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<p>The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2019, April). <i>Keeping Kids in Families: Trends in U.S. Foster Care Placement</i>. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://assets.aecf.org/m/re-sourcedoc/aecf-keepingkidsinfamilies-2019.pdf</p>	<p>This publication by the Annie E. Casey Foundation provides data from 50 states regarding the placement of children from 2007 to 2017. The data covers information on why children do better with families versus group placements, how race and age impact placement, and information about Family First.</p>	<p>Link to Annie E. Casey Foundation - https://www.aecf.org/</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/1.-Keeping-Kids-in-Families.-Trends-in-U.S.-Foster-Care-Placement.-new.pdf</p>
<p>Courtney, M. E., Hook, J. L., & Lee, J. S. (2010). Chapin Hall issue brief: Distinct Subgroups of Former Foster Youth During Young Adulthood: Implications for Policy and Practice. Chicago: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.725.30&rep=rep1&type=pdf</p>	<p>This article uses research to identify four distinct subgroups of former foster youth: accelerated adults (those most likely to have made key transitions), struggling parents (those dominated by parenting responsibilities), emerging adults (those delaying some transition markers while generally avoiding hardship), and troubled or troubling adults (those exhibiting a wide range of psychosocial problems and posing challenges to the broader community).</p> <p>The article takes the position that the respective characteristics and needs of these subgroups call for nuanced approaches and distinct sets of services while the youth are making the transition to adulthood. It further discusses these distinct sets of services in relation to the benefits provided by the Fostering Connections Act.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2.-Chapin-Hall-Issue-Brief..pdf</p>

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<p>Frey, L.L., Greenblatt, S.B., & Brown, J. (2005). A Call to Action: An Integrated Approach to Youth Permanency and Preparation for Adulthood. New Haven: Casey Family Services. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECF-AnIntegratedApproachtoYouthPermanency-2005.pdf</p>	<p>This publication discusses the problem of “aging out” of the foster care system without a permanent family and/or adequate preparation for adulthood. It proposes a holistic and integrated approach that incorporates both permanency and preparation to serving youth in foster care.</p> <p>The publication defines “permanency” as having an enduring family relationship that is safe and meant to last a lifetime; offers the legal rights and social status of full family membership; provides for physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual well-being; and assures lifelong connections to extended family, siblings, other significant adults, family history and traditions, race and ethnic heritage, culture, religion, and language.</p>	<p>This is a call to action.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/3.-A-Call-to-Action.pdf</p>
<p>Maternal and Child Public Health Leadership Training Program. (2009). Youth in Transition: Changing Tracks to Successful Adult Lives. <i>Northwest Bulletin: Family and Child Health</i>, 23(2), 1-18.</p>	<p>This publication addresses the variety of transitional issues youth face in moving to adulthood. There is a specific focus on children with special health care needs and those in the foster care system.</p>	<p>This document is an entire issue of the <i>Northwest Bulletin: Family and Child Health</i>. It addresses a wide range of information.</p> <p>http://depts.washington.edu/</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/4.-Youth-in-Transition.pdf</p>

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<p>The Pew Charitable Trusts. (2007). Time for Reform: Aging Out and on Their Own. Philadelphia, PA. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/legacy/uploadedfiles/wwwpewtrustsorg/reports/foster_care_reform/kidsarawaitingtimeforreform0307.pdf.pdf</p>	<p>This article draws on findings from focus groups conducted with 54 youth who aged out or expected to age out of foster care. The results describe how the foster care system failed to provide a permanent family for every child and the consequential problems that ensued for these children. The article concludes with recommendations for public policy reforms that could decrease the number of youth who age out of care each year by improving the federal foster care financing system.</p>	<p>While the data in the article is not current, circumstances like those discussed still occur all too frequently. The article also provides a unique perspective because it is written from the experience of the foster care youth and contains a large number of first-hand accounts.</p> <p>https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/5.-Time-for-Reform-Aging-Out-and-on-Their-Own..pdf</p>
<p>Peters, C., Claussen Bell, K.S., Zinn, A., Goerge, R. M., & Courtney, M. E. (2008). Continuing in Foster Care Beyond Age 18: How Courts Can Help. Chicago: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://www.aecf.org/resources/continuing-in-foster-care-beyond-age-18-how-courts-can-help</p>	<p>This article discusses a study completed by the University of Chicago (Chapin Hall). Starting with the premise that foster children who stay in care beyond the age of 18 experience more positive outcomes and fewer adverse outcomes than those who leave at or around age 18, the researchers attempted to identify significant factors that influence whether young people remain in foster care beyond the age of 18 in the state of Illinois.</p> <p>The study found that, in Illinois, the significant factors are: court</p>	<p>Article relevance is limited because the focus of the study is on the Illinois system and the issues specific to that system. It seems logical' however, that many of the issues faced by Illinois are also faced by other states and commonwealths.</p> <p>http://www.chapinhall.org/</p>

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	<p>jurisdiction; level of court advocacy; caseworkers', caregivers', youths', and court personnel's understanding of the law; caseworkers' recommendations; the presence of stable and supportive relationships with caring adults; strength of connection to foster parent; ambivalence by youth and adults to extend care; the difficulty of attending hearings; and level of guardians' ad litem advocacy.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/6.-Continuing-in-Foster-Care-Beyond-Age-18.-How-Courts-Can-Help..pdf</p>
<p>Pokempner, J., & Rosado, L.M. (2003). <i>Dependent Youth Aging Out of Foster Care in Pennsylvania: A Judicial Guide</i>. Philadelphia, PA: <i>Juvenile Law Center</i>. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://jlc.org/sites/default/files/publication_pdfs/dependent-youth-aging-out.pdf</p>	<p>This is a publication by the Juvenile Law Center explicitly designed for the judiciary. Its purpose is to aid the court in planning for the needs of youth in the state's care so that the youth can age out of the state's care as self-sufficient, healthy, and productive adults. The underlying idea is that courts must be aware of the age-appropriate needs and milestones that all adolescents experience and the special needs of foster care youth who are making the transition to adulthood.</p> <p>The main topics discussed are (1) the Foster Care Independence Act, (2) teenagers and the Adoption and Safe Families Act, (3) Pennsylvania law affecting older foster youth, (4) the court's obligation to older non-foster youth seeking assistance, (5) health care, (6) education and special education, (7) services for youth with disabilities, (8) services for youth who have children, and (9) benefits that may be obtained as part of a discharge plan.</p>	<p>The publication is set up in a question-and-answer format that is very helpful. Generally, a commonly asked question is presented in bold, followed by a direct answer and a detailed analysis.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/6.-Dependent-Youth-Aging-Out-of-Foster-Care-in-Pennsylvania.-A-Judicial-Guide..pdf</p>

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<p>Pokempner, J. (2019, January 15). Leveraging the FFPSA for Older Youth: Prevention Provisions. American Bar Association. Retrieved October 5, 2021, from https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2019/winter2019-leveraging-the-ffpsa-for-older-youth-prevention-provisions/</p>	<p>This article is one of three articles, that highlight prevention provisions of the Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) to benefit older youth. It provides individual advocacy strategies for attorneys representing children and parents to support better outcomes for older youth.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/8.-Leveraging-the-FFPSA-for-Older-Youth -Prevention-Provisions-1.pdf</p>
<p>Pokempner, J. (2019, January 15). Leveraging the FFPSA for Older Youth: Reduction of Group Care Provisions. American Bar Association. Retrieved October 5, 2021, from https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2019/winter2019-leveraging-the-ffpsa-for-older-youth-reduction-of-group-care-provisions/</p>	<p>The second of three articles highlights how FFPSA can be leveraged to benefit older youth. The article provides context regarding prevention services offered to families and youth to reduce the need for placement. Four sections outline advocacy regarding reducing group home placement and examples attorneys can utilize when representing children and parents in court through existing laws.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/additional-Leveraging-the-FFPSA-for-Older-Youth -Reduction-of-Group-Care-Provisions.pdf</p>
<p>Pokempner, J. (2019, January 15). Leveraging the FFPSA for Older Youth: Improving Transitions. American Bar Association. Retrieved August 2021, from https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/childrens-rights/articles/2019/winter2019-leveraging-the-ffpsa-for-older-youth-improving-transitions/</p>	<p>This article is the last of the three-part series describing how the FFPSA can be utilized to benefit older youth. The article provides the critical changes of the FFPSA that took effect in February 2018. The articles provide implementation, case planning tips, and individual advocacy strategies to support youth transitioning to adulthood.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/7.-Leveraging-the-FFPSA-for-Older-Youth -Improving-Transitions.pdf</p>

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<p>Samuels, G.M. (2008). A Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime: Relational Permanence Among Young Adults With Foster Care Backgrounds. Chicago: Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://www.aecf.org/resources/a-reason-a-season-or-a-lifetime</p>	<p>The underlying premise of this study is that having a permanent supportive relationship with, and feeling connected to, an adult-matters in the long and short-term well-being of youth and young adults. With that in mind, the researchers use data gathered from 29 young adults who had once been in foster care to provide a better understanding of the social support networks among foster care youth. The study identifies a range of relationships in terms of their importance from the perspective of the young person.</p>	<p>This is an in-depth study from the University of Chicago. http://www.chapinhall.org/</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/10.-Reason-a-Season-or-a-Lifetime.pdf</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2005). A Report to Congress on Adoption and Other Permanency Outcomes for Children in Foster Care: Focus on Older Children. Washington, DC: Children’s Bureau. Retrieved July 6, 2021, from https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/report/report-congress-adoption-and-other-permanency-outcomes-children-foster-care-focus-older</p>	<p>This report addresses the achievement of permanency (defined as reunification with the birth family, living with relatives, guardianship, or adoption) for children in foster care, with a special focus on older children. Specifically, the report identifies challenges that hinder permanency, and it presents strategies and promising approaches being undertaken to achieve permanency.</p> <p>The challenges discussed are lack of permanent families, lack of services, inadequate permanency planning, resistance from youth, staff issues, and court and legal issues. The strategies and promising approaches discussed include those pertaining to recruitment of families, pre- and post-placement services, involvement of youth in permanency planning, staff enhancements, court reform, and child welfare system reform.</p>	<p>This is a report prepared pursuant to the Adoption Promotion Act. This report is extraordinarily relevant to the area of reform. It is heavily cited, and it provides a broad range of options for improving the current system.</p> <p>http://www.acf.hhs.gov/</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/12.-A-Report-to-Congress-on-Adoption-and-Other-Permanency-Outcomes-for-Children-in-Foster-Care..pdf</p>

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