

Maximizing Title IV-E Reimbursement For ineligible young adults transitioning into EFC (no break in service)

1. Consult young adult (YA) prior to Judicial Review (JR)
 - Ask if YA is willing to voluntarily remain in EFC
2. If yes, notify CLS prior to next JR
 - Standardized notification will read:

To...


Cc...

Subject EFC-Title IV-E-Ineligible-Language Needed

To... assigned CLS attorney, supervising CLS attorney, and managing CLS attorney

Young Adult Name
Young Adult DOB
Case Name


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EXAMPLE

3. At JR, CLS will request termination of initial removal episode and reference YA entering program voluntarily, via EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA).
 - CLS will ensure specific language is captured on the court order
 - VPA is executed, last signature date MUST be the same date of the JR



EXTENDED FOSTER CARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

Full Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

Telephone Number: Email Address:

County where dependency court was held when you were in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and turned 18:

I, , voluntarily request that DCF assume responsibility for my care and supervision. I believe this decision is in my best interest. The placement setting must be approved by the Community Based Care Lead Agency (CBC) according to Rule 65C-41, Florida Administrative Code, referencing Extension of Foster Care.

Last page of the EFC VPA:

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between

Young Adult (print)

Young Adult Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

AND

Designated Staff and CBC Approval Administrator must not sign until the young adult is determined eligible for EFC.

Designated Staff (print)

Designated Staff Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

AND

The Agreement is executed when Designated Staff and CBC Approval Administrator have signed.

CBC Approval Administrator or Designee (print)

This must align with the date the court agrees to the new voluntary removal episode

CBC Approval Administrator or Designee Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

***Second CBC Approval Administrator Signature**

***Date**

Two copies of this EFC Voluntary Placement Agreement must be signed. The young adult retains one copy and the CBC retains one copy.

***Only add new signature line if previous CBC approval date does not align with court ordered language**

4. In FSFN, the Out of Home (OOH) placement is discharged with the reason of "Voluntary Opt Out (EFC ONLY)"
 - For YA's that transitioned into IV-E program on 1/4/19, the pending IV-E from 1/4/19 shall be completed prior to discharging OOH placement
5. In FSFN, a new OOH placement/removal episode shall be started utilizing VPA signed/hearing date
6. In FSFN, Eligibility staff complete the IV-E based on new voluntary removal episode
7. IL Program staff do not need to update EFC program eligibility in these cases. It is presumed program eligibility already reflects the YA is program eligible.