

Welcome - After 18! (AB12)

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Today's agenda

- Context for AB 12/212
- "From Place to Place"
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- AB 12 Eligibility – California Department of Social Services
- Legal Process – Administrative Office of the Courts
- Implementation – Shared Vision Consultants

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AB 12 Guiding Principles

- Value permanency
- Help youth transition with lifelong connections to caring adults.
- Create a collaborative youth-centered process
- Work proactively with youth in developing and reaching their independent living goals
- Allow youth to gain real life experience with independence and allow them to learn from their mistakes
- Provide a safety net for the most vulnerable youth so they can be successful as independent adults

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AB12: Eligibility

Version 1.0, January 25, 2012

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Goals for the Training

In this training we will cover:

- Eligibility requirements for AB12
- The primary benefits associated with AB12



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Values

- Voice of Young Adults
- Assistance and Partnering
- Love and Belonging
- Unique Needs
- Eligibility is Maintained
- Development is Supported

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Eligibility Basics

- Open court case with out-of-home placement at age 18
- Satisfy at least 1 of 5 participation requirements
- Meet with Social Worker and update TILCP
- Attend court or administrative review every 6 months
- Live in a licensed/approved setting

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Kin-GAP, AAP and Guardianship

- Extended benefits also available to:
 - Youth who entered Kin-GAP or AAP at age 16 or older
 - Youth with disabilities who entered Kin-GAP or AAP at any age



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Who is eligible in 2012?

- Youth under age 19 as of January 1, 2012 who have an open case and are in placement. This includes:
 - Youth who turn 18 on or after January 1, 2012
 - Youth who turned 18 during 2011 can be eligible in some cases

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Age Limits

- Beginning January 1, 2012 - up to age 19
- Beginning January 1, 2013 - up to age 20
- Final extension to age 21 subject to legislative approval and cannot happen before January 1, 2014

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Participation Conditions

- Be enrolled in high school
- Be enrolled in college/vocational school
- Work at least 80 hours/month
- Participate in a program/activity that removes barriers to employment
- Be unable to do one of the above

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Licensed/Approved Placement

- Traditional placement options still available
- Limitations on group home placement
- 2 NEW Placement Options:
 - THP-Plus Foster Care
 - Supervised Independent Living (SILP)

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High School Completion Rule

- No more high school completion rule for youth in extended foster care
- No more high school completion rule for youth in group homes
- High school completion rule still exists for certain groups that do not have access to extended benefits

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Extended Foster Care Benefits

- The same benefit rates apply
- New rates established for THP-Plus FC
- SILP is limited to basic AFDC-FC rate
- Wraparound services available



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Pregnant & Parenting Youth

- Pregnant and parenting youth are eligible
- Benefit Payment
 - In a SILP
 - In other settings



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Youth who want to opt-out

- Hearing (WIC 391) must be held prior to terminating jurisdiction (and assistance)
- Eligibility for assistance does not end until the youth turns 20 (or 21), but aid is suspended at youth's request

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Re-entry

- Youth can re-enter unlimited times prior to turning 20/ 21 yrs old.
- Youth must be informed of right to reentry at termination hearing
- Re-entry process is intended to be as accessible and easy as possible
- Beginning date of aid is date NMD signs re-entry agreement

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Resolving Disputes

- Fair hearing process regarding
 - Amount of the benefit
 - Termination of benefits
 - Denial of federal eligibility (ie: for youth placed with relatives)
- The court will resolve disputes about the youth's sufficient participation

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Documenting Eligibility

- Document efforts to assist youth to maintain eligibility
- Include services in TILP to ensure participation in eligibility requirements, including a back-up plan
- Engage youth in collaborative case planning

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Mutual Agreement



- Must be signed within 6 months of youth turning 18
- Documents youth's willingness participate
- Documents agency's responsibility to the youth

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Documenting Eligibility

- A copy of the Certification Form kept in the EW's file
- A copy of the participation documentation kept in the EW's file



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6 Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation Form

SIX MONTH CERTIFICATION OF EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PARTICIPATION

Background: The purpose of this form is for the county probation officer (CPO) to certify an individual's participation in extended foster care (EFC) and forward it to the eligible youth's EFC administrator.

NOTIFYING STATE: _____ **LABOR NUMBER:** _____ **PROBATION OFFICER'S NAME:** _____

II. EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FROM THE ELIGIBLE YOUTH'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST:

Planning for post-secondary education

Completion of secondary or post-secondary education

Possibility of being admitted to post-secondary activity through AB 106 or a medical condition

Participation Activities:

Continued education or training

Employment or training

Participation in community service or volunteer work

Participation in job training or apprenticeship

Participation in any other activity that is approved by the EFC administrator

III. CERTIFICATION

Probation officer certifies: based on the information provided in support of EFC, based on the applicant's EFC plan, the youth meets the requirements for participation under the extended foster care program and is eligible for EFC based on the applicant's EFC plan. The youth's participation in EFC is being monitored and documented in the state's extended foster care system.

Head of household certifies: based on the information in support of EFC, based on the applicant's EFC plan, the youth meets the requirements for participation under the extended foster care program and is eligible for EFC based on the applicant's EFC plan. The youth's participation in EFC is being monitored and documented in the state's extended foster care system.

IV. SIGNATURES

Probation Officer: _____ Date: _____

The EFC administrator must send this Certification Form to the DFC

Head of Household: _____ Date: _____

YOUTH SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____


YOUTH SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

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AFDC-FC: What Do They Get?

- Monthly cash benefit paid on a per-child basis
- Full scope Medi-Cal, no share of cost
- Other funded services/allowances



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Specialized Care Increment

- County supplement to the basic rate
- County creates its own policy on eligibility and amount
- Most counties provide specialized care increment
- Specialized Care Increments are not available to youth in a SILP or group home

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Dual Agency Rate

- Non-minor dependent youth who receive AFDC-FC benefits and who are also regional center clients are eligible for Dual Agency rate



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CalWORKs: Who Gets It?

- Relatives caring for a non-minor dependent youth who is in foster care who does not qualify for Title IV-E foster care benefits

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Eligibility for Extended Kin-GAP

- Youth who entered Kin-GAP at 16 or older and meet participation conditions are eligible
- Youth with disabilities are eligible until age 21 no matter what age they entered guardianship

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Kin-GAP Changes

- Guardianship Study Requirements
- Youth only has to be residing with the relative for 6 months prior to entering guardianship
- Kin-GAP benefits are determined and adjusted based on changed needs pursuant to a negotiated agreement
- Kin-GAP can be paid out of state

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Kin-GAP – What do they get?



- Rate is negotiated between the relative guardian and the county or Indian tribe
- The infant supplement or “whole family home” rates apply if the youth is parenting
- If the youth is a regional center consumer, the dual agency rates apply

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Other Benefits Related to Kin-GAP

- Clothing Allowance
- Medi-Cal
- ILP services
- Education and training vouchers
- Reimbursement of non-recurring costs associated with guardianship – up to \$2,000

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Eligibility for AAP Benefits

- Youth who were adopted at 16 or older and meet participation conditions are eligible
- Continues if the family moves to another state
- Can continue if child is adopted after death of adoptive parents
- Youth with disabilities are eligible until age 21 no matter what age they were adopted

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AAP – What Do They Get?



- Rate is negotiated in a written adoption assistance agreement
- Can include specialized care increment
- Can include residential care or Wrap Around services

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SSI/SSP – What Do They Get?

- Monthly cash benefit
- Medi-Cal
- Offset rules for concurrent receipt of SSI and other assistance (AFDC-FC, AAP, Kin-GAP)



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County Management of SSI

Benefits

- Maintain accounts
- Help youth in become payee or find a new payee before emancipation
- Inform youth of eligibility and how to maintain eligibility as an adult
- Maintain SSI eligibility for youth in extended care who are eligible for a higher foster care rate that offsets the SSI

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SSI and Non-Minor Dependent Youth

- Goal is to have SSI eligibility established at around the time the youth turns 18
- Ensuring SSI is in place provides youth maximum flexibility and choice among benefits and supports
- Maintain SSI eligibility if youth receives federal foster care in excess of SSI

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Additional Benefits

- FCIA Chafee
 - Independent Living Plans and Services
 - Resource limit: \$10,000
 - Transitional Medi-Cal
 - Education and Training Vouchers



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Questions and Answer time!



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Additional Resources

- www.After18ca.org (for links to resources)
- ab12@dss.ca.gov (for all your questions)

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