

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

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

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...



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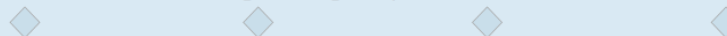
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Preparing Youth Who are Turning 18

- 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.

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.*



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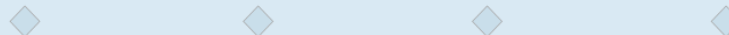
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Creating a New Young Adult Case

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

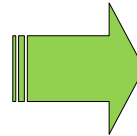
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Family

Youth Opt-out of EFC:

- No Young Adult Program Eligibility
- Upload Opt-out Form
- Initiate PESS Eligibility, if applicable

- Do Not Discharge Out of Home Placement



Young Adult

Young Adult Opted-out of EFC:

- Discharge Out of Home Placement at 18

Young Adult Enters PESS or Aftercare:

- Finalize PESS program eligibility or Aftercare documentation
- Create Living Arrangement page
- Create Service to generate payments

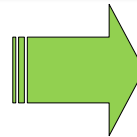
Create Young Adult Case Moves the Following:

- Medicaid Eligibility page
- Alerts
- Current Removal Episode
 - Placements
 - Associated Payments
 - Non-Placement Services and associated Payments
 - IV-E Foster Care Eligibility
 - TANF Eligibility
 - IV-E Adoption Eligibility
 - Adoption Subsidy Agreement
 - Foster Care Rate Setting
- File Cabinet Records related only to the Young Adult's Person ID
- A copy of the Medical Mental Health record for the Young Adult.
- Independent Living
- Meetings specific to the Young Adult's Person ID

Family

Youth Entering EFC:

- Initiate Young Adult Program Eligibility
- Upload EFC Forms
- Document Qualifying Activities



Young Adult

Young Adult Enters EFC:

- Finalize Young Adult Program Eligibility
- End Date Out of Home Placement at 18
- Start new Out of Home Placement for Supervised Independent Living Arrangement
- If Provider is a Person Provider, add Young Adult to provider record as Household member.

Youth Entering 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 | Hsid | 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 |

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



Save Close

Maintain Case Page – Create Young Adult Case

Florida Safe Families Network

Hand Book Print Audit Spell Check Help

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

FSFN Print Audit Spell Check Help

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

Female County: Leon Restricted Case

| Ethnicity | Legal | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------------|------------|--------|
| Unable To Determine | None | Milestones | DeActivate | Remove |
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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: FSN Demonstration Unit

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

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

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| Starnell, Thomas | N | Active | Male | <input type="text" value="Child Receiving Services"/> | 10/30/2000 | 18 | Eastern European | None | Milestones | Delete | |

Select Case Type

Select County

Options:

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
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- 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.

End Date and Time:

10/23/2018 09:00 AM

Ending Purpose:

Placement Change within Removal Epsd

End Reason:

Change within EFC

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

Discharge Reason:

Override

- Abducted
- Absconded
- Adoption Disruption
- Change in EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement
- Child in Correctional Facility w/Alternate
- Child Requested Change
- Duplicate
- Entry into EFC Supervised IL Arrangement/Placement
- Incarceration/Detention
- Incapacitation (more than 90 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

Options: [dropdown] Go

Entry into EFC

Placement End Reasons

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

A screenshot of the FSFN software interface. The interface is divided into several sections. On the left, there are three sections: 'FSFN Determined' with checkboxes for 'Over Licensed Capacity 5 or less', 'Over Licensed Capacity greater than 5', 'Outside Licensed Age Range' (checked and circled in green), 'Outside Gender Capacity', and 'Greater than 2 Children Under 2 Years of Age'; 'Out of State' with a checkbox for 'Out of State (AFCARS Reporting Requirement)'; and 'Worker Determined' with a checkbox for 'ICWA Compliant Placement' and radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. Below these is a 'Date and Time' section with a checked 'Placement Exception' checkbox (circled in green). The main area shows a form for 'Case Name: Starnell' and 'Request Number:'. A green callout box with the text 'To View Placement Exception' has two arrows pointing to the 'Placement Exception' checkbox and the 'View Request' link in the 'Actions' panel on the right. The 'Actions' panel contains links for 'Approval', 'Placement Exception Reasons', 'View Request', 'Text', 'Change in Placement', 'Voluntary Placement Agreement', 'Waiver Attachment-Over 5', 'Waiver Attachment-More than 2 under 2', and 'Request for Foster Home Waiver'. The form also includes fields for 'Placement End Date and Time', 'Fiscal Agency' (FSFN Demonstration Fiscal), 'Service Category' (Independent Living), 'Service Type' (Supervised Living Arrangement), 'Placement Setting' (Supervised Independent Living), and '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

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration of Parent(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Dissolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Abuse / Neglect | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Neglect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse (Child) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse (Parent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Supervision | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Neglect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caregiver's Inability to Cope | | <input type="checkbox"/> Relinquishment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Behavior Problem | | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child's Disability | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse |

Updated Living Arrangement Values

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Living Arrangement Page



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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 FSFN.

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 21st birthday.
- Title IV-E eligibility ends at age 21.
- The out-of-home placement will be discharged at 21 as the young adult no longer meets our definition of child. For those eligible at 22, create a living arrangement and make payments via a service using a specific Reporting Category.
 - Extended Foster Care – Age 22

Children of Young Adults in Extended Foster Care



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

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 | Edit |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Eligible and Reimbursable | 12/11/2018 | 12/12/2018 | Yes | 12/12/2018 | View |

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 | | [Redacted] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | SIL - Placement |

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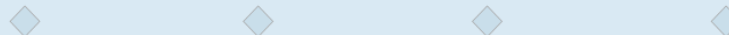
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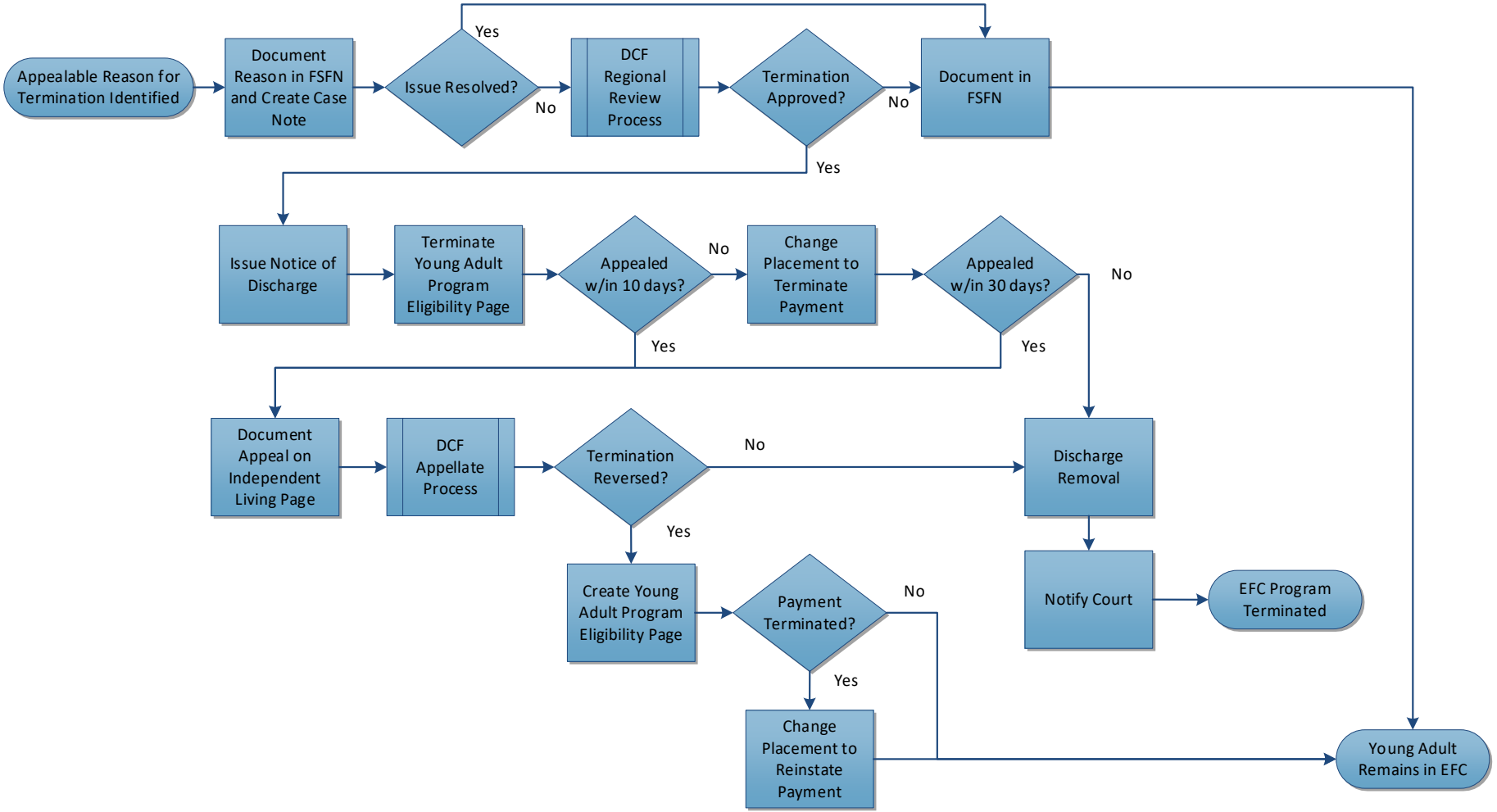
- Termination with Appeal Process:
 - Achieved permanency
 - Aged out
 - Not participating in a qualifying activity
 - Not residing in an approved, supervised living arrangement
- Termination without Appeal Process:
 - Voluntary opt-out
 - Deceased



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

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
- Reunited with Biological Mother, Survivor-Not Parent
- Voluntary Opt Out (EFC only)
- Young Adult Ages Out (EFC only)

Options: [dropdown] Go

Placement Discharge Reasons



Re-Entry into Foster Care



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 18th 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

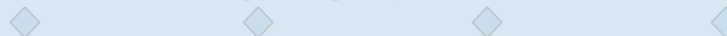
- Young Adult's Information Separates from Family
- Begin Supervised Living Arrangement
- Existing IV-E Eligibility Status Applies

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

Re-Entry Process

- Young adults may re-enter foster care 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 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

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
Placement End Date and Time: 00/00/0000 00:00 AM

Placement Exception
 This is an Adoptive Placement

Fiscal Agency: FSFN 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)

Does the child have extraordinary needs as described in s.409.1676(2a)?

Voluntary Placement Agreement Information

- Approval
- Placement Exception Reasons
- 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

Save Close

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 Close

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?

Save Close

D: 900001981) Request Number:

Financial

PM

AM PM

Living

Actions:

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

Text:

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

Removal from Home Reasons

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
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

EFC Indicator

Demographic Information

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

Voluntary Placement Agreement - Removal from Home Information

Removal from Home was: Court Ordered Voluntary Placement Agreement
Child Removed from home of: Mother Father Both Other
Primary Caregiver: Relationship to Child:

Removal Home Address

Street: Apt:
FL City: City: State: Zip:
County: Home Phone: Work Phone:

Assets & Employment and Deeming

Deeming Group: Deeming Does Not Apply

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

Removal Home Information Disabled

Text:

Save Close

IV-E Eligibility – Basic Tab

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 Eligible, Not Reimbursable Pending Effective From: 10/30/2018
 Determination Complete Determination Voided Entry Date: 00/00/0000
 Determination N/A Reason: Date Completed: 00/00/0000

Question 1:

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

Yes No

Question 2A:

Does the Young Adult meet the EFC program requirements? If No, the Young Adult is Ineligible.

Yes No [Link EFC Program Eligibility](#)

Question 2B:

Is the Young Adult a U.S. citizen or Qualified Non-Citizen? If Yes, go to Question 5A.

Yes, US Citizen Yes, Qualified Non-Citizen No, 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

Save Close

IV-E Eligibility – Initial Determination

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:

Pre-fills with Youth's 18th Birthday

Termination Reason:
 Redetermination Reason:
 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? Assets and Employment | Yes |
| 7. Does the young adult have a clinical disability from a licensed clinical professional that is documented on the young adult's Medical/Mental Health page within this FSFN case? Medical/Mental Health | No |
| 8. Is the young adult unable to participate in any of the activities listed in questions 3-6 full-time due to a documented physical, intellectual, emotional or psychiatric condition? | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input 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

 Check to Finalize EFC Eligibility Determination

Young Adult Program Eligibility Page

 [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
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 Eligibility
  [Title IV-E Eligibility Determination 02/14/2017 Starnell, Thomas](#)
  [Title IV-E Eligibility Determination \(EFC\) 10/30/2018 Starnell, Thomas](#)



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 18th birthday.
 - Immediately entered into EFC when he/she turned 18.
 - Since the 18th birthday, the young adult has never exited and re-entered EFC (no break in service).

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

- **FSFN How Do I Guides and User Guides:**

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

- **Questions:**

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