



## Extended Foster Care Program Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA)

PERSON IDENTIFICATION (ID)
DATE OF BIRTH

This Agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ (youth's name) and DCYF

**I. The Youth Certifies:**

- I had an open dependency on my 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**II. 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.

**III. 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.

**IV. 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

**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.