPS Immigration Specialists texas.gov

Immigration Attorney Involvement

Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding services once youth leaves care

Work Visa & Permanent Residency Status

Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding status

Road to Citizenship

Explain how to become a citizen once permanent residency status is obtained

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PAL Benefits

[DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living \(PAL\) Program \(texas.gov\)](#)

[Brief Overview of Transitional Living Services \(texas.gov\)](#)

TFW

[DFPS - State College Tuition Waiver \(texas.gov\)](#)

ETV

[DFPS - Education and Training Voucher Program \(ETV\) \(texas.gov\)](#)

[Education Training Voucher/Unaccompanied Refugee Minor \(ETV/ETV-URM\) – Community Services Division \(CSD\) \(bcfscsd.org\)](#)

Financial Pilot

[DFPS - Youth and Young Adults - Financial Pilot \(texas.gov\)](#)

TLA

[DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living \(PAL\) Program \(texas.gov\)](#)

TFSS (Pre/Post)

Communicate with your regional PAL Coordinators

Transition Centers

[DFPS - Transition Centers \(texas.gov\)](#)

Star Health/Star

[DFPS - Medical Benefits \(texas.gov\)](#)

[Your Texas Benefits - Learn](#)

TJJJ/Juvenile Detention Plans

*Youth should receive transition planning regardless of their juvenile justice setting
CPS Policy Section 6822.6 & 10120*

Juvenile Detention Center Placement Coordinators:

[https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile Justice/coordinators.asp](https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile_Justice/coordinators.asp)

CPS Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department:

[DFPS - Child Protective Services \(CPS\) Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department \(TJJJ\)](#)

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Abbreviations

ACRB- Aftercare Room and Board
COS- Circle of Support
DDS- Developmental Disability Specialist
ETV- Education and Training Voucher
FAFSA-Free Application for Student Aid
FC Liaison- Foster Care Liaison
FUP Voucher- Family Unification Program Voucher
FYI Voucher- Foster Youth to Independence Voucher
HCS- Home and Community-Based Services
IEP- Individual Education Plan
Section 811 PRA Prg- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program
SIL- Supervised Independent Living
SSI- Social Security Income
TASFA- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
TAY- Transition Age Youth
TFSS (Pre/Post)- Transition and Financial Support Services

- Pre- Transition Center services for youth starting at age 17 ½ (In care)
- Post- Transition Center services for youth aged 18 & older (Out of care)

TFW- Tuition and Fee Waiver
TJJD- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
TLA- Transitional Living Allowance
TLP- Transitional Living Placement/Program
TLS- Transitional Living Services
TWC- Texas Workforce Commission
VFCA- Voluntary Foster Care Agreement
VR Services- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
WIOA- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act