
TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

65C-31.005, F.A.C., § 409.1451(C)

Provided in addition to Road to Independence Program and Aftercare Services. Transitional support services are short-term services that are given to support the young adult's efforts to achieve self-sufficiency and develop a personal support system.

Age: 18 but not yet 23

Requirements for Eligibility 65C-31.005(2), F.A.C.

- Must be 18-22
- Must have been dependent
- Must have been in custody of the department on 18th birthday
- Spent 6 months in foster care before 18th birthday
- Complete a "Transition Plan" and show that services are critical for self sufficiency.
 - Transition Plan includes:
 - Types of services being provided by department
 - Activities young adult will complete to achieve self-sufficiency
 - Reviewed every 3 months
 - Any dispute about the contents of the Transition Plan will be resolved through informal grievance process (not a fair hearing)
 - Transition Plan <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/eforms/fsp5293.pdf>

Generally

- Application for cash, not need for services, completed by young adult with help of case worker
- Good for 3 month period, may reapply but must show it is needed for self-sufficiency 65C-31.005, F.A.C.
- Payment can be made to young adult or to third party if requested by the young adult in writing
- Confidentiality: youth's status as former foster youth must remain confidential
- Services may include: housing, counseling, employment, education, mental health, disability and financial.
- If at any time the services are no longer critical to the young adult's own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency and to develop a personal support system, they shall be terminated.
- Amount determined by "needs assessment"
- Transitional support application
<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/eforms/fsp5292.pdf>