

Court Requirements for Youth Prior to Reaching 18 Years of Age

Enter the following information under the **Adequacy of Services Provided to the Child** Section of the Status Review Report.

Transition/Termination of Dependency

Enter, "On [specify date] the youth was informed of [his/her] right to seek termination of dependency pursuant to Section 391 of the Welfare and Institutions Code at 18 years of age or anytime thereafter if dependency continues beyond the youth's 18th birthday. This advisement was provided by [specify social worker's name and the method by which advisement was provided.]"

Non-Minor Dependency/Reinstatement

Enter, "On [specify date] the youth was informed of the potential benefits of continued dependency as a non-minor dependent. The youth was also advised of [his/her] right to continue dependency and extend foster care, until 21 years of age, and [his/her] right to have dependency reinstated as a non-minor dependent following emancipation, through the filing of a petition pursuant to section 388(e) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. These advisements were provided by [specify social worker's name and the method by which advisement was provided.]"

Youth Acknowledgement of Advisements

Provide a statement/response from the youth, to each advisement. Include a brief assessment of the youth's understanding of the potential benefits of continued dependency.

Youth's Plan to Remain in Foster Care

Provide youth's statement(s) regarding desires to continue dependency and remain in foster care upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age.

If the youth does not intend to remain under Juvenile Court jurisdiction as a non-minor dependent (NMD), detail the youth's plan for transition to independence. Briefly discuss housing, education, employment, and social support system.

Youth's Plan to Remain Eligible for Extended Foster Care Benefits

The youth's most recently completed [Transitional Independent Living Plan \(TILP\)](#) must include a plan for the youth to satisfy at least one of the criteria listed in section 11403(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to remain eligible for extended foster care as a NMD.

Describe youth's plan to satisfy at least one (1) of the eligibility criteria to remain eligible to continue receiving AFDC-Foster Care benefits after reaching eighteen (18) years of age, regardless of whether the youth intends to remain NMD.

Agency Efforts for Youth to Meet Eligibility for Extended Foster Care

Describe all efforts made and assistance provided to the youth by the social worker, (and/or other DCFS staff), out-of-home caregiver, and other service providers to meet or maintain the youth's eligibility for extended foster care.

Example: Enter, "To help the youth obtain employment, during this period of review, the assigned social worker assisted the youth in completing job applications, provided bus passes, and referred the youth to a community employment center."

If the hearing will address termination of dependency for a youth and/or a NMD, include a factual discussion of whether it is in the best interest of the youth/NMD to remain under dependency jurisdiction. Enter the following:

"The youth [does/does not] have a pending application for Title XVI Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and/or legal residency and an active dependency case [is/is not] required for that application. (Specify the type and status of any pending application [e.g., SSI, Special Juvenile Immigration Status, etc.])."

State in this section the efforts made to inform a youth receiving SSI of the requirement that that he/she must reestablish a continuing disability classification both:

- As an adult to continue SSI benefits past his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday; and
- On becoming his/her own payee or designating an appropriate representative payee for SSI/SSP benefits, who will to assist the youth, where appropriate, in reestablishing this benefit.

A 90-day Transition Plan must be completed for foster youth within the ninety (90) day period prior to the youth emancipating or aging out of foster care. As applicable, describe services offered/provided related to the 90-day Transition Plan.

If recommending emancipation and the termination of Juvenile Court jurisdiction and DCFS supervision, report the services, information, and documents provided to the youth. This includes the provision and/or completion of the JV-464-INFO, How to Ask to Return to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Foster Care and [JV-365](#), Termination of Dependency Jurisdiction--Child Attaining Age of Majority.