



Iredell County DSS Extended Foster Care



Am I eligible?

An individual who has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 21 years of age, & was in foster care upon his/her 18th birthday, may receive Extended Foster Care Services if the individual is;
Enrolled in secondary education, enrolled in postsecondary or vocational education, participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment, employed for at least 80 hours per month, or incapable of completing educational or employment requirements due to a medical condition or a disability.

How does the program work?

Young Adults enter the program through a Voluntary Placement Agreement for Foster Care 18 to 21. DSS responsibilities include helping young adults by participating in monthly contacts, quarterly in-home assessments, assisting with Transitional Living Plans, Transition Support Team Meetings, Independent Living Skills, Eligibility Verifications and Yearly Credit checks. An initial court review hearing must be held within 90 days of the date the young adult enters into a Voluntary Placement Agreement with DSS.

What are my Placement Options?

Foster Home/Facility, Family Foster Home, Therapeutic Foster Home, Group Home, College/University Dormitory, On-Campus Apartment, College Co-Op, Semi-Supervised Independent Living Arrangement, Shared apartment/townhome/house, relative, family friend, or host home.

If I leave the program can I later re-enter?

Young adults can re-enter the program as many times as he/she chooses, as long as the following eligibility criteria is met: Is 18, 19, or 20 years old; and meets at least one of the eligibility requirements for Foster Care 18 to 21.

How do I sign up?

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