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|  | **Extended Foster Care Program**  **Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA)** | PERSON IDENTIFICATION (ID) | |
|  | DATE OF BIRTH | |
| This Agreement is between  (youth’s name) and DCYF | | | |
| 1. **The Youth Certifies:**    * I had an open dependency on my 18th birthday and did not reach the age of 21 or older before January 27, 2020.    * I understand that the law requires me to be under the “placement and care authority” of DCYF and, within 179 days of signing this agreement, to be found as a non-minor dependent in a juvenile court proceeding.    * I understand I must live in a placement approved by DCYF or the court in order to remain eligible. | | | |
| 1. **Youth Agrees to:**  * Make ongoing progress completing identified goals in my case plan, which may include education, vocation, employment, and other skills needed for independence. * Be involved in decisions about my case and, if I do not already have an attorney, one will be assigned to me by the court to help me through the court process. * Comply with all dependency court orders (for example, participate in services provided to assist in my transition). * Remain in my DCYF or court approved placement. * Comply with any placement rules. * Not leave my placement for more than 72 hours without permission. * Meet with my assigned social worker at least monthly to review my progress and ensure that I continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the Extended Foster Care program. * If the Social Security Administration has determined that you are not capable of managing your benefits, then DCYF will apply for consideration to serve as your representative payee. | | | |
| 1. **DCYF Agrees to:**  * Provide and support the placement or living situation, where authorized by law, and provide foster care services to the youth. * Verify the youth’s participation in an educational / vocational / removing barriers activity / employment / medical condition. * Continue to provide Independent Living Skills or transition services to the youth. * Assist the youth in coordinating services with other administrations or agencies that offer benefits for which the youth is eligible. * Review and update the case plan with the youth. * Meet face to face with the youth at least one time each month. | | | |
| 1. **This agreement will end when:**  * It is after September 30, 2021 and the youth is not in compliance with eligibility requirements set forth in Department rules per WAC 110-90-0040(1)(a)-(e)), and RCW 74.13.031(11)(a)(i)-(v). * Are ordered a dependent by the juvenile court giving DCYF placement and care authority over the youth, or   + No longer agree to enter into Extended Foster Care   + Are no longer participating in your case plan, including monthly health and safety visits, or complying with court orders per WAC 110-90-190.   + It is after September 30, 2021 and the youth is age 21 or older. | | | |
| **This agreement is effective on the date it is signed** | | | |
| SIGNATURE OF CLIENT | | | DATE |
| SIGNATURE OF DCYF CASE WORKER | | | DATE |
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| |  | | --- | | **WAC 110-90-0040 Who is eligible for extended foster care?**  (1) To be eligible for the extended foster care program, a youth, on his or her eighteenth birthday must be dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW and:  (a) Enroll in the extended foster care program; or  (b) Not enrolled in the extended foster care program; and  (i) Had their dependency dismissed on their eighteenth birthday; and  (ii) Is requesting to enroll in the extended foster care program through a voluntary placement agreement (VPA) prior to reaching the age of twenty-one.  (2) A dependent youth in the custody of juvenile rehabilitation, the department of corrections, county detention, or jail may enroll in the extended foster care program.  (3) If the youth was in the extended foster care program but then unenrolled or lost their eligibility, the youth may reenroll in the extended foster care program through a VPA before the age of twenty-one.  (4) If the youth was in the extended foster care program through a VPA and was dismissed from the program between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 because the youth reached the age of twenty-one, the youth may reenroll in the extended foster care program through a VPA until September 30, 2021.  **WAC 110-90-0190 What must youth do to remain in the EFC program?**  To remain in the EFC program, unless otherwise authorized by court order, the youth must:   * + 1. Agree to participate in the program as expressed in the written EFC agreement;     2. Participate in the case plan, including monthly health and safety visits;     3. Acknowledge that DCYF has responsibility for the youth's care and placement by authorizing DCYF to have access to records related to court-ordered medical, mental health, drug/alcohol treatment services, additional necessary services, educational records needed to determine continuing eligibility for the program, medical records related to a documented medical condition for purposes of qualifying for EFC under WAC 110-90-0040 (1)(f); and     4. Remain in the approved foster care placement and follow placement rules as follows:   (a) Stay in the placement identified by DCYF or approved by the court;  (b) Obtain approval from their caseworker and notify their caregiver for extended absences from the placement of more than three days; and  (c) Comply with court orders and any specific rules developed in collaboration by the youth, caregiver and caseworker. | |  | |  | |