TRANSITIONING YOUTH &YOUNG ADULTS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

2019 Independent Living Statewide Spring Training

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Youth and Young Adult Outcomes

- Increase financial self-sufficiency
- Improve educational (academic or vocational) attainment
- Increase connections with supportive adults
- Reduce homelessness
- Reduce high-risk behavior
- Improve access to health insurance



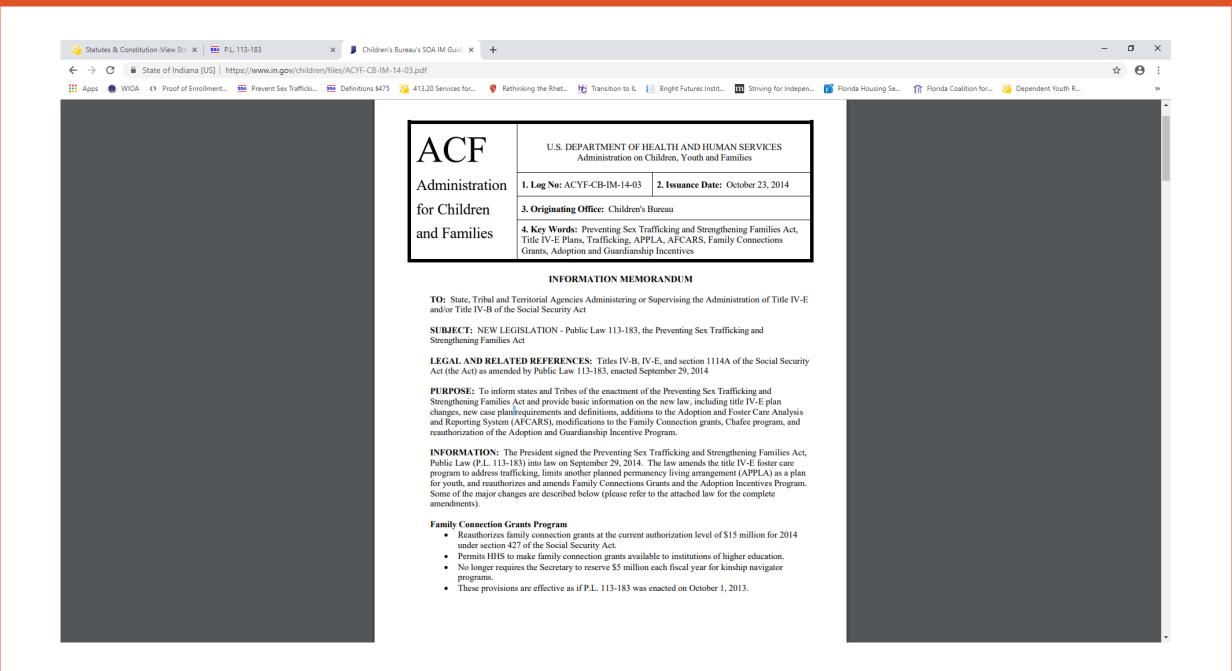
Social Security Act

Foster Care Maintenance Payments Program

 Prevent Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood

Family First Prevention Services Act



Florida Statutes (F.S.)

- Section 39.0016, Education of abused, neglected, and abandoned children; agency agreements; children having or suspected of having a disability
- Section 39.4085 Legislative findings and declaration of intent for goals for dependent children
- Section 39.4091, Participation in childhood activities
- Section 39.6012 Case plan task; services
- Section 39.6035, Transition plan
- Section 39.6241 Another planned permanent living arrangement



F.S. continued



- Section 39.701, Judicial review
- Section 39.013, Procedures and jurisdiction; right to counsel
- Section 39.6251 Continuing care for young adults
- Section 409.145 Care of children; quality parenting; "reasonable and prudent parent" standard
- 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program
- 409.1452 Collaboration with Board of Governors, Florida College System, and Department of Education to assist children and young adults who have been or are in foster care





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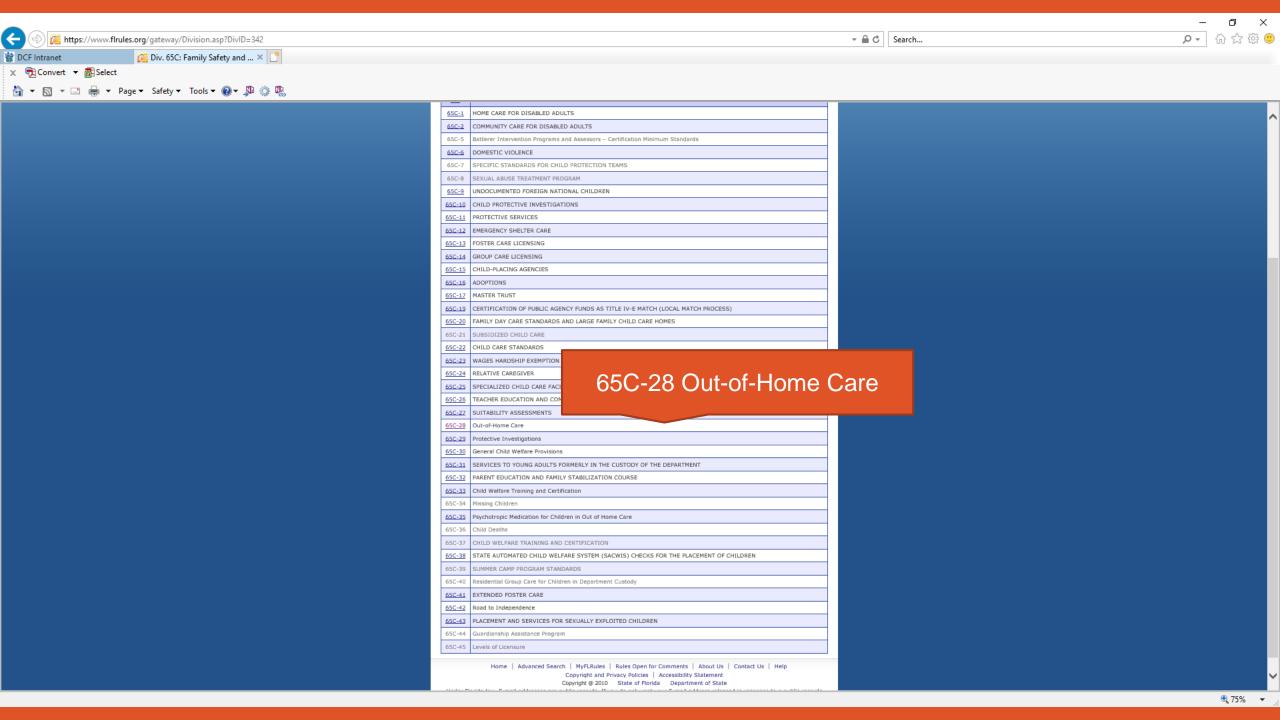
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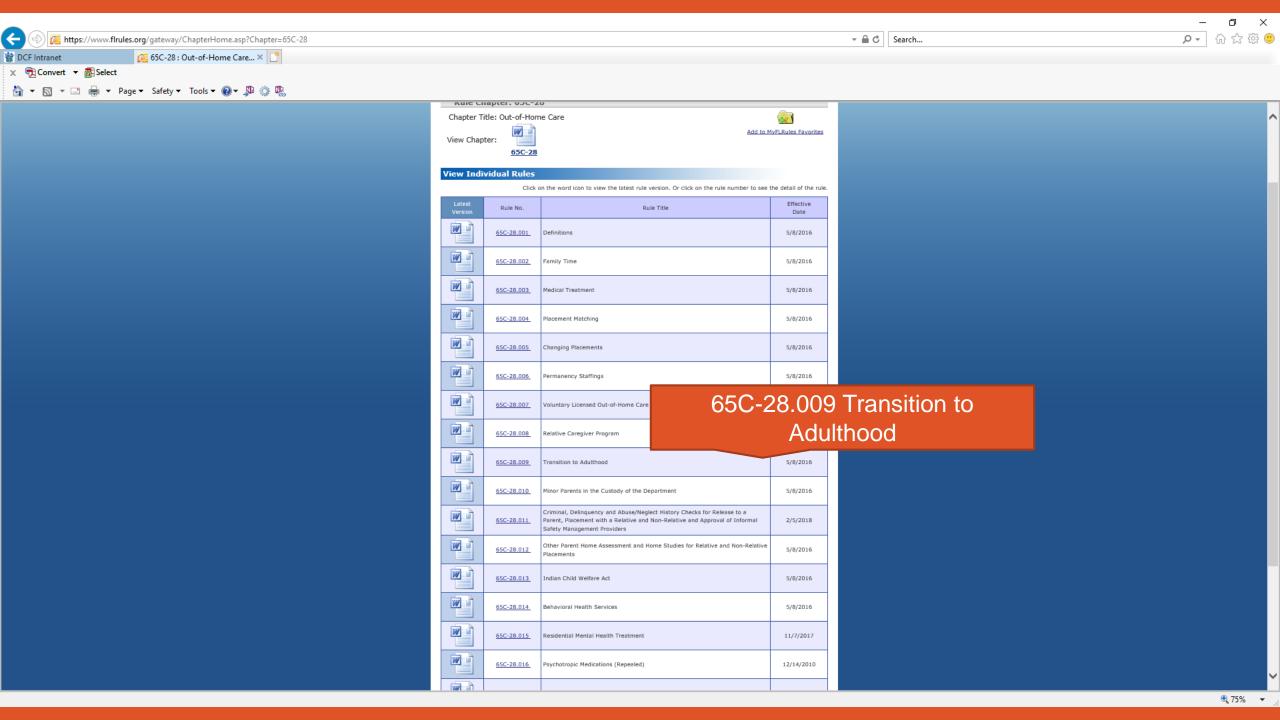
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Life Skills

Youth Case Planning



- Youth age 14 and over to be more engaged in their case and transition planning. Agency case plans must be developed and modified in consultation with youth 14 or over. Each youth may choose up to two people (other than the foster parent or caseworker) to be part of the case-planning team.
- case plan must include a "list of rights" for youth 14 and over. That list describes the rights of the child regarding "education, health, visitation, and court participation, the right to be provided with [certain] documents..., and the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation."

What Can You Expect From The Department of Children & Families?

LIVING SITUATION cont'd

Moving

You can expect to remain in the same foster home without being moved to another placement, unless

- the Department explains to you why it is necessary for you to move, and
- helps you get the services you need to be comfortable during the move and in the new home.

Other Children & Youth

You can expect to live in a family home with no more than one other foster child, unless

- · you are placed with your brothers and sisters, or
- you are placed in a group home if it is the most family-like setting appropriate for you.

People Who Know You

You can expect to live in a shelter or foster home in which the parents know and understand your personal history, needs, and problems.

PERMANENCY

Visiting Your Parents or Legal Caregivers: You can expect to have at least one visit each month with your parents or legal caregivers, unless the judge says you cannot visit with them. If you were sexually abused, the court must hold a hearing before allowing the person accused of abusing you to visit with you. You will have an attorney or guardian ad litem represent you at that hearing. You can tell your representative whether or not you want to visit.

- To get special education services if you need them,
- To have a surrogate parent appointed if your own parents cannot make educational decisions for you, and
- To have your school records shared with the Department to make sure the Department knows you are attending and making progress in school.
- To have a quiet place to do homework,
- To participate in school activities, and
- When you are older, to have assistance in choosing a career and planning for it.

NORMALCY

You can expect

- To participate with your foster or group home parent and services worker in writing an age appropriate activities, or "normalcy", plan,
- To participate in age appropriate activities such as sports, clubs, youth group, dating, volunteer work and working,
- To participate in activities that you would enjoy and that your other friends get to do, and
- To participate in activities that provide good life experiences and opportunities and help you become independent and self-sufficient when you become an adult.

Money

You can expect:

- To receive an allowance every month from money provided by the Department,
- To open your own bank account when you have taken financial literacy classes, and
- To work if your job does not interfere with your schooling.

Rights and Expectations for Children and Youth in Shelter or Foster Care



Your Rights in Shelter or Foster Care

Why We Wrote This Document

Your health and safety are very important to the state of Florida. You can help us make sure that you are safe and healthy by speaking up for yourself. In order to help you do that, we wrote this document so you can know what your rights are and what you can expect from the Department of Children and Families.

Where Do Your Rights Come From?

There are many sources for the rights of children and youth in the shelter and foster care of the Department of Children and Families. Some rights come from the United States Constitution, others from the Florida Constitution. Florida statutes (laws) and federal statutes also tell the state how it is supposed to treat you.

My Commitment To You

As Secretary of the Department of Children and Families, I will do my best to make sure that everyone responsible for providing care and services to children in foster care will protect the rights listed here. I will also do my best to

What Rights Do You Have?

You have the right:

To Know Your Rights

- To be given a copy of this document,
- To have your rights explained to you in words you can understand, and
- To have your rights explained when you enter into care and every time you move to a different placement.

To Have Your Rights Respected The people responsible for your care and protection must respect your civil and legal rights.

To Privacy

- To have your privacy protected,
- To send and receive mail without anyone reading it unless the judge says someone else can open your mail to protect your safety, and
- To make telephone calls at reasonable times, unless the judge says you cannot.

To Have Your Property Protected

- To have your property (for example, your clothes, books, electronics, money and other things you own) kept safe where you live.
- To bring your property with you when you move,
- To be told how money being held by the Department is being used.
- To ask that your money be used for specific things, and
- To ask that your money be saved for future uses.

 To understand what you are signing and why you are being asked to sign it.

To Complain about Your Care or Services

- To make a grievance (a complaint) to the Department about how you are being cared for by your foster parents, services worker, or other people providing you services,
- To make a grievance to the Department if any of your rights are violated,
- To make a grievance to your community-based care provider, and
- To have a lawyer or other person assist you in making a grievance or complaint.

To Be Heard In Court

- To attend court hearings involving your care, and
- To tell the judge what is happening to you and what you want.

To Have Representation In Court

- To have a guardian ad litem appointed for you by the judge,
- To have the guardian ad litem tell the judge what you want, in addition to what your guardian ad litem thinks is best for you,
- To obtain an attorney of your choice, or to ask the judge to appoint one for you, and
- To have the immediate and unlimited ability to meet with your guardian ad litem and attorney.

To Medical Care

 To be taken to doctors and dentists, including eye doctors,

What Can You Expect From The Department of Children & Families?

You can expect:

SAFETY

A Professional Investigation: The adults who investigate whether you are at risk of harm will have the professional training to make the best decision possible for your protection.

The Assistance of a Services Worker

You can expect:

- To have regular contact with your services worker by phone and in person,
- To meet with your services worker at a minimum every 30 days,
- To meet with your services worker in private, if you want,
- For your services worker to meet with your foster parent in person at least every 30 days, and
- For your services worker to see the place you live at least every 30 days.

The Department Will Keep Important Records

You can expect:

- That your Department records are complete, accurate and kept up to date,
- That you, your guardian and your attorney can review and receive a copy of your records free of charge.
- Your photograph and fingerprints will be taken and kept in your file, and
- Your birth certificate and health insurance information will be kept in your file and provided to you when you need it.

SERVICES

Appropriate Evaluations: You can expect to be tested to see if you are having problems, are healthy, doing well in school, or if you need to be treated by a doctor or psychologist.

Case Plan That Meets Your Needs

You can expect:

- To participate in writing your case plan,
- To make sure your case plan addresses your needs and the needs of your family,
- To have the plan and all its services explained to you in a way you understand,
- To have a plan that respects your race and culture,
- To have the opportunity to give your opinion about anything in the plan you do not like, and
- To have the responses to your opinions clearly explained to you.

Counseling

You can expect:

- To have trained professionals give you the help and services you need for any problems you may be having, and
- To have the opportunity for counseling to help you better understand your thoughts and feelings about past experiences and what is currently happening in your life.

Government Benefits: You can expect that the Department will apply for all state and federal benefit programs that you are eligible for and need without delay.

http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/kb/YouthSpaceDoc/Children's%20Rights%20and%20Expectation.pdf

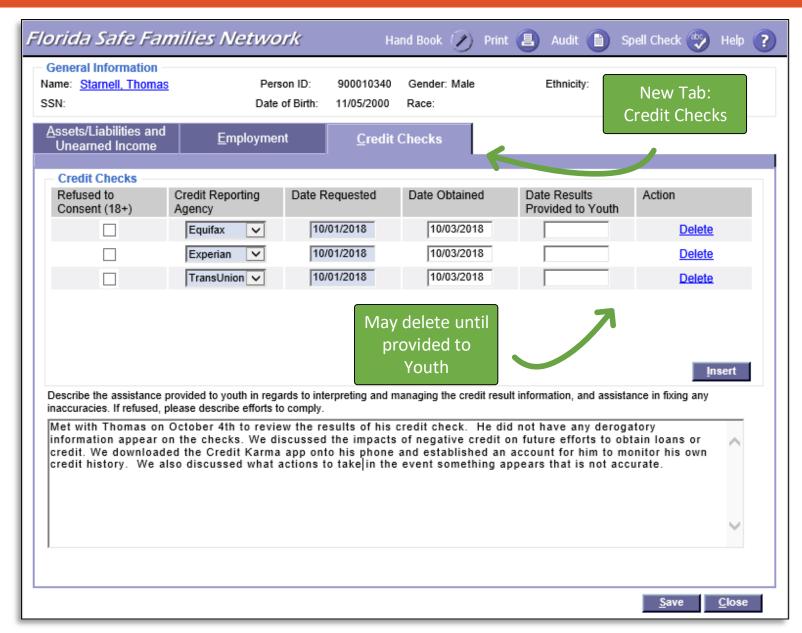
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- The documents referred to in the list of rights include a credit report on the child that the agency must give the child every year until the child leaves care.
- Additionally, when exiting care at age 18 or older, the youth must be provided an official copy of his/her birth certificate, social security card, health insurance information, medical records, and a driver's license or identification card.......





 The credit check must be documented in FSFN.





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Chapter 2

TRANSITION PLANNING FOR YOUTH

2-1. Purpose.

- a. The development of life skills and preparation for that transition to adulthood begins at age 13 years of age; however, this chapter outlines policies for transition planning specific to the requirements referenced in s. 39.6035, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and preparing for judicial review hearings for children 17 years of age as referenced in s. 39.701, F.S.
- b. This chapter describes policies relevant to effective transition planning for older youth under the protective supervision of the Department, providing specific guidance as to the roles and responsibilities of child welfare professionals and caregivers, and timeframes as to when a transition plan must be developed and finalized. The chapter also details the information that needs to be addressed in the plan and the relevant records or resources that must be exchanged in preparation for the youth's transition to adulthood.

2-2. Definitions.

- a. "Transition Plan." The required written plan developed by the youth or young adult that contains the goals, choices, and decisions for obtaining or maintaining the services necessary to successfully transition to adulthood. The plan provides details on the transition services outlined in the case plan, and identifies and explains roles of the supportive adult or designated staff assisting in services.
- b. "My Pathway to Success Plan." A universal form (CF-FSP 5425, available in DCF Forms) that the youth or young adult utilizes to detail the goals, choices, and decisions for obtaining or maintaining the services necessary to successfully transition to adulthood. Once completed, the document becomes that youth's individual Transition Plan.
- "Independent Living Specialist." A foll wind large professional that exhibits a level of subject
 matter expertise in the delivery of independent living services and fully comprehends program eligibility
 for Extended Foster Care (EFC), Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS), and
 Affercare Services.
- d. "Transitioning Youth." Children 16-17 years of age, that have not yet reached their 18th birthday, under the Department's protective supervision.
- e. "Transition Facilitator." A designated child welfare professional that establishes a positive relationship with the Transitioning Youth, proficient in both case management and independent living services, that takes the lead in coordinating the development of the transition plan and ensures that the requirements in ss. 39.6035 and 39.701(3), F.S., are satisfied for each youth.
- f. "<u>Records and Resources Exchanged</u>." A universal form (CF-FSP <u>5426</u>, available in DCF Forms) used to document the required information that must be provided to the youth during the youth's period of transition.
- g. "Transition Planning Meeting." A time when the Transitioning Youth, Transition Facilitator, and other chosen Supportive Adult(s) meet to develop, review and/or finalize the Transition Plan.
- h. "<u>Supportive Adult</u>." A positive, potentially permanently connected adult that is willing and able to assist the <u>Transitioning Youth with the youth's Transition Plan and provide encouragement in</u> the youth's transition to adulthood.

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TRANSITION PLANS

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Establishing and/or Staying Co	nnected to Mentors	
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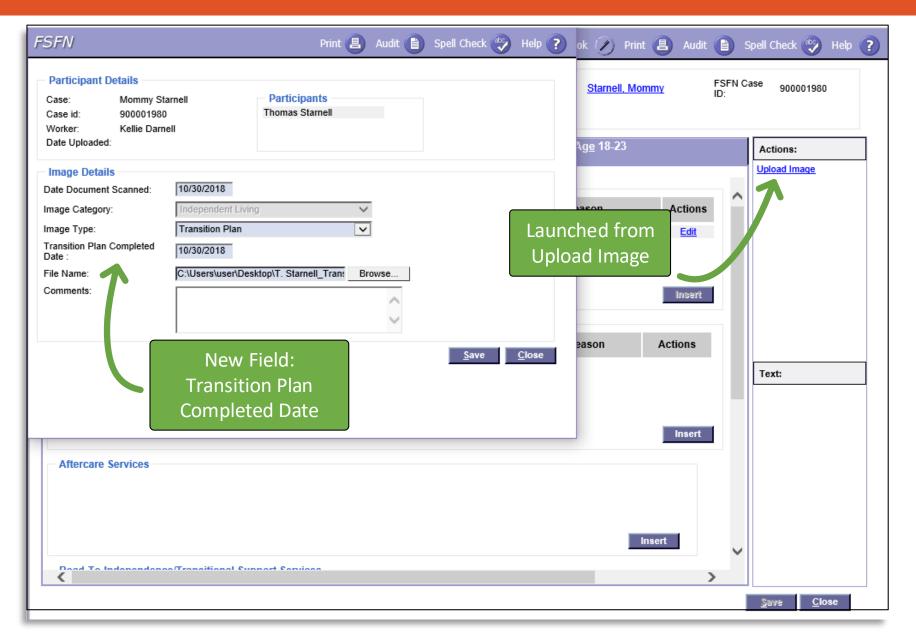
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RECORDS & RESOURCES						
Date Due	Date Discussed	Date Provided	Staff Name	Young Person's Initials	Records/Resources	Comments
					ACCESS Florida- Public Assistance Programs*	
					Bank Account*	
					Behavioral Health*	
					Birth Certificate*	
					Disability of nonage court order*	
					Driver's/Learner's License*	
					Education*	
					Financial Literacy Curriculum by DFS*	
					Florida Real ID* (Driver's/Learner's License ID applies)	
					Health Care Surrogate Designation or Power of Attorney*	
					Independent Living Programs*	
					Letter providing dates that the child is under jurisdiction of the court*	
					Letter stating that the child is in compliance with the financial aid documentation requirements*	
					Master Trust Account* (if applicable)	

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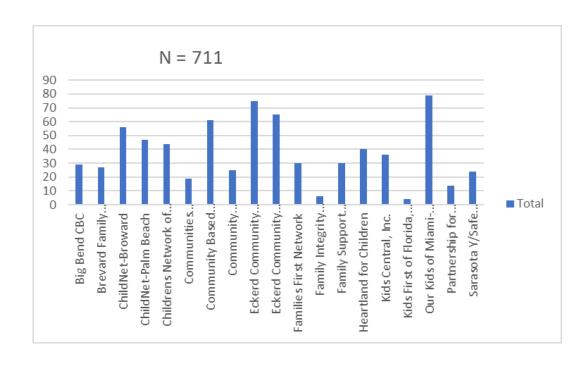
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http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/Forms.shtml



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Forms				
Notice of Discharge from Extended Foster Care				
Notice of Denial for Readmission into Extended Foster Care				
Extended Foster Care Agreement				
Extended Foster Care Voluntary Placement Agreement				
My Decision to Leave Extended Foster Care				
Shared Living Plan				
Supervised Living Arrangement Assessment				
My Pathway to Success Plan				



Row Labels	₩	Count of Person ID
Big Bend CBC		29
Brevard Family Partnership		27
ChildNet-Broward		56
ChildNet-Palm Beach		47
Childrens Network of SW Florida		44
Communities Connected for Kids		19
Community Based Care of Central Fl	a	61
Community Partnership for Children		25
Eckerd Community Alternatives		75
Eckerd Community Hillsborough		65
Families First Network		30
Family Integrity Program		6
Family Support Services of North Fla		30
Heartland for Children		40
Kids Central, Inc.		36
Kids First of Florida, Inc.		4
Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc		79
Partnership for Strong Families		14
Sarasota Y/Safe Children Coalition		24
Grand Total		711

17 YEAR OLD'S IN

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Transition
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Aftercare Services