



# **Oops, I missed it! Title IV-E Extended Foster Care Eligibility**



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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, Title IV-E funding is preferred.

# 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

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

# Definitions

## Regarding s. 39.6251, F.S.:

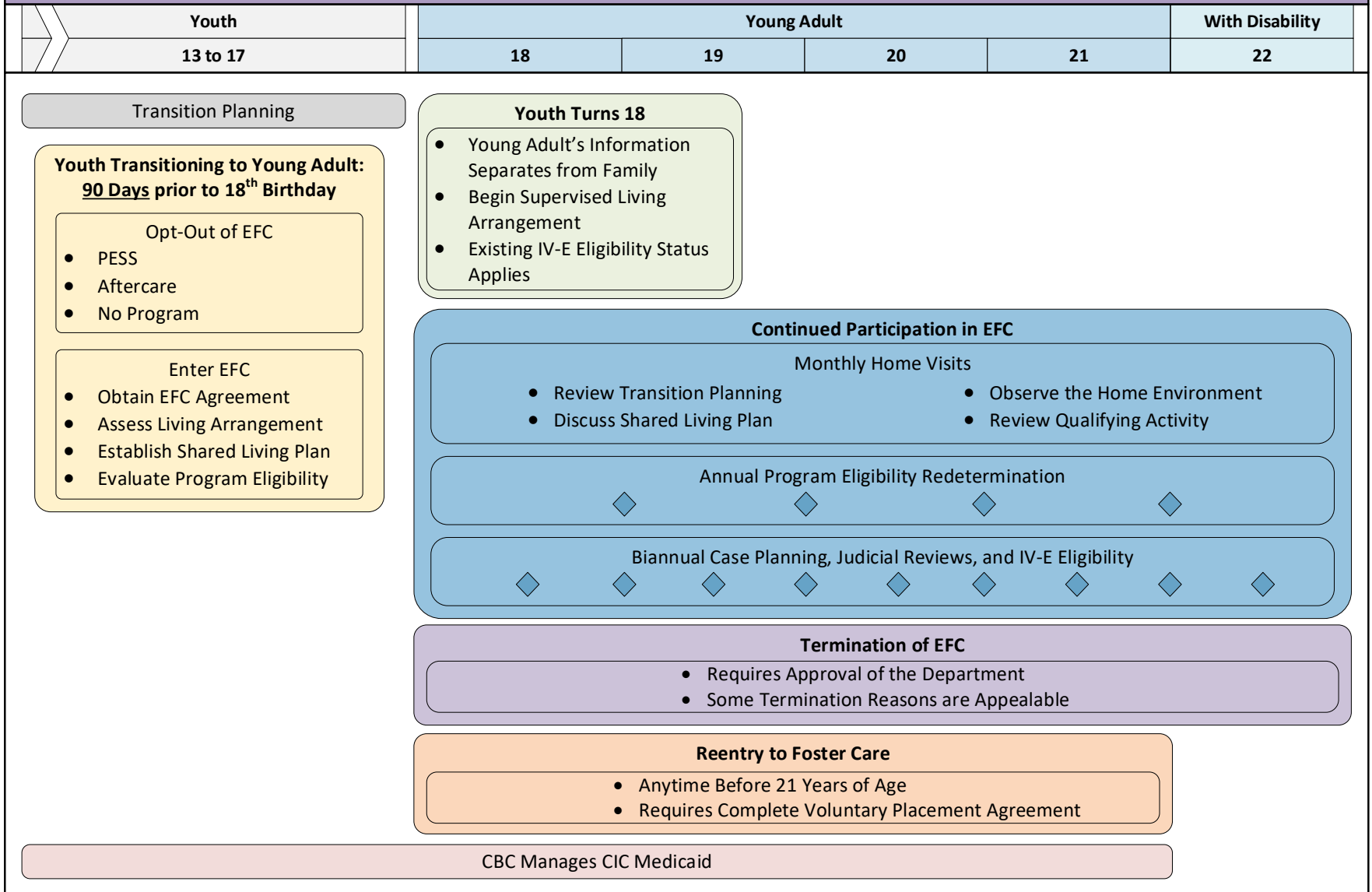
- **Child:** An individual who has not attained 21 years of age.
- **Youth:** Children 13-17 years of age under the Department's protective supervision.
- **Young Adult:** An individual who has attained 18 years of age, but who has not attained 21 years of age.

# Implementation Dates

- FSFN functionality went live on January 4, 2019...



## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care







# **Youth Transitioning to Young Adult: 90 Days Prior to 18th Birthday**



## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care

Youth 13 to 17	Young Adult				With Disability
	18	19	20	21	22

### Transition Planning

#### 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

### Youth Turns 18

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

### Continued Participation in EFC

#### Monthly Home Visits

- Review Transition Planning
- Discuss Shared Living Plan
- Observe the Home Environment
- Review Qualifying Activity

#### Annual Program Eligibility Redetermination



#### Biannual Case Planning, Judicial Reviews, and IV-E Eligibility



### Termination of EFC

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

### Reentry to Foster Care

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

CBC Manages CIC Medicaid

# 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.

# 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

# Program Funding

- A Title IV-E eligibility determination must exist for all young adults in the program.
- Youth 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)*.
- *Involuntary placements settings such as correctional, treatment facilities, etc. cannot be considered for approval as a Supervised Living Arrangement type.*

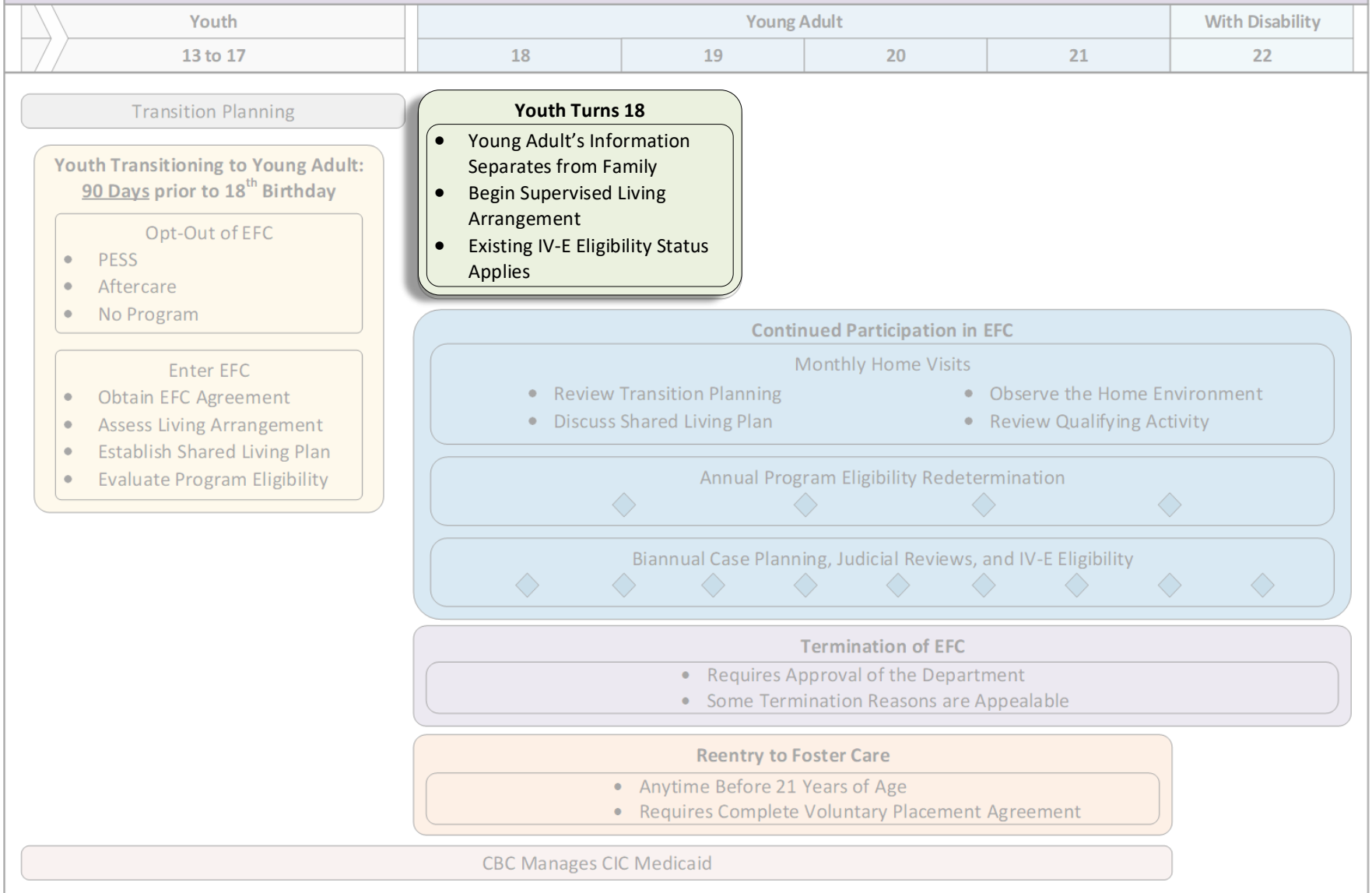


# Youth Turns 18





## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care



# 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.
- CBCs must establish communication protocol for the young adult to contact to make changes.
- CBC's must establish primary assignment for these cases.

# Medicaid

- All youth who turn 18 in the department's custody are eligible for Child-in-Care (CIC) Medicaid until they turn 21 or are no longer eligible for CIC Medicaid.
  - Example: Young adult moves outside of Florida
  - Young adult may have MCFE or MCFN CIC coverage.
- The CBC is responsible for maintaining the FSFN Medicaid page.
  - When young adults need to update their Medicaid information, they will inform the CBC so updates can be made in FSFN.
    - Payee Name
    - Payee Address
    - Residence County

# Affordable Care Act

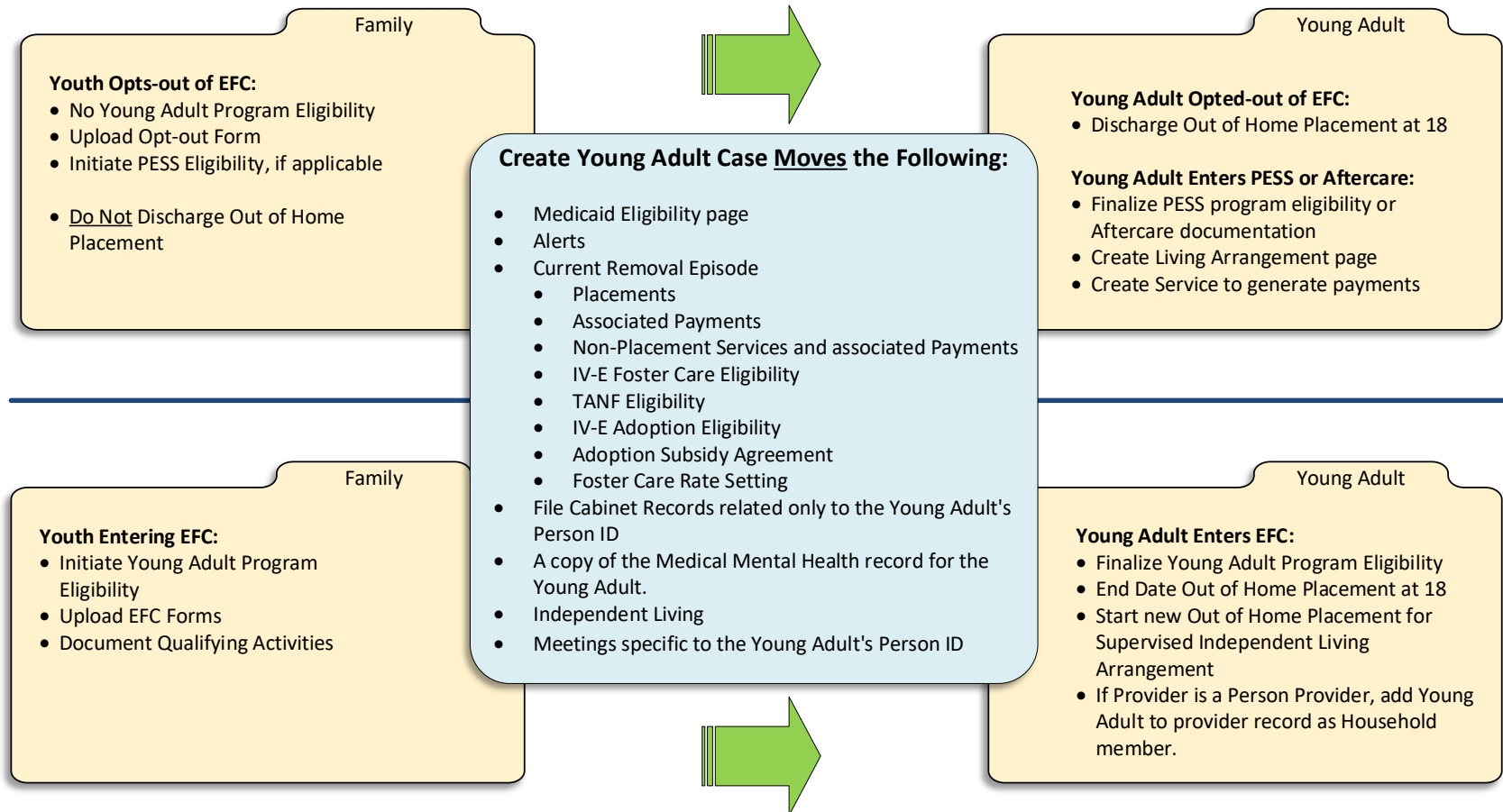
- Once a young adult turns 21, they are eligible for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) if all criteria is met
  - Criteria
    - Under 26 years of age
    - Not eligible for Medicaid under another coverage group
    - Was in out of home care under the placement and care responsibility of the state on the date of attaining 18 years of age
    - Enrolled in Medicaid when discharged from foster care
- CIC Medicaid closure is sent via FSFN.
- Young adults must apply for coverage through Economic Self Sufficiency (ESS).

# Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid

- If young adults receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they are not eligible to receive CIC Medicaid.
- If young adults stop receiving SSI at any point between the ages of 18 and 21, the CBC should 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



Case

Last/Provider:  CLS Case Name:  Case ID: 3627301 Status: Open Unit: FSN Demonstration Unit  
 First:  Middle Name:  Open Date: 02/14/2016 Program Code: Child

Participants Relationships Address Professional/Family Support Network Contacts Closing History

Basic

Case Type:  Family Structure:  County:  ☐ Restricted Case

Participants

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

Insert

Options:

- Actions
- Create Background Checks
- Submit Case Closure Request
- Delink Intake
- 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

**Create Young Adult Case Participant Selection -- Webpage Dialog**

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**Case Participants**

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

Continue Close

al/Family Support Network Contacts Closing History

le Female ☐ County: Leon ☐ Restricted Case

Ethnicity	Legal				
Unable To Determine	None	<a href="#">Milestones</a>	<a href="#">DeActivate</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>	
German	None	<a href="#">Milestones</a>	<a href="#">DeActivate</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>	
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Eastern European	None	<a href="#">Milestones</a>	<a href="#">DeActivate</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>	
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	None	<a href="#">Milestones</a>	<a href="#">ReActivate</a>	<a href="#">Remove</a>	

Participant Name	Role	Status	Gender	Service	DOB	Age
<a href="#">Starnell, Thomas</a>	N	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	10/30/2000	18
<a href="#">Starnell, Wesley</a>	Y	Active	Male	Child Receiving Services	04/12/2008	10
<a href="#">Visitor, Victor</a>	U	InActive	Male		09/09/1977	41

Participants appear based on Role and Age

Options: Create Young Adult Case Go Save Close

## Maintain Case Page – Create Young Adult Case

Case

Last/Provider:  CLS Case Name:  Case ID: 900001981 Status: Open Unit: FSFN Demonstration Unit  
 First:  Middle Name:  Open Date: 10/30/2018 Program Code: Child

Participants Relationships Address Professional/Family Support Network Contacts Closing History

Basic

Case Type:  Family Structure:  County:  ☐ Restricted Case

Participants

Name	Hsld	Status	Gender	Service Role	DOB	Age	Ethnicity	Legal				
<a href="#">Starnell, Thomas</a>	N	Active	Male	<input type="text" value="Child Receiving Services"/>	10/30/2000	18	Eastern European	None	<a href="#">Milestones</a>	<a href="#">Delete</a>		

Select Case Type

Select County


Insert


Options:










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.
  - Guidance provided for Service Types and Reporting Categories by Memo on 12/11/18 (<http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/DCFPolicyMemo.shtml>).
  - Reporting Category = Extended Foster Care
- 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:**

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

**Discharge Reason:**

☐ Override

Options:  Go

**Change within EFC**

**Entry into EFC**

- Abducted
- Absconded
- Adoption Disruption
- Adoption Placement
- Change in EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement**
- Child in Correctional Facility w/Alternate
- Child Requested Change
- Duplicate
- Entering EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement**
- Hospitalization (more than 30 days)
- 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 ?

Yes

No

Cancel

**FSFN**

**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:** 10/30/2018 09:00 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

Case Name: Starnell Request Number:

**To View Placement Exception**

**Actions:**

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

**Text:**

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

**Placement End Date and Time:** 00/00/0000 00:00 AM ☐ PM

**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 ☒

Out of Home Placement – Nonconforming Placement



Child

Child: Starnell, Thomas

Case Name:

Starnell, Thomas

Living Arrangement

Living Arrangement  
Begin Date and Time:

10/30/2018

09:00



AM



PM

Living Arrangement  
End Date and Time:

00/00/0000

00:00



AM



PM

Living Arrangement Category:

Living Arrangement (18+) ▼

Living Arrangement:

Primary Caregiver:

Secondary Caregiver: ▼

Comments:

- Assisted Living Facility (Age 18+)
- County Detention Facility (Age 18+)
- DJJ Facility (18+)
- Dorm (Age 18+)
- Homeless (Age 18+)
- Individual Renting Housing (18+)
- Military (Age 18+)
- Own Housing (Age 18+)
- Residential Treatment Facility (18+)
- Shared Renting Housing (18+)
- State Correctional Facility (age 18+)
- Transitional Living Program (18+)

New 18+ Category

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

- ☐ Incarceration of Parent(s)
- ☐ Medical Neglect
- ☐ Physical Abuse
- ☐ Physical Neglect
- ☐ Relinquishment
- ☐ Request for Services
- ☐ Sexual Abuse

Updated Living  
Arrangement Values

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Living Arrangement Page

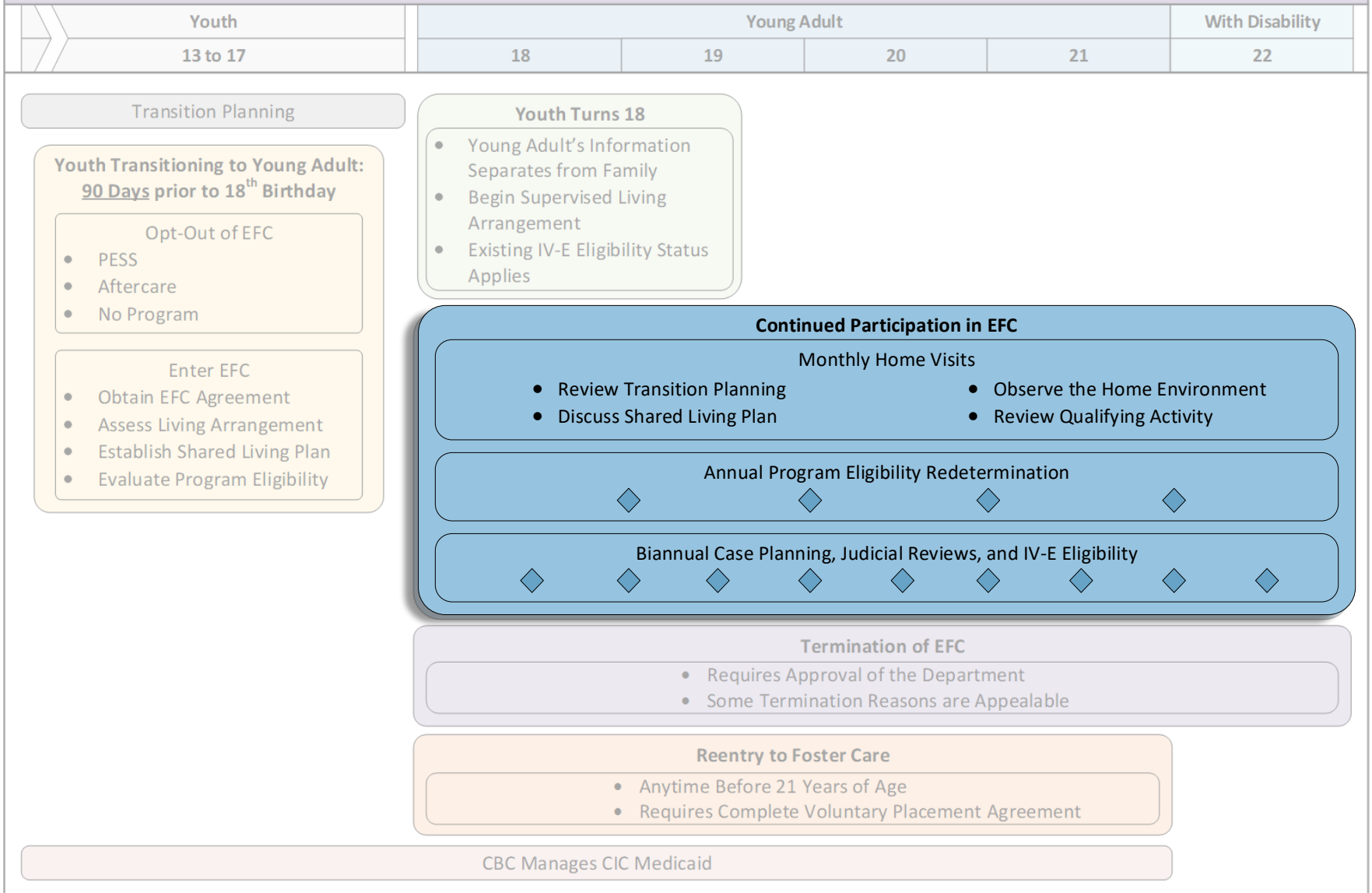




# **Continued Program Eligibility**



## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care



# Ongoing IV-E Eligibility Requirements

- For young adults who were determined to be IV-E eligible as a child, the same ongoing Title IV-E eligibility requirements apply for court-ordered removals.
  - Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency Plan
  - Placement and Care Responsibility
  - Reimbursable Placement
- FSFN questions change, once effective date entered, to reference young adult. FSFN compares effective date to DOB.

# Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency Plan

- To maintain IV-E Reimbursable status, a judicial finding that Reasonable Efforts to Finalize the Permanency Plan (REFPP) were made every twelve months is required.
- 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 FSN.

# Placement and Care Responsibility

- If the young adult remains in foster care continuously through a court ordered removal, the new court order template indicates the Department with placement and care responsibility.
- There will never be an occurrence of the Department not having Placement and Care responsibility.
- Question does not exist on IV-E Redetermination tab.

# 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 placements are considered a supervised living arrangement and are Title IV-E reimbursable.
- All placement changes must be documented in FSFN.
- IV-E eligibility is not re-determined when changing placements.



# Maximizing Title IV-E

- For young adults who were determined IV-E Ineligible as a to their removal as a child, the following actions should occur:
  - IL Specialist will consult young during Transition Planning and ongoing conversations with young adult regarding attendance at judicial review hearing
  - At the first judicial hearing post 18 years of age, CLS to request the court to discharge the removal episode
  - Young adult and department representative execute Voluntary Placement Agreement
  - Out of home placement discharged and new episode created (same date)
  - Eligibility staff complete Title IV-E eligibility based upon VPA entry



# 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

# 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.

# 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.

Basic

Initial Determination

Redeterminations

	Eligibility Determination	Effective From	Entry Date	Completed?	Date Completed	Status Change
<input type="radio"/>	Pending	00/00/0000	00/00/0000		00/00/0000	<a href="#">Edit</a>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Eligible and Reimbursable	12/11/2018	12/12/2018	Yes	12/12/2018	<a href="#">View</a>

Question 1

Is the Young Adult under the age of 21? If No, ineligible.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question 3

Is there a court order containing a finding that reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan (REFPP) within the first 12 months from the young adult's removal and every 12 months from the Latest REFPP finding? If No, Eligible, Not Reimbursable.

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

[Judicial Review/ Social Study/ Permanency/ Order](#)

Question 4

During any month of the redetermination period, was the Young Adult receiving SSI? If Yes, Not Reimbursable during those months.

☐ Yes ☒ No

SSI Begin Date: 00/00/0000

SSI Termination Date: 00/00/0000

Question 7

From	To	Placement Name	Reimbursable	Licensed	Licensed Effective	Licensed End	Service Type
12/10/2018			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			SIL - Placement

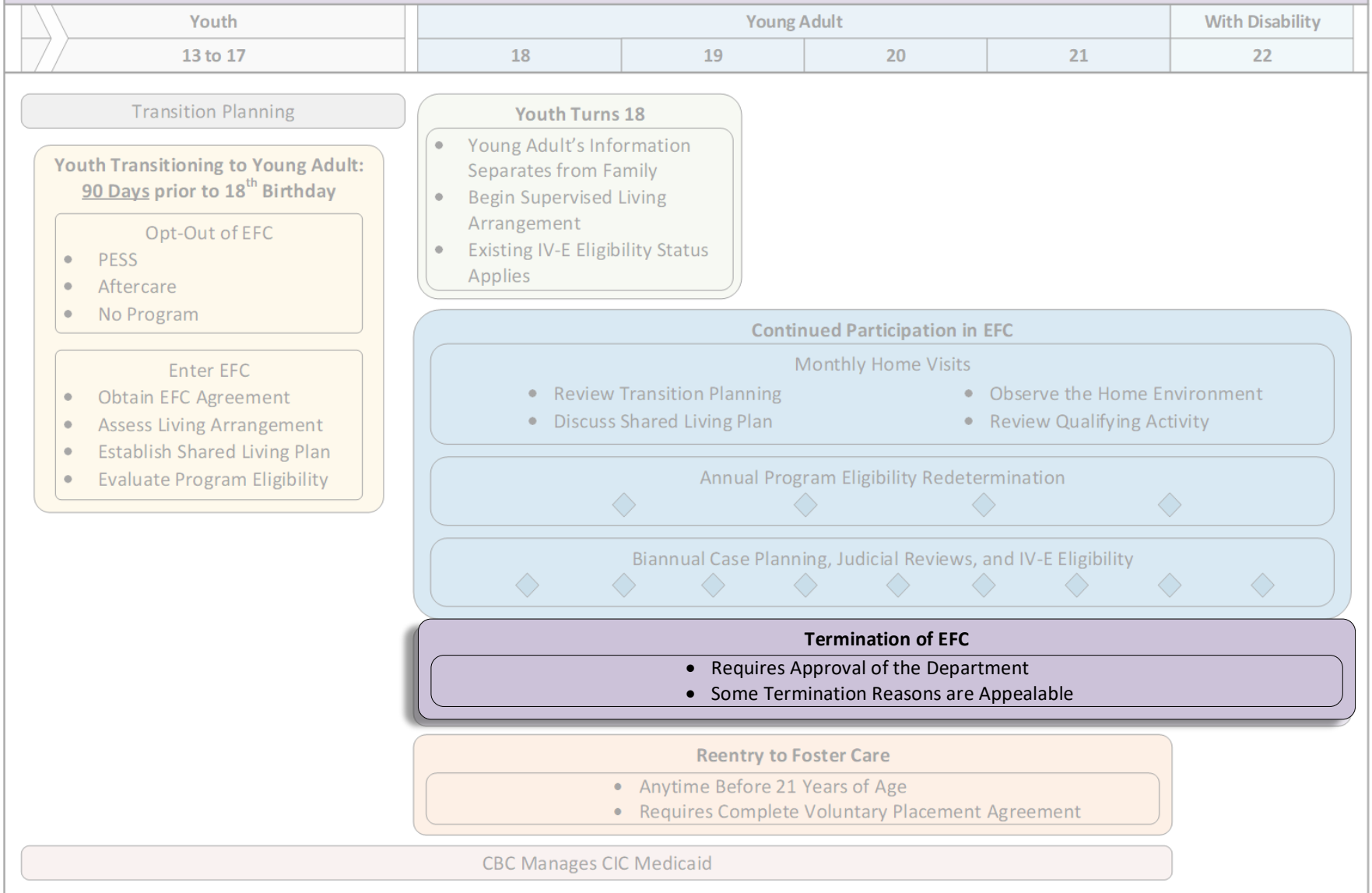
Title IV-E Eligibility Redetermination



# Termination of EFC



## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care





# 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

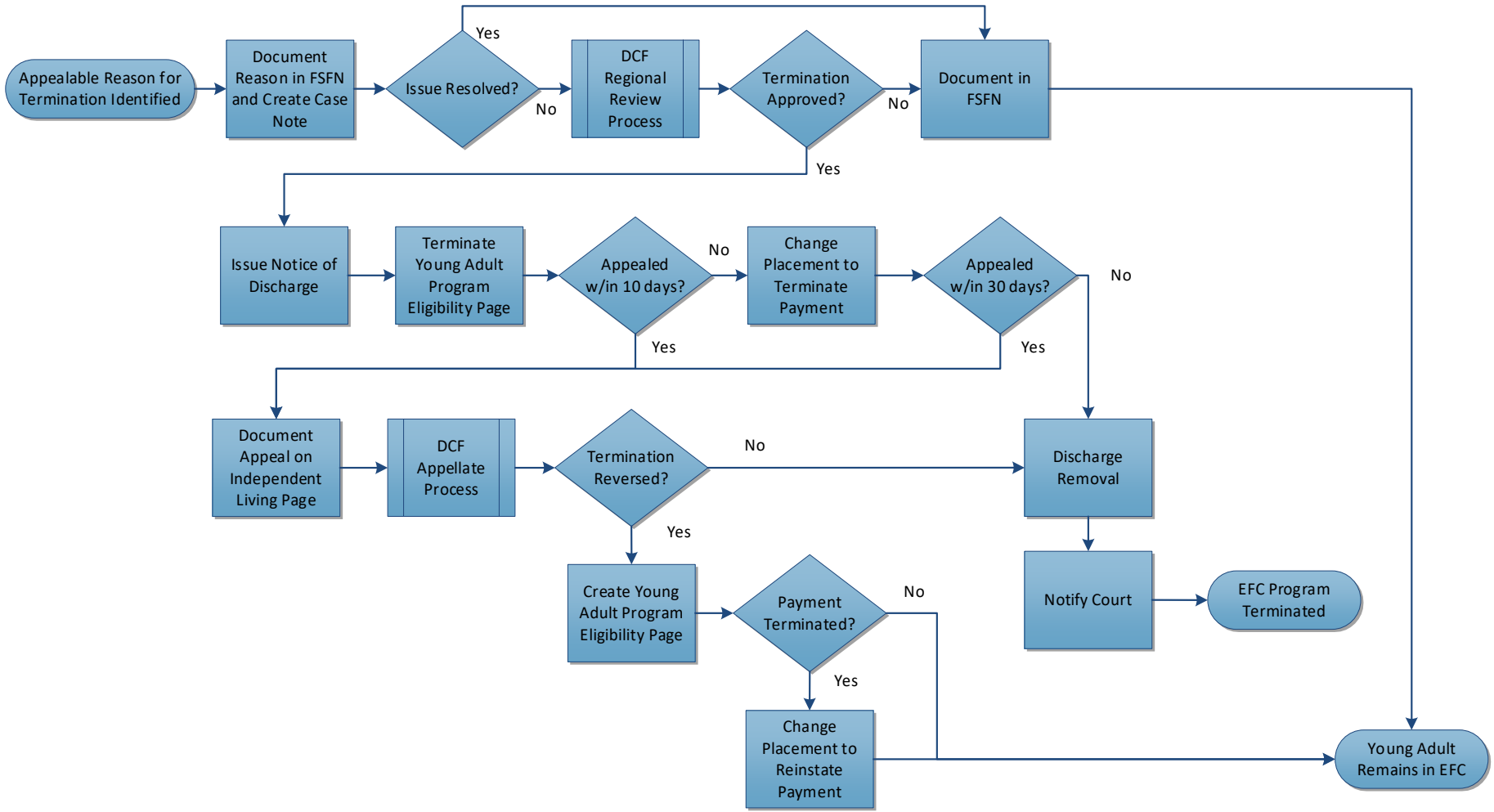




# Termination

- 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 calendar days from the date of receipt of this document to request a fair hearing.
- If they request a hearing within 10 business days, payment will continue pending the result of the hearing.
- If they do not request a hearing within 10 days, the payment will end, but the removal episode is not discharged pending the result of the hearing.

## EFC Program Termination Process



# Choosing to Leave EFC

- If young adults decide 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 FSFN

- Young Adult Ages Out
- Young Adult Opts Out
- No Longer EFC Eligible
- Marriage (when resulting in Permanency)
- Death of Child

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:

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  
Rescinded with Parent/Minor Guardian-Not Parent  
Voluntary Opt Out (EFC only)  
Young Adult Ages Out (EFC only)

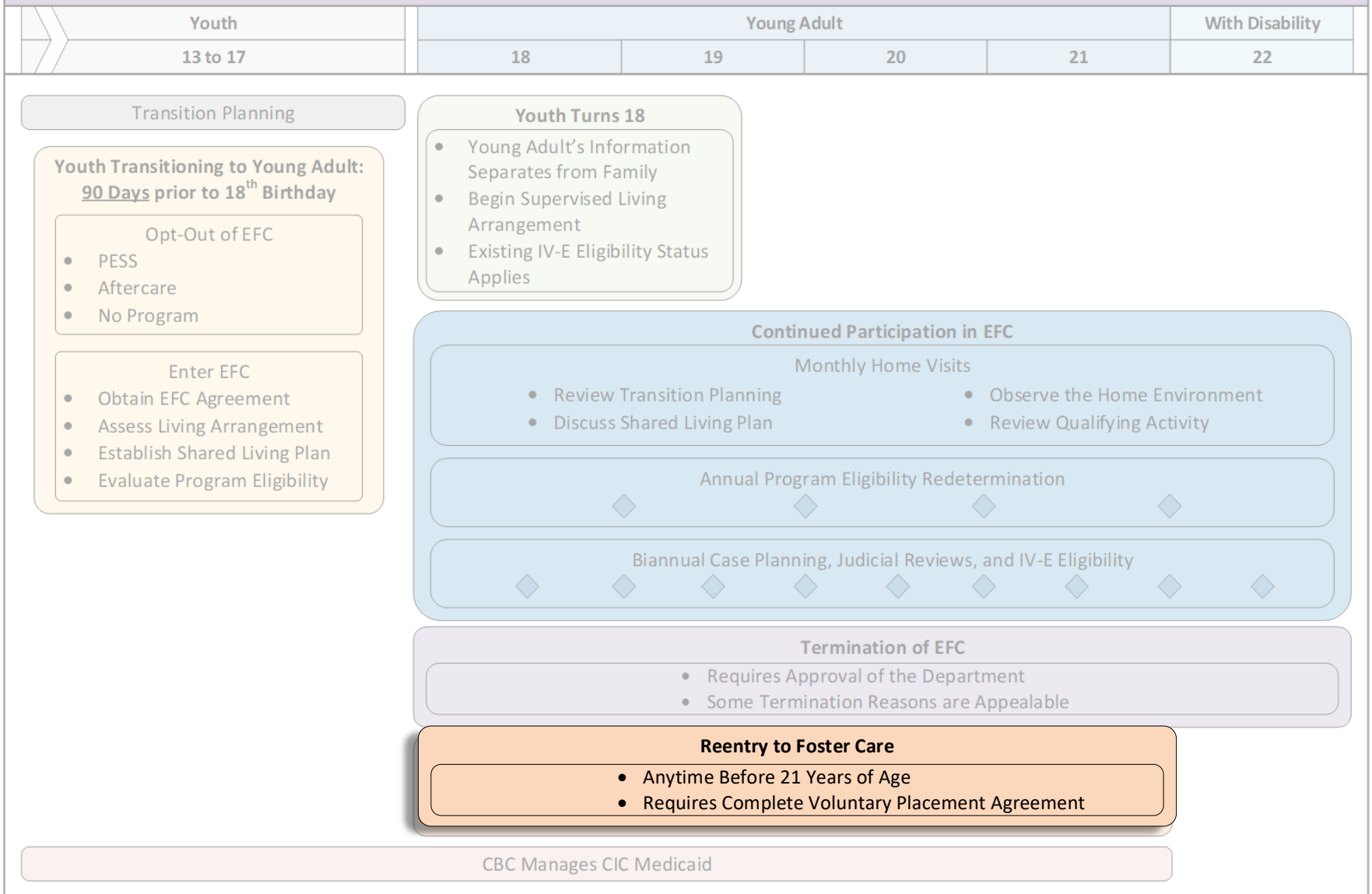
## Placement Discharge Reasons



# **Re-Entry into Foster Care**



## Title IV-E Extended Foster Care





# Re-Entry Process

- Young adults may re-enter foster care any time before their 21<sup>st</sup> 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 EFC, the Child Welfare Professional must ensure the young adult meets all eligibility requirements by:
  - Verifying the 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:
  - EFC Program Eligible
- AND
- Age (must be under 21)
  - Placement and Care Responsibility
  - Best Interest judicial finding (within 180 days)
  - AFDC: Technical and Financial
  - Reimbursable placement

# How to Determine Title IV-E Eligibility, cont.

- Placement in care responsibility
  - Obtained in VPA – Not captured as a separate criteria
  - There will never be an occurrence of the Department not having Placement and Care
- 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

# How to Determine Title IV-E Eligibility, cont.

- AFDC Technical
  - Young Adult is their own Specific Relative for Removal Home
  - Deprivation: same reasons apply
- AFDC Financial
  - If SSI recipient, excluded and SFU = 0
  - SFU = 1 (**young adult only**)

# 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).



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 Removal End Date And Time: 00/00/00 00:00 AM PM

Initial Removal Reasons

Manner of Removal: Voluntary

Primary Caregiver:

Caregiver Structure:

Secondary Caregiver:

Pre-filled and Disabled

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

Fiscal Agency: FSN Demonstration Fiscal

Service Category: Independent Living

Service Type: Supervised Living Arrangement

Placement Setting: Supervised Independent Living

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

Is a Child Placement Agreement needed? Yes No

Extraordinary Needs - s.409.1676(2a)

Voluntary Placement Agreement Information

[Approval](#)  
[Placement Exception Reasons](#)

[Request](#)

Text:

[Text](#)  
[Change in Placement](#)  
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[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

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Death of Parent(s)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration of Parent(s)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Dissolution                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Trafficking                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse (Child)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse (Child)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Neglect                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse (Parent)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse (Parent)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caretaker's Inability to Cope                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Abuse/Neglect             | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Neglect                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Behavior Problem                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extended Foster Care 18+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Relinquishment                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Disability                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Housing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Child (CSEC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Supervision              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse-Sexual Exploitation |

Continue

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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? 

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D: 900001981)

Request Number:

## Financial

## Actions:

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

## Text:

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

## Removal from Home Reasons

**Florida Safe Families Network**

Hand Book Print Audit Spell Check Help

**Eligibility**

Young Adult Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Person ID: 900010340 Eligibility ID: 900000121 Episode End: 10/00/0000

Case Name: [Starnell, Thomas](#) Case ID: 900001981 IV-E Rmvl Dt: 10/30/2018

Do not refer to Child Support Enforcement: ☐ Reason:

**Eligibility: Extended Foster Care (EFC)**

**Actions:**

[Refer/Return to Supervisor](#)

[Eligibility Referral History](#)

**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

**Removal Home Information Disabled**

**Save Close**

## IV-E Eligibility – Basic Tab

Florida Safe Families Network
Hand Book
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Audit
Spell Check
Help

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:

Basic
Initial Determination
Redeterminations

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Determination:

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

☐ Determination Complete
☐ Determination Voided

☐ Determination N/A

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

Question 2B:

Is the Young Adult a U.S. citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen? If Yes, go to Question 5A. If No, ineligible.

☐ Yes, US Citizen
☐ Yes, Qualified Non-Citizen
☐ Non-Citizen Ineligible

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

Actions:

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

Text:

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## IV-E Eligibility – Initial Determination

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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:

Pre-fills with Youth's  
18<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Date Last Updated:

Last Updated By:

### 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/> No

System Derived  
Answers


Determine EFC Eligibility

☐ Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination


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## Young Adult Program Eligibility Page


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


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## Outliner – IV-E Eligibility



# **Implementation Considerations for Current EFC Population**





# Young Adults in EFC Prior to January 4, 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).

# 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) (EF-T)

# 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)(EF-NT)

# 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#  
Howdoli](http://centerforchildwelfare.fmhi.usf.edu/FSFNAll.shtml#Howdoli)

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