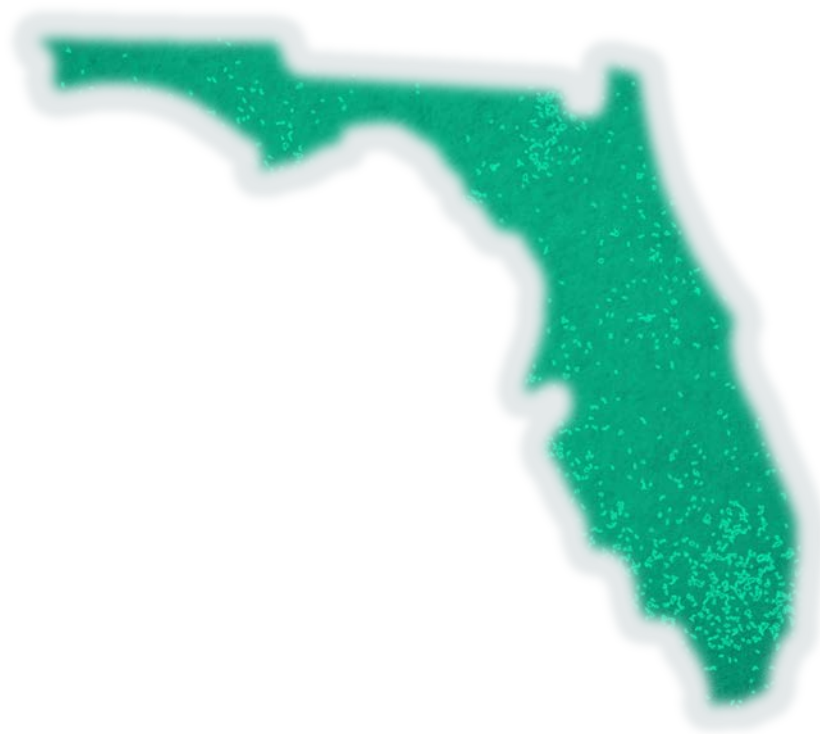


Title IV-E Extended Foster Care (EFC) Funding Eligibility



Participant Guide

Office of Child Welfare

11/1/2018

Introduction

Why This, Why Now? Title IV-E Waiver

- In 2007, Florida entered into a Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver which allowed the state to:
 - Waive certain provisions of the Title IV-E Social Security Act.
 - Use the funds for a wide variety of child welfare purposes rather than being restricted to eligible children in licensed foster care homes or institutions.
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Why This, Why Now? Title IV-E Waiver Expiration

- The Title IV-E Waiver expired in September 2018. Florida requested and was granted an extension until September 2019.
 - With the sunset of the waiver, the Department expects to lose \$90 million dollars in revenue that goes to the CBCs to fund services to families and positions.
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Why This, Why Now? Path Forward

- Path Forward is the statewide initiative to prepare for the post-waiver environment.
 - The Department has identified initiatives that can be used to draw down additional federal funds to support the state's Child Welfare System:
 - Title IV-E Extended Foster Care (EFC) and Extended Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS)
 - Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP)
 - Candidacy
 - Title IV-E eligibility clean-up
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Title IV-E EFC Program

- The EFC program is currently funded with general revenue/state funds.
 - Florida has elected to move to a federally-funded Title IV-E program to provide foster care services for young adults age 18-21.
 - General revenue/state funds can still be used however a Title IV-E funding is preferred.
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Program Policy Changes

Statute	Rule	Policy
Chapter 39.6251 F.S., Continuing care for young adults	65C-41 Extended Foster Care DRAFT	CFOP 170-17: Chapter 2, Transition Planning for Youth
		CFOP 170-17: Chapter 3, Extended Foster Care DRAFT
		CFOP 170-17: Chapter 7, Extended Federally Funded Foster Care (Temporary while 65C-41 is promulgated) DRAFT

Eligibility Policy Changes

Policy
CFOP 170-15: Chapter 2, Medicaid
CFOP 170-15: Chapter 6, Extended Foster Care
CFOP 170-15: Chapter 7, Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy

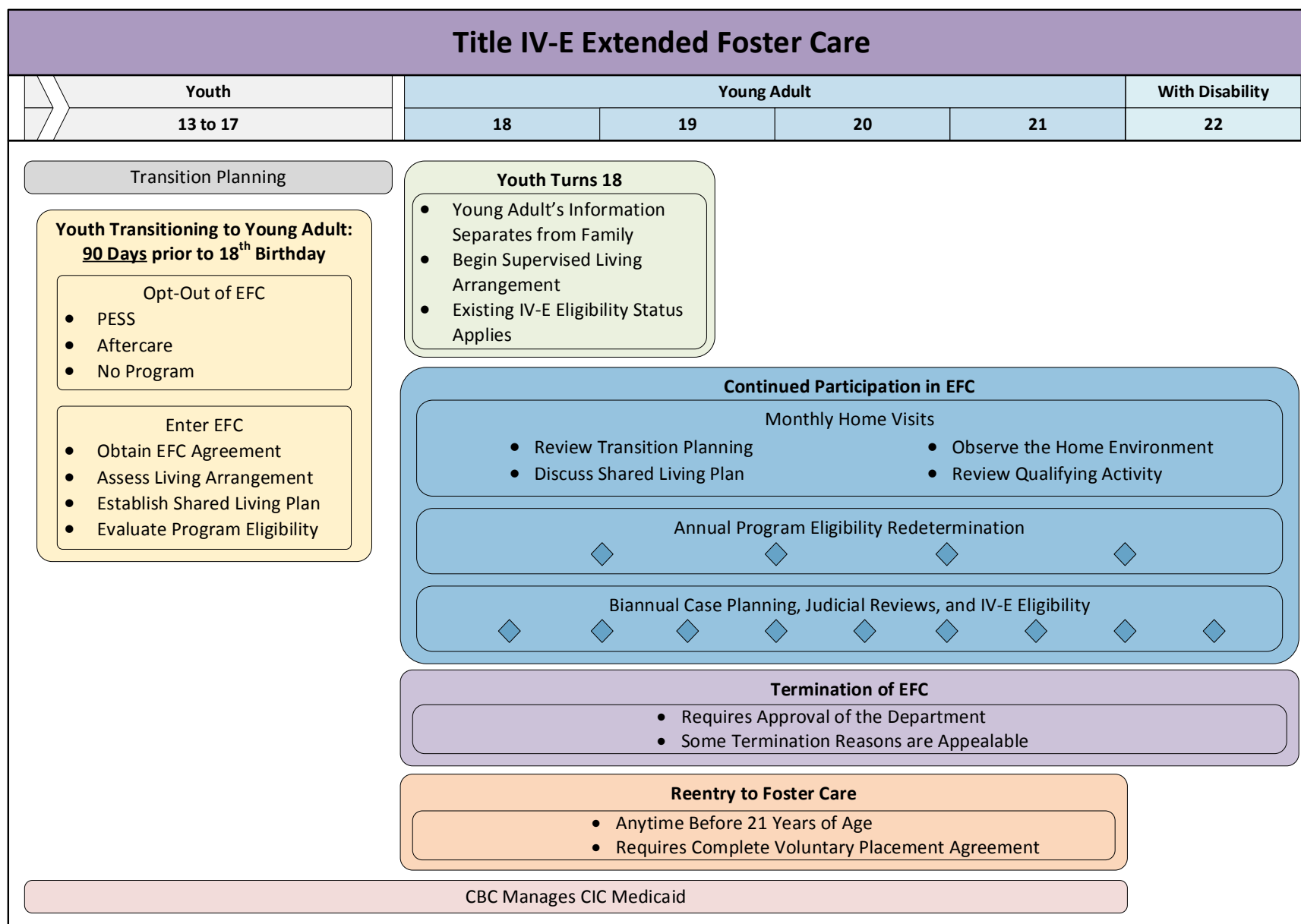
Definitions

- **Child:** An individual who has not attained 21 years of age.
- **Youth:** Children 13-17 years of age under the Department's protective supervision.
- **Young Adult:** An individual who has attained 18 years of age, but who has not attained 21 years of age.
39.6251, F.S.



Implementation Dates

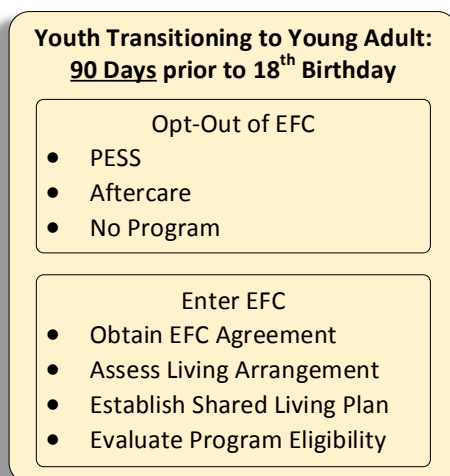
- FSN functionality goes live on January 4, 2019.
 - Can begin using functionality immediately.



Workshop Topics

- Youth Transitioning to Young Adult: 90 Days Prior to 18th Birthday
- Youth Turns 18
- Continued Participation in EFC
- Termination of EFC
- Re-Entry into EFC
- Current EFC Population

Youth Transitioning to Young Adult: 90-Day Prior to 18th Birthday



Preparing Youth Who Are Turning 18

- During the 90-day period before a youth turns 18, the transition activities occur and the youth decides to stay in foster care or opt out.
 - Revenue Maximization/Eligibility Specialists review Title IV-E eligibility for accuracy.
 - Communication should occur with the Independent Living (IL) Specialist about eligibility status for transition planning.
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EFC Program Eligibility Requirements

- Program requirements:
 - Youth who are in the legal custody of the Department on the date of their 18th birthday, have not achieved permanency under s. 39.621, F.S., and have not reached the age of 21
 - Participating in a qualifying activity and complying with the program's requirements
 - Residing in an approved, supervised living arrangement
 - Meeting face-to-face with the Child Welfare Professional in the home every month
 - Participating in ongoing transition and case planning
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Young Adult Program Eligibility Information

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas Person ID: 900010340 Case Name: Starnell, Mommy FSFN Case ID: 3630781

DOB: 11/05/2000 Age: 17 Type: Initial Date Applied: 10/30/2018 Effective/ Enrolled Date: 11/05/2018

Extended Program Eligibility Determination: Pending

☐ On Appeal Date notified of appeal process: 00/00/0000 ☐ Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:
Reason for Override:
Termination Reason:
Redetermination Reason:
Date Last Updated:
Last Updated By:

Pre-fills with Youth's 18th Birthday

Young Adult Eligibility Questions

The questions should be answered based on the effective date entered above. For example, if the young adult is not currently participating in a program to promote employment, but will be as of the effective date, then answer yes to question 6. This allows for presumptive eligibility determination. Final determination can only be processed on or after the effective date.

Question	Answer
1. Based on the Effective Date, the young adult's age is:	18 yrs 0 days
2. Did the young adult age out while in the custody of the Department?	No
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	No
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	No
5. Is the young adult working at least 80 hours per month?	No
6. Is the young adult participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment? Assets and Employment	Yes
7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSFN case? Medical/Mental Health	No
8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. If yes to #8, does the documentation exists from a licensed clinical professional that the additional year is necessary or helpful to the young adult's progress toward Independent Living. (only for young adult of age 21-22 age)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Has the Young Adult signed the EFC Agreement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
11. Was an EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

System Derived Answers

[Determine EFC Eligibility](#) ☐ Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination

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Young Adult Program Eligibility Page

Program Funding

- A Title IV-E eligibility determination must exist for all young adults in the program.
- Youths who exercise the option to remain in foster care, immediately upon turning 18, retain their Title IV-E eligibility status made at the time the youth entered foster care as a child.
 - A subsequent Title IV-E eligibility determination is not completed.
- If a young adult is determined not to meet Title IV-E requirements, the young adult's participation in EFC will be state-funded.



Youth Opts Out of EFC

- If the youth chooses not to enter EFC at 18, the Child Welfare Professional provides the youth with the My Decision to Leave Extended Foster Care form (CF-FSP 5375).
- This ends the removal episode at 18 and the foster care placement and eligibility will be “discharge”.

Supervised Living Arrangement



- Living arrangements must meet all of the requirements and be assessed and approved by the Child Welfare Professional using the Supervised Living Arrangement Assessment (CF-FSP 5431).
- All placements are considered a supervised living arrangement and are Title IV-E reimbursable.

Youth Turns 18

Youth Turns 18

- Young Adult's Information Separates from Family
- Begin Supervised Living Arrangement
- Existing IV-E Eligibility Status Applies

Creating a New Young Adult Case



- A Young Adult Case is created for ALL youth that turn 18 while in the legal status of Department Custody.

Medicaid

- All youth who turn 18 in the Department's custody are eligible for Child-in-Care (CIC) Medicaid through the IV-E (MCFE) or non-IV-E (MCFN) Medicaid coverage until they turn 21 or are no longer eligible for CIC Medicaid.
 - The CBC is responsible for maintaining the FSFN Medicaid page.
 - When young adults need to update their Medicaid information, such as a change of address, they will inform the CBC so updates can be made in FSFN.
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Affordable Care Act

- Once a young adult turns 21, they are eligible for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) until the age of 26.
 - There is no income limit.
 - Young adults must apply for coverage through Economic Self Sufficiency (ESS).
 - CIC Medicaid closure is sent via FSFN when the young adult turns 21.
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Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid

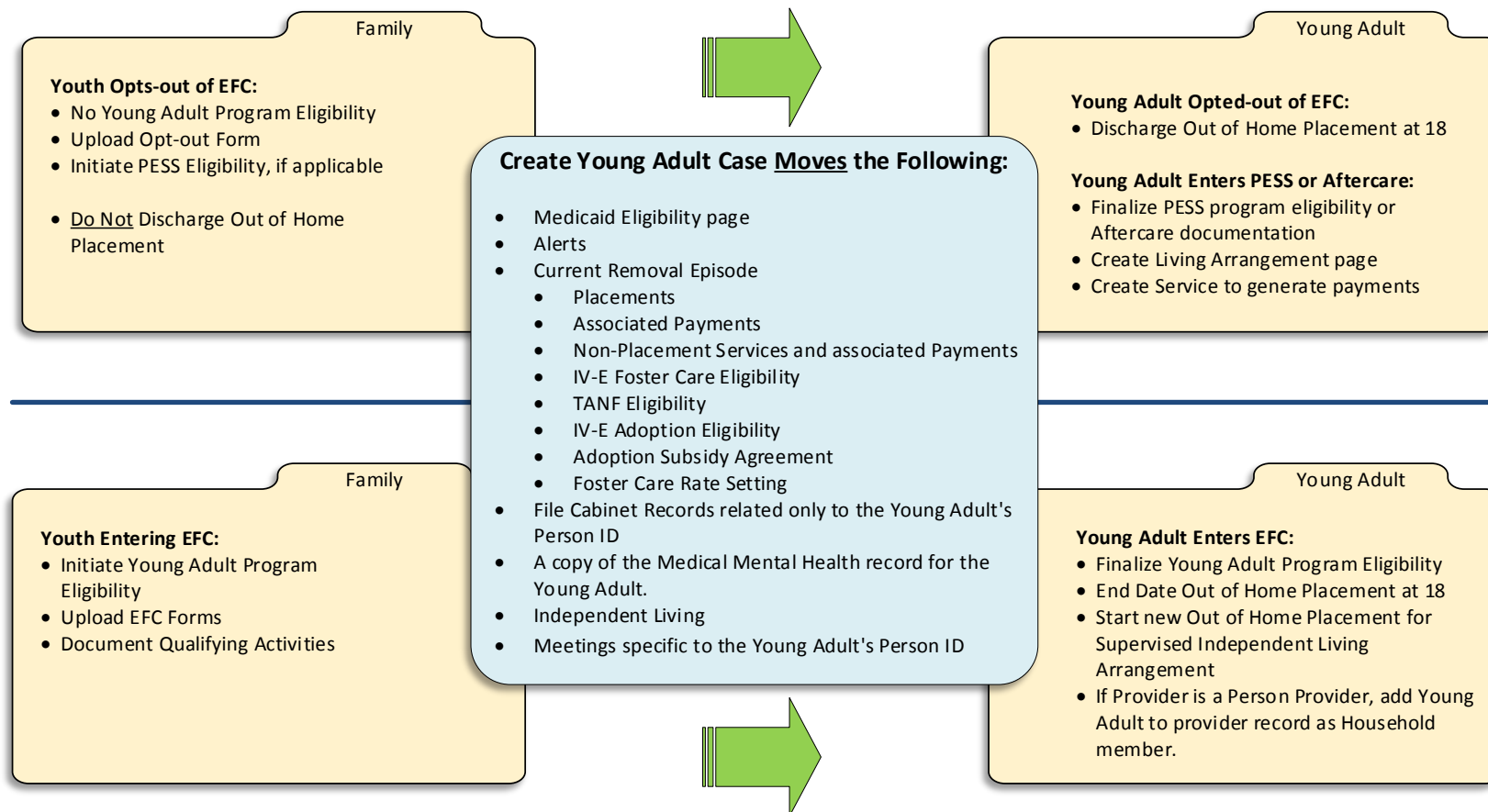
- If young adults receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they will not receive CIC Medicaid even if they turned 18 in the Department's custody.
- If young adults stop receiving SSI at any point between the ages of 18 and 21, the CBC can apply for CIC Medicaid for them.



- If young adults stop receiving SSI at any point between the ages of 21 and 26, they can apply for the ACA.

Moving from Family Case to Young Adult Case

Youth Opts-out of EFC



Youth Entering EFC

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Case

Last/Provider: Starnell | CLS Case Name: | Case ID: 3627301 | Status: Open | Unit: FSFN Demonstration Unit

First: Mommy | Middle Name: | Open Date: 02/14/2016 | Program Code: Child

Participants | Relationships | Address | Professional/Family Support Network Contacts | Closing History

Basic

Case Type: Out-of-Home - Court Ordered | Family Structure: Single Female | County: Leon | ☐ Restricted Case

Participants

Name	Hsld	Status	Gender	Service Role	DOB	Age	Ethnicity	Legal			
Starnell, Andrew	Y	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	04/12/2008	10	Unable To Determine	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Daddy	Y	Active	Male	Parent In The Home	03/08/1980	38	German	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Jared	Y	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	04/12/2008	10	Unable To Determine	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Mommy	N	Active	Female	Parent In The Home	11/22/1980	37	Unknown	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Thomas	N	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	11/05/2000	17	Eastern European	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Wesley	Y	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	04/12/2008	10	Unable To Determine	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Visitor, Victor	U	InActive	Male		09/09/1977	41		None	Milestones	ReActivate	Remove

Options: **Create Young Adult Case** | Go | Save | Close

New Option to Create Young Adult Case

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Case

Last/Provider: Starnell | CLS Case Name: | Case ID: 3627301 | Status: Open | Unit: FSFN Demonstration Unit

Open Date: 02/14/2016 | Program Code: Child

Participants | Relationships | Address | Professional/Family Support Network Contacts | Closing History

Case Participants

Select	Participant Name	Person ID	DOB
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Starnell	900010340	10/30/2000

Continue | Close

Participants

Name	Hsld	Status	Gender	Service Role	DOB	Age	Ethnicity	Legal			
Starnell, Thomas	N	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	10/30/2000	18	Eastern European	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Starnell, Wesley	Y	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	04/12/2008	10	Unable To Determine	None	Milestones	DeActivate	Remove
Visitor, Victor	U	InActive	Male		09/09/1977	41		None	Milestones	ReActivate	Remove

Options: Create Young Adult Case | Go | Save | Close

Participants appear based on Role and Age

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Case

Last/Provider: **Starnell** CLS Case Name: Case ID: 900001981 Status: Open Unit: FSFN Demonstration Unit

First: **Thomas** Middle Name: Open Date: 10/30/2018 Program Code: Child

Participants | Relationships | Address | Professional/Family Support Network Contacts | Closing History

Basic

Case Type: **Extended Foster Care (EFC)** Family Structure: **Unable to Determine** County: **Leon** ☐ Restricted Case

Participants

Name	Hsld	Status	Gender	Service Role	DOB	Age	Ethnicity	Legal		
Starnell, Thomas	N	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	10/30/2000	18	Eastern European	None	Milestones	Delete

Select Case Type **Select County**

Options:

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Starnell, Mommy (3627301) (New Young Adult Case ID: 900001981) [Actions](#) [Case Book](#)

Out-of-Home - Court Ordered 02/14/2016 Darnell, Kellie Leon 4444 Fourth Ave , Tallahassee, FL 32311

Starnell, Thomas (900001981) (Pre-Young Adult Case ID: 3627301) [Actions](#) [Case Book](#)

Extended Foster Care (EFC) 10/30/2018 Darnell, Kellie Leon 151 First Street , Tallahassee, FL 32311

Related People

Assignment

Eligibility

Income/Eligibility

Medical/Mental Health

Placements

Pre-Young Adult Cases

Starnell, Mommy (3627301)

Out-of-Home - Court Ordered 02/14/2016 Darnell, Kellie Leon 4444 Fourth Ave , Tallahassee, FL 32311

Youth/Young Adult

Pre-Young Adult Case can be accessed from within the Young Adult Case

Outliner – Family Case and Young Adult Case

FSFN Placements for EFC

- Out of Home placement will be used to document program enrollment in EFC and generate payments.
- Living Arrangement page will be used to document program enrollment in PESS and Aftercare.
- Services page will be used to generate payments for PESS and Aftercare.

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End Date and Time: 10/23/2018 09:00 AM PM

Ending Purpose: Placement Change within Removal Epsd

End Reason: **Change within EFC**

Is the End of this Child Placement a Discharge from the Removal Episode?

Discharge Reason: **Change in EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement**

☐ Override

Options: Go

Entry into EFC

Abducted
Absconded
Adoption Disruption
Adoption Placement
Change in EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement
Child in Correctional Facility or Aftercare
Child Requested Change
Duplicate
Incarceration/Detention
Move Made in Accordance with Case Plan Goal (Includes APPLA)
Parent/Relative/Guardian Requested Change
Placement Disruption
Placement Overcapacity
Provider No Longer Licensed
Provider Requested Change
Runaway - NOT Closing Case
Transfer to Other Agency (i.e. Out of County Supervision)
Trial Home Visit from Court-Ordered Plcm

Placement End Reasons

You are about to make a non conforming Placement do you want to Continue ?

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FSFN Determined

- ☐ Over Licensed Capacity 5 or less
- ☐ Over Licensed Capacity greater than 5
- ☒ Outside Licensed Age Range
- ☐ Outside Gender Capacity
- ☐ Greater than 2 Children Under 2 Years of Age

Out of State

- ☐ Out of State (AFCARS Reporting Requirement)

Worker Determined

ICWA Compliant Placement Yes ☐ No ☐

Date and Time

☒ Placement Exception

☐ This is an Adoptive Placement

Voluntary Licensed Care Information

Voluntary Placement Agreement Date: 10/30/2018

Is this a Voluntary Medical Placement? ☐ No ☐ Yes

☐ 90 Day Voluntary Placement Review/Authorization completed

Case Name: Starnell, Thomas

Request Number:

Actions:

- [Approval](#)
- [Placement Exception Reasons](#)
- [View Request](#)

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- [Change in Placement](#)
- [Voluntary Placement Agreement](#)
- [Waiver Attachment-Over 5](#)
- [Waiver Attachment-More than 2 under 2](#)
- [Request for Foster Home Waiver](#)

Out of Home Placement – Nonconforming Placement

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Child

Child: Starnell, Thomas Case Name: Starnell, Thomas

Living Arrangement

Living Arrangement Begin Date and Time: 10/30/2018 09:00 AM

Living Arrangement End Date and Time: 00/00/0000 00:00 AM

Living Arrangement Category: Living Arrangement (18+)

Living Arrangement:

Primary Caregiver:

Comments:

Service Reasons

- ☐ Abandonment
- ☐ Adoption Dissolution
- ☐ Alcohol Abuse (Child)
- ☐ Alcohol Abuse (Parent)
- ☐ Caregiver's Inability to Cope
- ☐ Child's Behavior Problem
- ☐ Child's Disability
- ☐ Drug Abuse (Child)
- ☐ Drug Abuse (Parent)
- ☐ Emotional Abuse / Neglect
- ☐ Inadequate Housing
- ☐ Inadequate Supervision
- ☐ Medical Neglect
- ☐ Physical Abuse
- ☐ Physical Neglect
- ☐ Relinquishment
- ☐ Request for Services
- ☐ Sexual Abuse

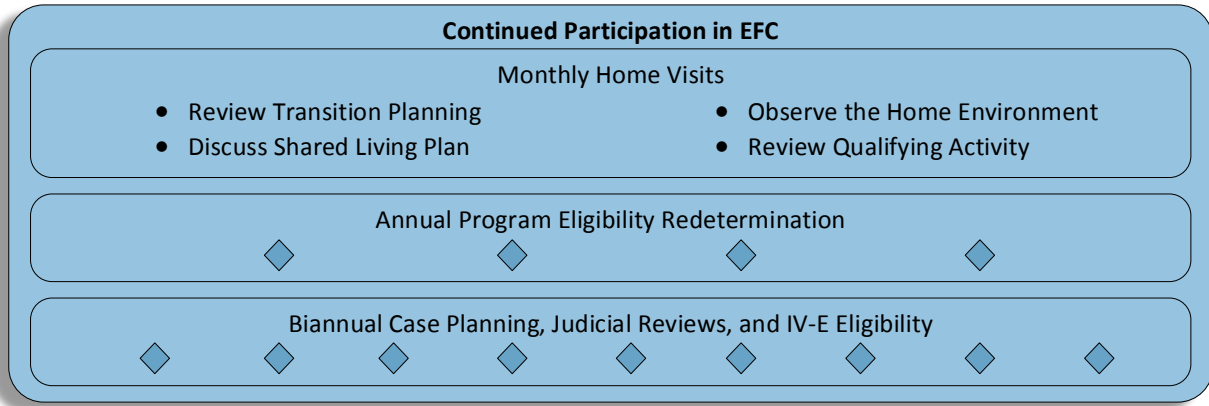
Updated Living Arrangement Values

New 18+ Category

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Living Arrangement Page

Continued Program Eligibility



Ongoing Title IV-E Eligibility Requirements

- Young adults who transition directly into EFC when they turn 18 retain their Title IV-E eligibility.
 - For young adults who were determined IV-E ineligible as a child at the first judicial hearing post 18, the removal episode will be ended and a VPA executed.
 - For young adults who were determined to be IV-E eligible as a child, the same ongoing IV-E eligibility requirements apply.



Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency Plan

- To maintain Title IV-E eligibility, a judicial finding that reasonable efforts were made to finalize the Permanency Plan (REFPP) must be made every twelve months.
 - Failure to obtain judicial findings will result in the foster care maintenance payment being non-reimbursable for federal financial participation.
 - This ongoing eligibility must be maintained in FSFN.
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Placement and Care Responsibility

- If the young adult remains in foster care continuously through a court order, this order must provide the Department with placement and care responsibility.
 - The young adult is Title IV-E non-reimbursable for any month where the Department does not have placement and care responsibility.
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Supervised Living Arrangement

- The young adult must continue to reside in a supervised living arrangement that is approved by the CBC lead agency and acceptable to the young adult.
- All placement changes must be documented in FSN.
- IV-E eligibility is not re-determined when changing placements.



Remaining in EFC until 22

- The EFC Program ends when young adults turn 21 unless they have a documented disability. If so, they must be actively participating in the program on their 21st birthday.
- Title IV-E eligibility ends at age 21.
- The out-of-home placement will be discharged at 21 as the young adult no longer meets our definition of child. For those eligible at 22, create a living arrangement and make payments via a service using a specific Reporting Category.
 - Extended Foster Care – Age 22

Children of Young Adults in Extended Foster Care



- If a young adult in EFC has a child, the foster care maintenance payments cover the young adult's child if that child is placed with the young adult in the same supervised independent living setting.
 - If the young adult in foster care has costs covered by the Title IV-E foster care maintenance payment, his/her child is categorically eligible for the Title XIX Medicaid.
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Young Adults Receiving SSI

- A young adult may receive a SSI benefit and be determined Title IV-E Non-Reimbursable for EFC.
 - SSI benefits are not counted as income and cost-sharing between the Social Security Administration and Title IV-E is not an option.
 - Florida will claim the federal benefit through the Social Security Administration, so the cost of care is not reimbursable under Title IV-E.
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Young Adult Program Eligibility Information

Young Adult Name: Starnell, Thomas Person ID: 900010340 Case Name: Starnell, Mommy FSFN Case ID: 3630761

DOB: 10/30/2000 Age: 18 Type: Initial Date Applied: 10/30/2018 Effective/ Enrolled Date: 10/30/2018

Extended Program Eligibility Determination: Approved (Override) - Eligible

☐ On Appeal Date notified of appeal process: 00/00/0000 ☒ Supervisor Eligibility Override

If Ineligible, explain how notified of appeal process:

Reason for Override:
Thomas was unable to sign the EFC agreement.

Termination Reason: Termination Date: 00/00/0000 Date Last Updated: 10/30/2018

Redetermination Reason:
Change in qualifying activity
Dual Enrollment EFC/DESS
Verification of qualifying activity (standard redetermination) Termination Date: 00/00/0000 Last Updated By: Darnell, Kellie

Annual Redeterminations

Young Adult Eligibility

The questions should be answered as of the effective date, then answer yes to question 8. This allows for presubmission of redetermination.

Question	Answer
1. Based on the Effective Date, the young adult's age is:	18 yrs 0 days
2. Did the young adult age out while in the custody of the Department?	No
3. Is the young adult enrolled in a secondary education program leading to a high school diploma or equivalent credential?	No
4. Is the young adult enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution?	No
5. Is the young adult working at least 80 hours per month?	No
6. Is the young adult participating in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment? Assets and Employment	Yes
7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSFN case? Medical/Mental Health	No
8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. If yes to #8, does the documentation exist from a licensed clinical professional that the additional year is necessary or helpful to the young adult's progress toward Independent Living. (only for young adult of age 21-22 age)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Has the Young Adult signed the EFC Agreement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
11. Was an EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

[Determine EFC Eligibility](#) ☒ Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination

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Young Adult Program Eligibility – Redetermination Reasons

Termination of EFC

Termination of EFC

- Requires Approval of the Department
- Some Termination Reasons are Appealable

Program Termination Reasons

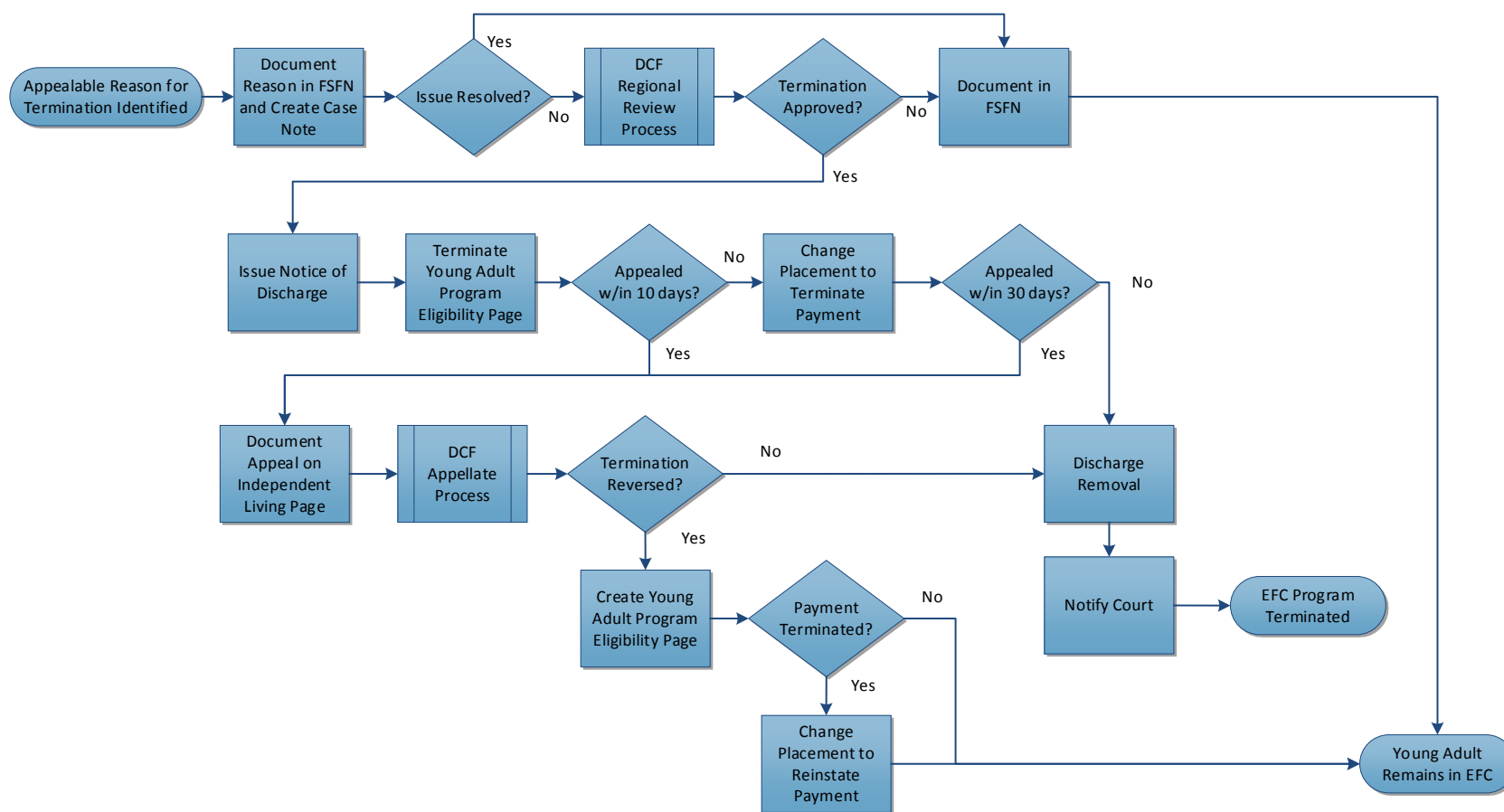
- Termination with Appeal Process:
 - Achieved permanency
 - Aged out
 - Not participating in a qualifying activity
 - Not residing in an approved, supervised living arrangement
- Termination without Appeal Process:
 - Voluntary opt-out
 - Deceased



Termination

- If it is determined that the young adult should be discharged from the program for an appealable termination reason, the young adult is sent a Notice of Discharge from Extended Foster Care (CF-FSP 5376). The young adult has 30 days from the date of receipt of this document to request a fair hearing.
 - If they request a hearing within ten days, payment will continue pending the result of the hearing.
 - If they do not request a hearing within ten days, the payment will end, but the removal episode is not discharged pending the result of the hearing.
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EFC Program Termination Process



Choosing to Leave EFC

- If the young adult decides to leave EFC, the Child Welfare Professional should complete the My Decision to Leave Extended Foster Care form (CF-FSP 5375) with the young adult.
- The removal episode is discharged as of the date the young adult signs the form.



Placement Discharge in FSN

- Young Adult Ages Out
 - Young Adult Opts Out
 - No Longer EFC Eligible
 - Marriage (when resulting in Permanency)
 - Death of Child
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End Date and Time: 10/23/2018 09:00 AM PM

Ending Purpose: Discharge from Removal Epsd

End Reason:

Is the End of this Child Placement a Discharge from the Removal Episode?

Discharge Reason:

☐ Override

Options: [v] [Go]

Program Termination

Adoption Finalization
APPLA (Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement)
Child Ages Out Non-EFC
Death of Child
Dismissed by Court
Emancipation
Marriage
No Longer EFC Eligible
Permanent Guardianship (includes Guardianship to Relative)
Placement with a fit and willing Relative
Reunification w/Parent(s) including Non-Custodial Parent
Rescue from Neglect
Voluntary Opt Out (EFC only)
Young Adult Ages Out (EFC only)

Placement Discharge Reasons

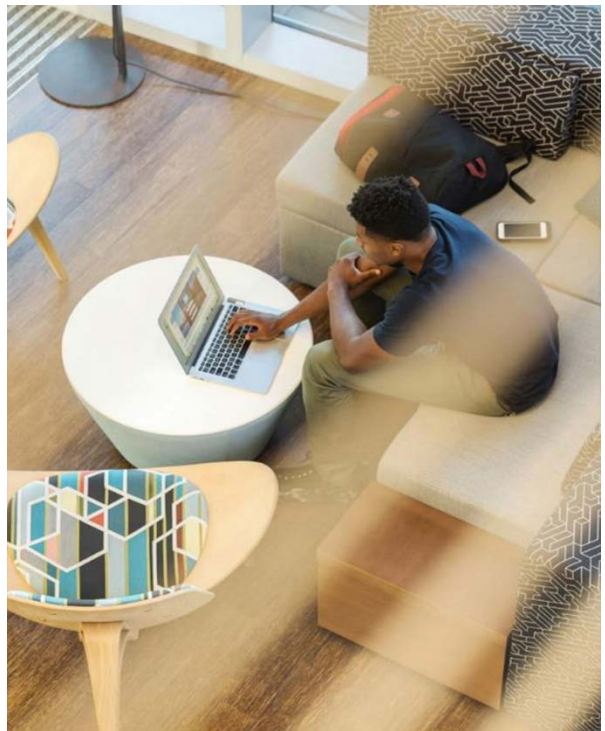
Re-Entry into Foster Care

Reentry to Foster Care

- Anytime Before 21 Years of Age
- Requires Complete Voluntary Placement Agreement

Re-Entry Process

- Young adults may re-enter EFC any time before their 21st birthday.
- The young adult must complete the *Extended Foster Care Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) form (CS-FSP 5377)*.
- The VPA initiates the young adult's new foster care episode based on the last signature date on the agreement.



Approval of EFC

- Before the CBC representative signs the VPA approving re-entry into foster care, the Child Welfare Professional must ensure the young adult meets all eligibility requirements by:
 - Verifying qualifying activity
 - Assessing and approving the supervised living arrangement (includes completion of the Shared Living Plan)



Title IV-E Eligibility for Re-Entry

- Once the young adult has entered EFC from a VPA, the young adult is considered in a removal episode.
- Title IV-E eligibility determination must be approved in FSFN within 30 calendar days from entry into EFC.
- Prior Title IV-E eligibility in previous foster care episodes does not apply.

How to Determine Title IV-E Eligibility

- Title IV-E eligibility is based only on the young adult's circumstances at the time of re-entry:
 - Age (must be under 21)
 - Placement in care responsibility
 - Best interest judicial finding (within 180 days)
 - AFDC: Technical and Financial
 - Reimbursable placement
 - Placement in care responsibility
 - Obtained in VPA and then ongoing in judicial review orders
 - Best interest judicial finding (within 180 days)
 - Eligible, Reimbursable for day 1 to day 180
 - If not made, as of day 181 young adult is IV-E INELIGIBLE for remainder of removal episode
 - AFDC Technical
 - Young Adult is their own Specific Relative for Removal Home
 - Deprivation: same reasons apply
 - AFDC Financial
 - SFU = 1 (young adult only)
 - If SSI recipient, excluded and SFU = 0
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FSFN Documentation

- The following data must be entered before working on the Title IV-E EFC eligibility determination:
 - Person Management must document citizenship status and date of birth.
 - Assets and Employment module must document all income and assets/resources for the month of entry.
 - Upload, as a legal document, the court order containing the best interest finding (if made).

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Child
 Child: Starnell, Thomas (ID: 900010340 Age: 18 DOB: 10/23/2000) Case Name: Starnell, Thomas (ID: 900001981) Request Number:

Removal/Placement | **Provider** | **Financial** | **Actions:**

Child Removal From Home

Removal Begin Date and Time: 10/30/2018 09:00 AM PM Removal End Date and Time: 00/00/00 00:00 AM PM

Initial Removal Reasons

Manner of Removal: Voluntary Primary Caregiver: Secondary Caregiver:

Child Placement Information

Placement Begin Date and Time: 10/30/2018 09:00 AM PM Placement End Date and Time: 00/00/0000 00:00 AM PM

☐ Placement Exception

☐ This is an Adoptive Placement

Voluntary Licensed Care Information

Voluntary Placement Agreement Date: 10/30/2018

Is this a Voluntary Medical Placement? No

☐ 90 Day Voluntary Placement Review/Authorization completed

Extraordinary Needs - s.409.1676(2a)

needs as described in s. 409.1676(2a)?

Service Category: Independent Living

Service Type: Supervised Living Arrangement

Placement Setting: Supervised Independent Living

Is a Child Placement Agreement needed? Yes No

Actions:

Approval
 Placement Exception Reasons
 Text
 Change in Placement
 Voluntary Placement Agreement
 Waiver Attachment-Over 5
 Waiver Attachment-More than 2 under 2
 Request for Foster Home Waiver

Save Close

Out of Home Placement – Over 18

Removal from Home Reasons

☐ Abandonment ☐ Death of Parent(s) ☐ Incarceration of Parent(s)

☐ Adoption Dissolution ☐ Domestic Violence ☐ Labor Trafficking

☐ Alcohol Abuse (Child) ☐ Drug Abuse (Child) ☐ Medical Neglect

☐ Alcohol Abuse (Parent) ☐ Drug Abuse (Parent) ☐ Physical Abuse

☐ Caretaker's Inability to Cope ☐ Emotional Abuse/Neglect ☐ Physical Neglect

☐ Child's Behavior Problem ☒ Extended Foster Care 18+ ☐ Relinquishment

☐ Child's Disability ☐ Inadequate Housing ☐ Sexual Abuse

☐ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Child (CSEC) ☐ Inadequate Supervision ☐ Sexual Abuse-Sexual Exploitation

Extraordinary Needs - s.409.1676(2a)

Does the child meet criteria for extraordinary needs as described in s.409.1676(2a)? ☐

If yes, has the child been assessed? ☐

Did the assessment recommend residential group care? ☐

If yes, is the child in residential group care? ☐

If no, why?

Actions:

[Approval](#)

[Placement Exception Reasons](#)

[View Request](#)

Text:

[Text](#)

[Change in Placement](#)

[Voluntary Placement Agreement](#)

[Waiver Attachment-Over 5](#)

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Removal from Home Reasons

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Eligibility

Young Adult Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Person ID: 900010340 Eligibility ID: 900000121 Episode End: 00/00/0000

Case Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Case ID: 900001981 IV-E Rmvl Dt: 10/30/2018 **Eligibility: Extended Foster Care (EFC)**

Do not refer to Child Support Enforcement: ☐ Reason:

Basic **Initial Determination** **Redeterminations**

Demographic Information

DOB: 10/23/2000 Age: 18 SSN: 485-62-3574

Voluntary Placement Agreement - Removal from Home Information

Removal from Home was: ☐ Court Ordered ☐ Voluntary Placement Agreement

Child Removed from home of: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both ☐ Other

Primary Caregiver: Relationship to Child:

Removal Home Address

Street: Apt:

FL City: City: State: Zip:

County: Home Phone: Work Phone:

Assets & Employment and Deeming

Deeming Group: ☒ Deeming Does Not Apply

Assistance Group 1	Assistance Group 2	Participant Name	Deeming Rule
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thomas Starnell	Child

Actions:

[Refer/Return to Supervisor](#)

[Eligibility Referral History](#)

Text:

Removal Home Information Disabled

IV-E Eligibility – Basic Tab

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Eligibility

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Do not refer to Child Support Enforcement: ☐ Reason:

Actions:
[Refer/Return to Supervisor](#)
[Eligibility Referral History](#)

Basic | Initial Determination | Redeterminations

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Determination:

☐ Eligible and Reimbursable ☒ Ineligible ☐ Pending
☐ Eligible, Not Reimbursable ☐ Pending

☐ Determination Complete ☐ Determination Voided
☐ Determination N/A Reason:

Effective From: 10/30/2018
Entry Date: 00/00/0000
Date Completed: 00/00/0000

Question 1:
Is the Young Adult under the age of 21? If Yes, go to Question 2A. If No, ineligible.
☒ Yes ☐ No

Question 2A:
Does the Young Adult meet the EFC program requirements? If No, the Young Adult is Ineligible.
☐ Yes ☒ No [Link EFC Program Eligibility](#)

Question 2B:
Is the Young Adult a U.S. citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen? If Yes, go to Question 5A.
☐ Yes, US Citizen ☐ Yes, Qualified Non-Citizen ☐ Non-Citizen (U)

Question 5A:
Was the Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult or legal guardian, and a representative of the Department?
☒ Yes ☐ No Date of VPA: 10/30/2018

Text:

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IV-E Eligibility – Initial Determination

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[Title IV-E Eligibility Determination \(EFC\) 10/30/2018 Starnell, Thomas](#)

EFC Indicator

Outliner – IV-E Eligibility

Eligibility Information		
Question 1	Is the Young Adult under the age of 21?	System derived from DOB
Question 2A	Does the Young Adult meet the EFC program requirements?	Link created to the Young Adult Eligibility Page
Question 2B	Is the Young Adult a U.S. Citizen or a Qualified Non-Citizen?	System derived from Person Management
Question 5A	Was the Voluntary Placement Agreement signed by the Young Adult or legal guardian, and a representative of the Department?	System derived from Out of Home Placement
	Date of VPA	Pre-fills with date from Out of Home Placement
Question 5B	Has the Young Adult been in out of home care for more than 180 days?	System derived using Removal Date
Question 5B	Was a judicial finding made to the effect that it is in the Young Adult's best interest to remain in out of home care?	Conditionally enabled and required if the previous question is Yes
Question 6A	At the time of the latest removal or within 6 months of removal, was the child living with and removed from the home of a parent/specified relative?	For EFC, the response is Yes and Relationship to Child selection shall be Young Adult.
Question 6B	At the time of removal, was the Young Adult deprived of parental support?	User selected radio button with the options of 'Yes' and 'No'; if Yes is selected, Deprivation Type is required.

Question 7	Is the Young Adult's income and any dependent's income (if applicable) less than the Consolidated Need Standard for the family size?	System derived from the selected participants on the Basic tab and the calculated total compared against the CNS guidelines. When flagged as EFC, the last step of the Income Test to compare the child's income to the Foster Care Board Rate is skipped. Therefore, as long as the household's income, minus the \$90 disregard, is less than the CNS at 100%, the response is Yes.
	Family Size	System derived based on the participants selected in Assistance Group 1 and Assistance Group 2.
	Earned Income	System derived from the Employment tab of the Assets & Employment page based on the participants selected from Assistance Group 1 on the Basic tab.
	Unearned Income	System derived from current Unearned Income documented on the Assets tab of the Assets & Employment page based on the participants selected from Assistance Group 1 on the Basic tab where the Type = Unearned Income.
Question 8	Are the Young Adult's and any dependent's (if applicable) total assets less than \$10,000?	System derived based on the selected participants in Assistance Group 1 and Assistance Group 2.
	Amount	System derived from the Assets and Employment page
Question 9	Placement Table	Lists all placements for the Young Adult in the current removal
	From	System derived from the placement begin date on the Out of Home Placement page
	To	System derived from the placement end date on the Out of Home Placement page
	Placement Name	System derived from the provider name on the Out of Home Placement page.
	Reimbursable	Always checked
	Licensed	Checked if the provider has an effective License page.

	License Effective	System derived from the Provider License page.
	License End	System derived from the Provider License page.
	Service Type	System derived from the Out of Home Placement page.
Question 10	Is the Young Adult receiving SSI?	System derived from Unearned Income documentation on Assets & Employment with a Type of "Supplemental Security Income (SSI)"
	SSI Begin Date	System derived from Assets & Employment with the Effective Start Date for Unearned Income Type of "Supplemental Security Income (SSI)"
AFDC Criteria	Does the Young Adult meet the AFDC criteria that were in effect as of July 16, 1996 at the time of removal from the home?	System derived based as Yes if: Question 1 is Yes, Question 2B is Yes, Question 6A is Yes, Question 6B is Yes, Question 7 is Yes, and Question 8 is Yes.

Implementation Considerations for Current EFC Population

Young Adults in EFC Prior to January 1, 2019

- Will need to assess whether or not the young adult is eligible for Title IV-E funds.
 - To be IV-E eligible the young adult must meet these requirements:
 - Was determined to be IV-E eligible prior to their 18th birthday.
 - Immediately entered into EFC when he/she turned 18.
 - Since the 18th birthday, the young adult has never exited and re-entered EFC (no break in service).
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Assessed IV-E Eligible

- End Living Arrangement and Create an Out-of-Home Placement.
 - Effective Date = 1/4/19
 - For this transition population, effective dates should not be later than 1/4/19.
 - Leave IV-E EFC Eligibility PENDING that generated upon approval of OOH placement until discharge of removal episode.
 - Manually track REFPP. If lapse, adjust placement to use NON IV-E Reporting Category/Service Type until the month REFPP is obtained.
 - Use Service Type that is specific for the Reporting Category.
 - EFC IV-E Eligible (Transition)
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Assessed NON IV-E Eligible

- End Living Arrangement and Create an Out-of-Home Placement.
 - Effective Date = 1/4/19
 - For this transition population, effective dates should not be later than 1/4/19.
- Leave IV-E EFC Eligibility PENDING that generated upon approval of OOH placement until discharge of removal episode.
- Use Service Type that is specific for the Reporting Category.
 - EFC Non IV-E Eligible (Transition)

Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS) Program

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- Available to adoptive parents who entered into an initial Adoption Assistance Agreement for a 16 or 17-year-old special needs child.
 - Young adults are able to receive Maintenance Adoption Subsidy and Medicaid until the age of 21.
 - Subsidy Service changed to "Extended Adoption" Reporting Category.
 - FSFN case remains open to manage Medicaid.
 - This new program will:
 - Reduce the risk of a child remaining in foster care.
 - Provide additional financial support to adoptive parents.
 - Allow CBC lead agencies the ability provide to additional support to adoptive families.
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EMAS Title IV-E Eligibility

- Adoptive parents and young adults may participate in this program regardless of Title IV-E eligibility status prior to age 18.
 - If the young adult's adoption eligibility before 18 was determined TANF eligible, a final Adoption TANF eligibility determination must be completed to document the young adult as TANF ineligible since they no longer meet age criteria.
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Resources

- **EFC/EMAS Project Site:**
http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/il_efc.shtml
 - **FSFN How Do I Guides and User Guides:**
<http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FSFNAll.shtml#HowdoI>
 - **Questions:**
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