

Section 15 – Transitioning Youth

Primary Resources

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<p>Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2019). Promoting Permanency for Older Youth in Out-Of-Home Care. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from July 6, 2021, from Promoting Permanency for Older Youth in Out-of-Home Care (childwelfare.gov)</p>	<p>This document is a bulletin for professionals outlining the importance of focusing on legal and relational permanency for youth, federal legislation that supports this focus, and strategies for permanency planning with youth. The resource emphasizes the legal system’s integral role in helping youth achieve timely permanency.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/1.-Promoting-Permanency-for-Older-Youth-in-Out-of-Home-Care.-new.pdf</p>
<p>Courtney, M.E., Dworsky, A., Lee, J.S., Raap, M., Cusick, G.R., Keller, T., Havlicek, J., Perez, A., Terao, S. & Bost, N. (2011). Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth: Outcomes at Age 26. Chicago: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. Retrieved July 6, 2021’ from, http://www.chapinhall.org/research/report/midwest-evaluation-adult-functioning-former-foster-youth</p>	<p>This document provides the results of a study of 732 foster youth from Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Each state provided a list of 17-year-olds who were living in foster care prior to their 16th birthday and whose primary reason for placement was abuse and/or neglect. Initial interviews were conducted with the youth in five waves between May 2002 and May 2011. Nearly all participants were 21 years old at the time of the final interview.</p> <p>The report describes what these young adults expressed about themselves and their experiences at age 21 across a variety of domains, including living arrangements, relationships with the family of origin, social utilization, sexual behaviors, pregnancy, marriage and cohabitation, parenting, and criminal justice system involvement.</p>	<p>Only the Table of Contents, the Overview, and the Discussion pages are included in this printed version of the Resource Companion. The report is descriptive and does not examine causal relationships between the outcomes the participants experienced and either individual characteristics or out-of-home care histories. The report, seemingly objectively, produces statistics that illustrate the participants’ experiences and perspectives on life and foster care.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the entire 145 page article, use the link below:</i></p>

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		https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2.-Midwest-Evaluation-of-the-Adult-Functioning-of-Former-Foster-Youth.-new.pdf
<p>Office of Children & Families in the Courts. (n.d.). <i>Transitional Youth</i>. Retrieved July 9, 2021, from https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/transitional-youth-workgroup/</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania State Roundtable identified a need to address issues youth faced while in placement in Pennsylvania and transitioning into adulthood. To address these issues the Transitional Youth Workgroup was commissioned. That Workgroup created several reports, videos, and additional tools designed to help judges, attorneys, and other professionals working with older youth in Pennsylvania’s child dependency system.</p>	<p><i>To access the webpage, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/transitional-youth-workgroup/</p>

