

VOLUNTARY RE-ENTRY AGREEMENT FOR EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

I have met with a county case worker (social worker or probation officer) to talk about voluntarily re-entering foster care as an adult foster youth who is under age 19, age 20, or age 21. By signing this agreement, I understand I am voluntarily agreeing to re-enter foster care placement.

I agree to be placed in a supervised foster care setting (such as a foster home, relative's home, foster family agency home, group home, transitional housing program, a supervised independent living plan or with my juvenile court appointed nonrelated legal guardian), as described in my Placement Agreement under the placement and care responsibility of the _____ County _____ department.

I understand that my foster care benefits (AFDC-FC) will begin to be paid as of the date I sign this agreement or the date I am placed in a foster care home, whichever is later.

I understand that I am responsible for completing, with assistance from my county case worker, the application for AFDC-FC payments and providing information and documentation about my status as a former dependent child or ward of juvenile court, and my current income and assets, as required, as a child-only case.

I agree to participate with my county case worker in filing a petition in juvenile court so that court may resume jurisdiction over my case by finding that it is in my best interests to reenter foster care. I understand it could take up to 6 weeks before I have my first hearing in court or before I am appointed an attorney.

I understand that if I do not want to wait for up to 6 weeks, I can file the petition in juvenile court myself. My county case worker will provide me the forms and instructions on how to file the petition.

I agree to work collaboratively with my county case worker to develop my transitional independent living case plan and TILP within 60 days of signing this agreement.

I understand the benefits of re-entering foster care include having safe and stable housing and having help from a county case worker to meet my needs and plan for my future.

- I agree to talk with my county case worker at least once a month and update my permanency goals and my Transitional Independent Living Case Plan at least once every 6 months.
- I agree to immediately begin to do *one or more* of the following to be eligible to re-enter foster care:
 1. Finish high school or get my GED, *or*
 2. Enroll in college, community college or a vocational education program, *or*
 3. Participate in a program or activity to help me find and keep a job (for example, job search, job training, career counseling, etc.), *or*

4. Have a paid or unpaid job and work at least 80 hours per month, *or*
 5. I am unable to do any of the above due to a verified medical condition, including mental health conditions.
- I agree to work on completing the goals in my Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP), and to:
1. Talk to my county case worker at least once a month to report on my progress and any problems I am having in meeting the goals in my TILP.
 2. Tell my case worker as soon as possible, but no later than my monthly contact with my county case worker, about any changes in how I am meeting one of the five eligibility conditions listed above.
 3. Tell my county case worker as soon as possible, but no later than my monthly contact with my case worker, about any changes in my income (from work or any other source such as social security or disability benefits, grants and scholarships).
 4. If I am in a foster home, living with a relative, foster family agency, in a group home, in transitional housing, or in a supervised independent living placement:
 - I understand that the juvenile court will be supervising my case, and I agree to take part in 6 month Review Hearings, either in person or by telephone, or communicate my needs with my attorney AND
 - I understand that if I don't participate in my TILP that a court hearing may be set to possibly close my case. OR
 5. If I am voluntarily living with my previously juvenile court appointed nonrelated legal guardian
 - I agree to voluntarily live with my previously juvenile court appointed nonrelated legal guardian and understand that the county case worker will be supervising my case and I agree to participate in updating my 6 month TILP. AND
 - I understand that if I don't participate in one of the five eligibility activities as described in my TILP, the county agency may stop payments and close my case. I understand that I will receive written notices of action, NOA's , and I can appeal these actions.

In my foster care placement, I agree to:

1. Read and follow my Placement Agreement.
2. Tell my county case worker about any problems with my placement and work with my case worker to find solutions.
3. Make sure my county case worker always has a way to contact me, and tell my case worker within one week if my phone number, mailing address, or other contact information changes.
4. Tell my county case worker within 24 hours after I complete a planned move to a new placement, or move out of my current placement for any other reason.
5. I understand that if I leave my foster care placement, the foster care funding may be stopped.
6. I understand if I leave foster care, I can contact the court or the county agency to return to foster care if I am under the age limit..

The County Agency agrees to:

1. Help me develop and achieve my goals for stable and permanent housing and independent living, as described in my TILP.
2. Review the goals in my TILP and update them at least every six months.
3. Help me choose an appropriate approved or licensed placement (foster home, relative's home, foster family agency home, group home, transitional housing program, or supervised independent living or remain with my nonrelated legal guardian).
4. Help me stay eligible for extended foster care by responding to any problems I have reported and helping me find services and supports to meet my needs and maintain eligibility.
5. Help me develop a Shared Living Agreement as needed, and help resolve any problems that arise with my placement.
6. Ensure that I have MediCal or other health insurance, and help me get medical, dental, and/or mental health care as needed.
7. Tell me about any changes to my foster care benefits and give me information about the procedure to appeal a decision to either cut off or reduce my benefits.
8. Give me the form for filing a petition in court and assistance in how to file a petition directly with court if I want access to the court and my attorney earlier.
9. Make sure I have contact information for my attorney, and information about upcoming juvenile court hearings and how to participate in these hearings as applicable.

The undersigned agrees to foster care placement and supervision by the _____ County Agency.

Print Youth's Name	Case worker - Print Name	Supervisor's Name
Signature	Case worker Signature	Supervisor's Phone Number
Youth's Contact Phone Number	Case Worker's Phone Number	Tribal Authority Name
Date	Date	Tribal Authority Phone