

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

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**Participant Guide**

Office of Child Welfare

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## 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 sunseting 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.



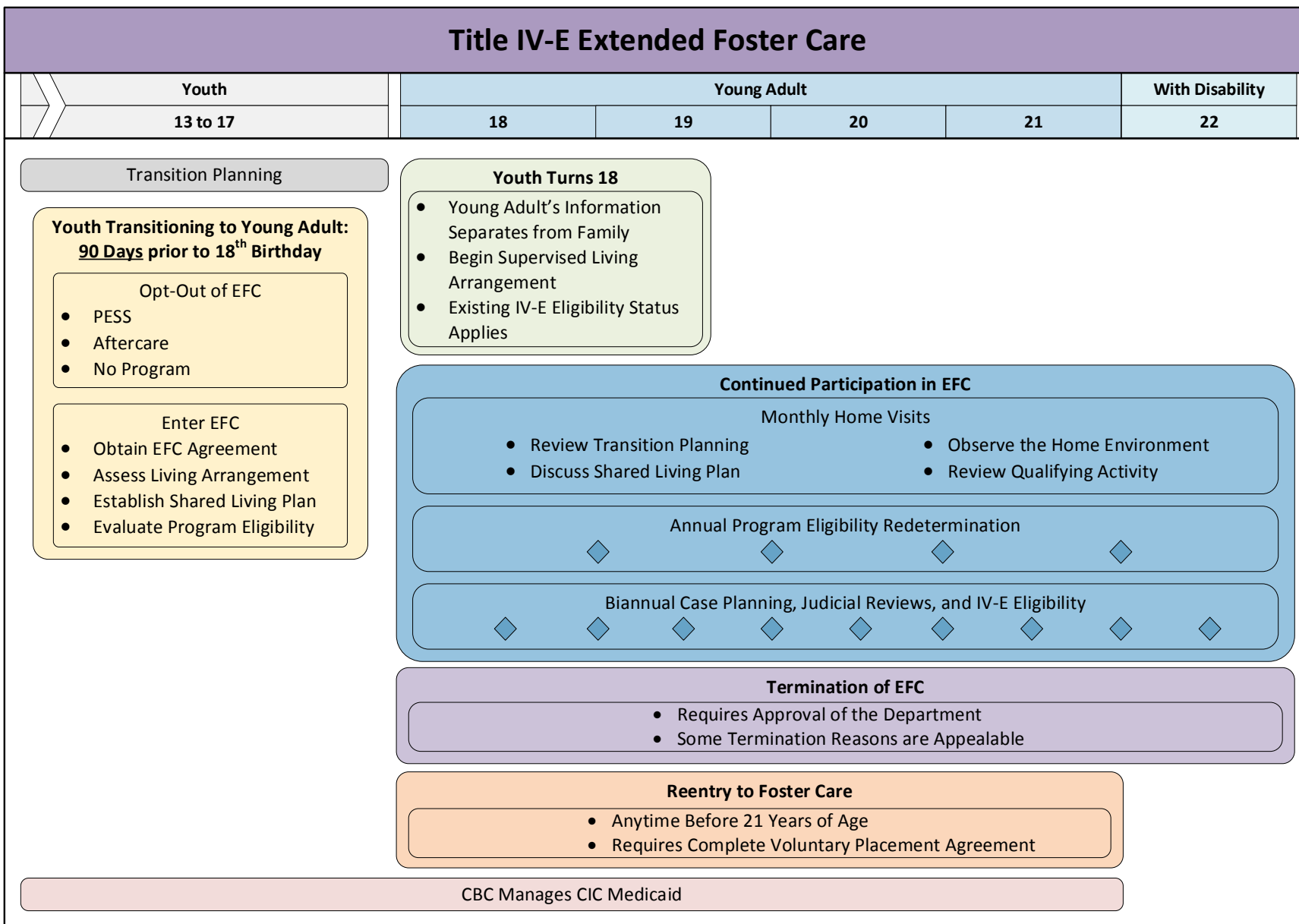
## Implementation Dates

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

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## Workshop Topics

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

**Youth Transitioning to Young Adult:  
90 Days prior to 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Opt-Out of EFC

- PESS
- Aftercare
- No Program

Enter EFC

- Obtain EFC Agreement
- Assess Living Arrangement
- Establish Shared Living Plan
- Evaluate Program Eligibility

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### 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:     Date Last Updated:

Redetermination Reason:     Last Updated By:

Pre-fills with Youth's 18<sup>th</sup> 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? <a href="#">Assets and Employment</a>	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? <a href="#">Medical/Mental Health</a>	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 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

    Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination

### 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.



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## 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”.
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## 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.

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## Youth Turns 18

### Youth Turns 18

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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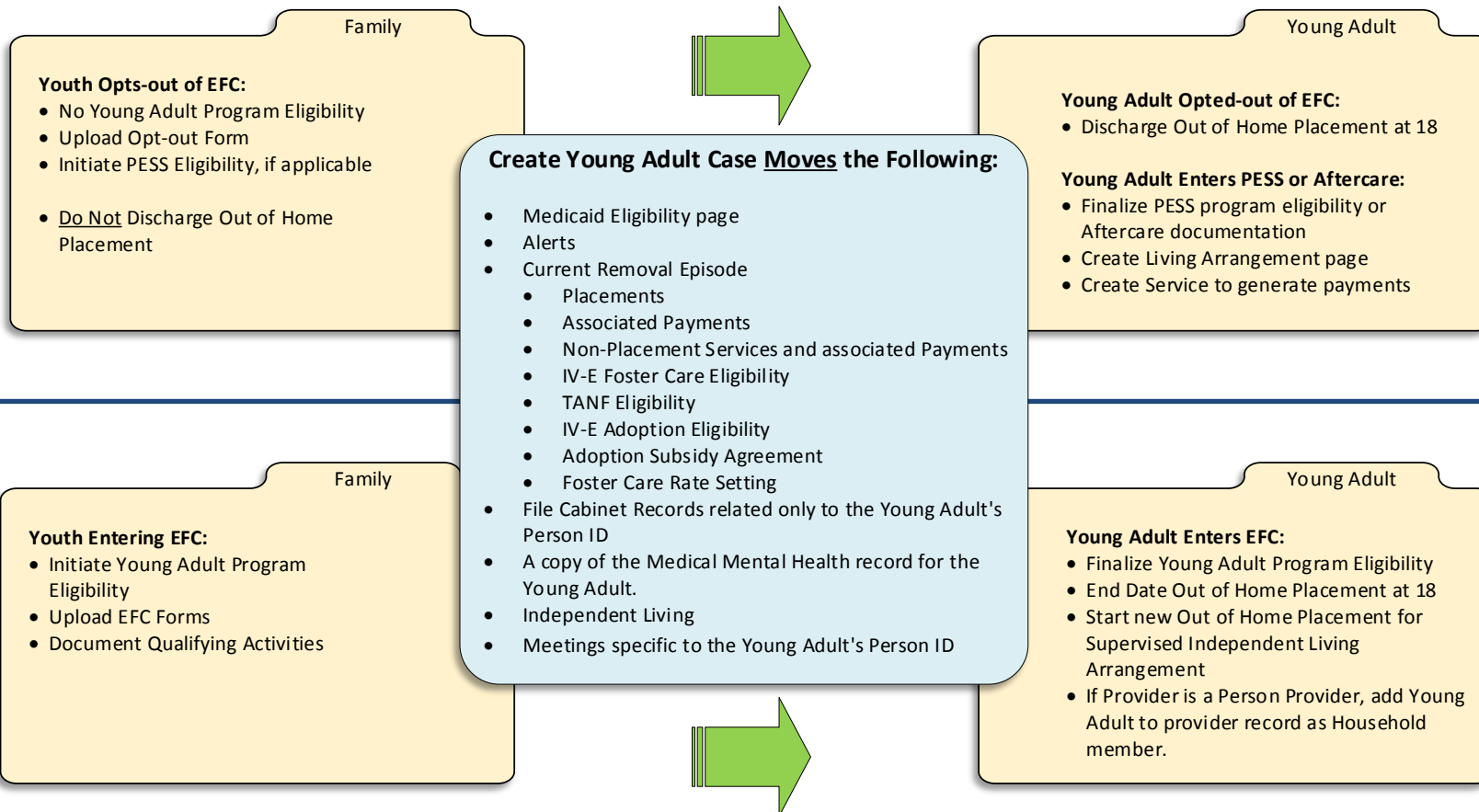
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# Moving from Family Case to Young Adult Case

## 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:  Save Close

Actions:  
 Create Background Checks  
 Submit Case Closure Request  
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 Split Case  
 Create New Case and Finalization  
**Create Young Adult Case**  
 ICPC Parent Checklist  
 ICPC Priority Reg. 7 Checklist

New Option to Create Young Adult Case

Maintain Case Page – 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

Professional/Family Support Network Contacts | Closing History

**Basic**  
 Family Structure: Single Female | County: Leon |  Restricted Case

**Case Participants**

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

Continue Close

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  Save Close

Participants appear based on Role and Age

Maintain Case Page – Create Young Adult Case

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**Case**

Last/Provider: Starnell | CLS Case Name: | Case ID: 900001981 | Status: Open | Unit: FSN 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: | Go | Save | Close

Maintain Case Page – Young Adult Case

- 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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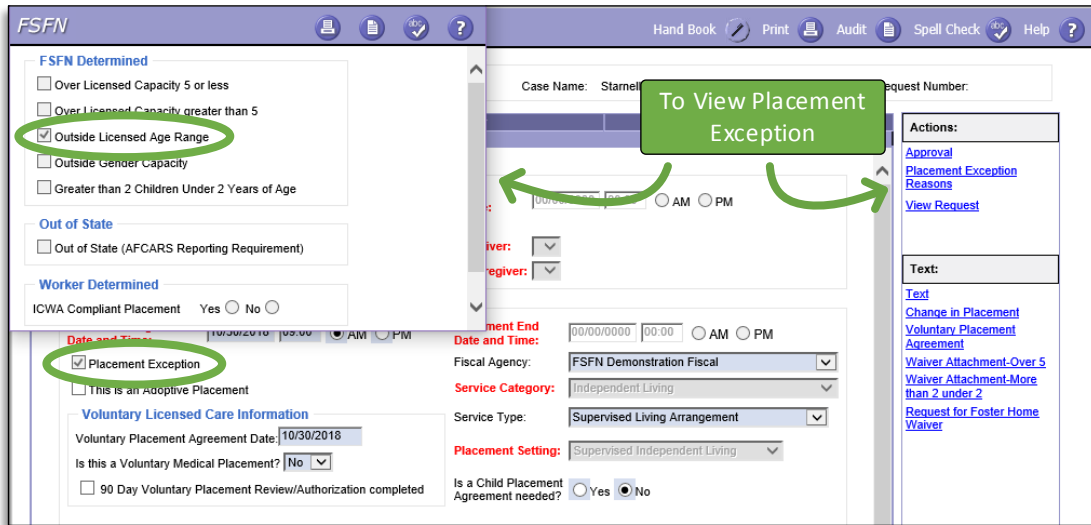
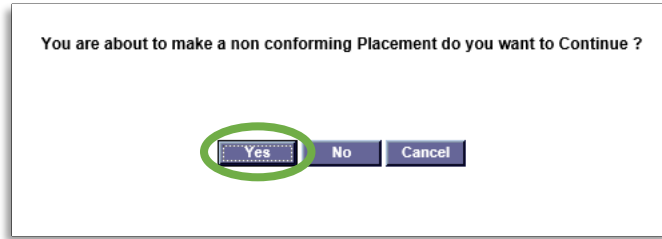
- End Date and Time:** 10/23/2018 09:00 AM
- Ending Purpose:** Placement Change within Removal Epsd
- End Reason:** (Dropdown menu)
- Discharge Reason:** (Dropdown menu)
- Options:** (Dropdown menu) Go

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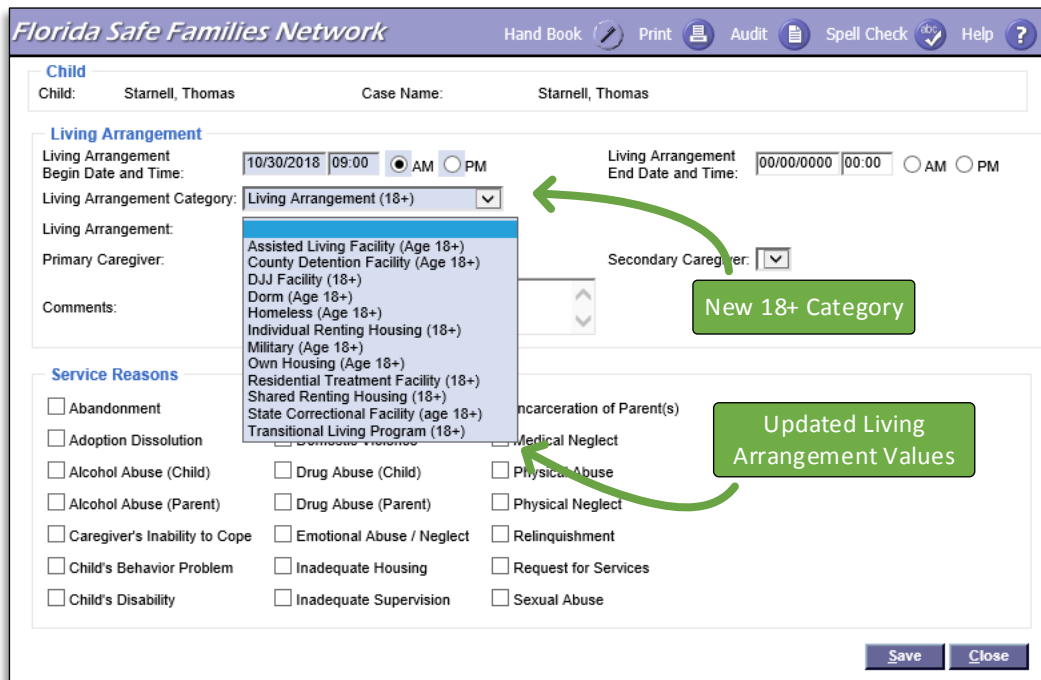
- Change in EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement
- Entering EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement

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### Placement End Reasons

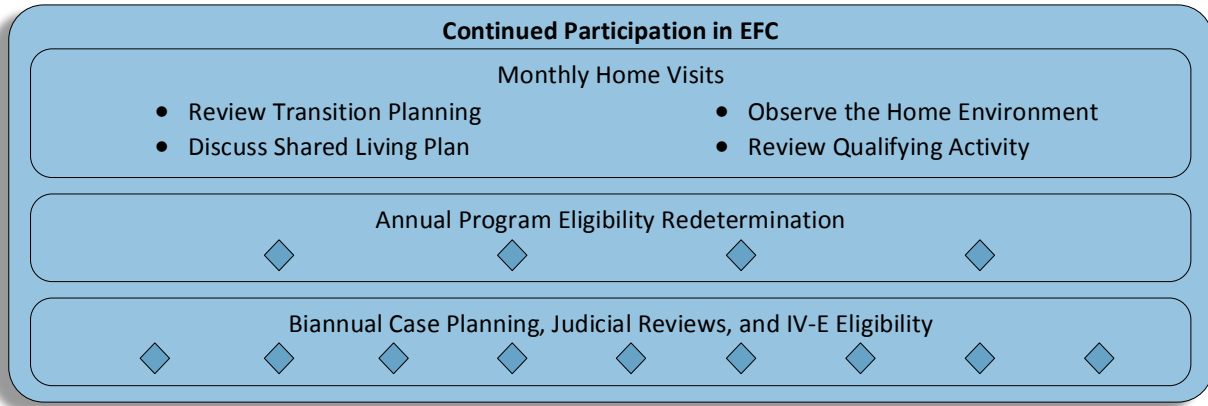


Out of Home Placement – Nonconforming Placement



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 FSFN.
- IV-E eligibility is not re-determined when changing placements.



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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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## 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: 3630781  
 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:   
 Termination Date: 00/00/0000      Last Updated By: Darnell, Kellie

**Young Adult Eligibility** Annual Redeterminations

The questions should be answered as of the effective date, their answer yes to question 8. This allows for presubmission of a redetermination 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? <a href="#">Assets and Employment</a>	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? <a href="#">Medical/Mental Health</a>	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 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

      Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination

### 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



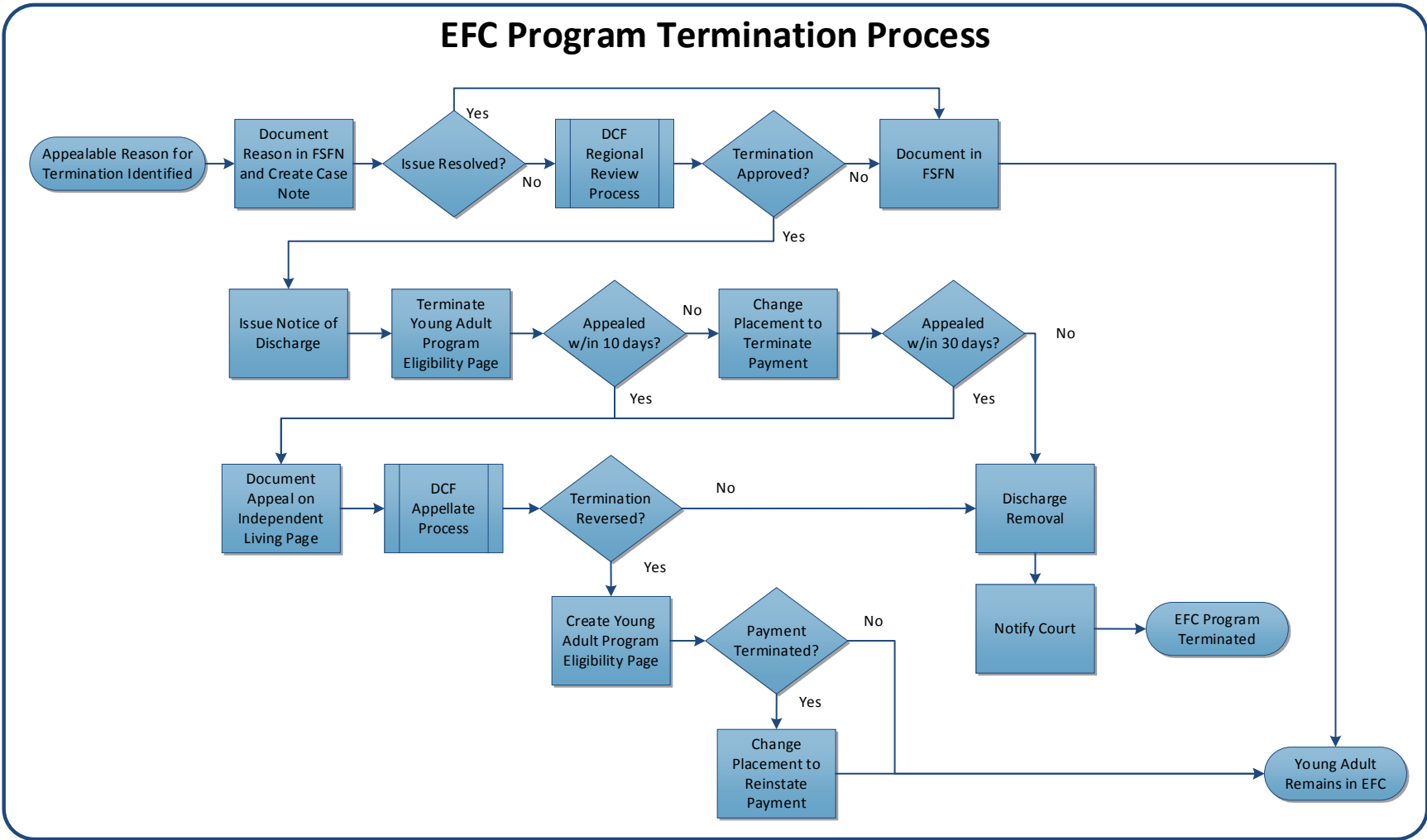
## Termination

- 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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## 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.



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## Placement Discharge in FSFN

- 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

**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:

**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 by Parent(s) or Other Caregiver-Not Parent
- Voluntary Opt Out (EFC only)**
- Young Adult Ages Out (EFC only)**

Placement Discharge Reasons

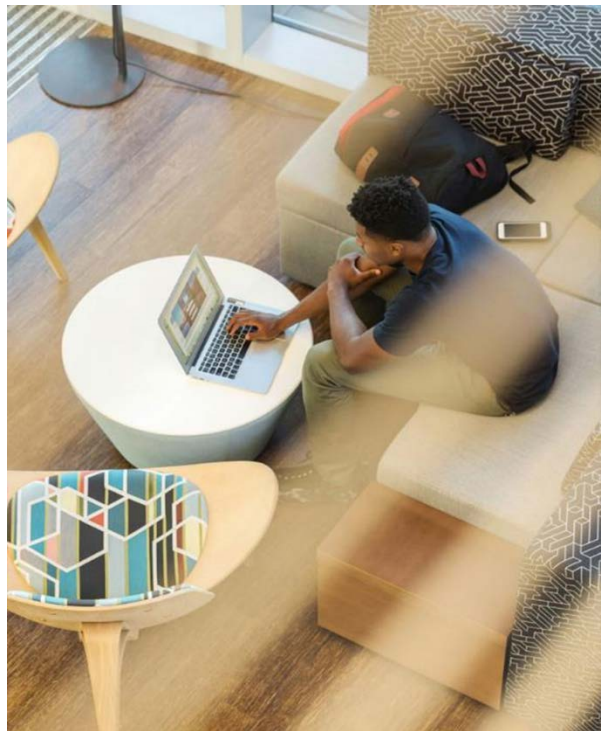
## Re-Entry into Foster Care

### 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)



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## 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.

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## 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

**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: Caregiver Structure:

**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  
 Fiscal Agency: FSFN Demonstration Fiscal  
 Service Category: Independent Living  
 Service Type: Supervised Living Arrangement  
 Placement Setting: Supervised Independent Living  
 Is a Child Placement Agreement needed? Yes No

**Extraordinary Needs - s.409.1676(2a)**  
 needs as described in s. 409.1676(2a)?  
 gross care?

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

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### 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

**System Selected, All Other Values Disabled**

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?

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 Role
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Thomas Starnell</a>	Child

**EFC Indicator**

**Removal Home Information Disabled**

IV-E Eligibility – Basic Tab

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**Eligibility**

Young Adult Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Person ID: 900010340 Eligibility ID: 900000121 Episode End Date: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Basic | **Initial Determination** | Redeterminations

**Eligibility Information**

**Eligibility Determination:**  
 Eligible and Reimbursable  Ineligible Effective From: 10/30/2018  
 Eligible, Not Reimbursable  Pending Entry Date: 00/00/0000  
 Determination Complete  Determination Voided Date Completed: 00/00/0000  
 Determination N/A Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 [Link EFC Program Eligibility](#)

**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

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

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[Assignment](#)

[Eligibility](#)

[Title IV-E Eligibility Determination 02/14/2017 Starnell, Thomas](#)

[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.



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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
    - Immediately entered into EFC when he/she turned 18.
    - Since the 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

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## Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS) Program

### Extension of Maintenance Adoption Subsidy (EMAS) Program

- 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](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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