

Indiana's Extended Foster Care Program Collaborative Care Fact Sheet

1. Collaborative Care

Collaborative Care is Indiana's Extended Foster Care Program that allows:

1. Current foster youth to remain in foster care with services
2. Former foster youth or probation youth to re-enter foster care with services
 - Voluntary Program
 - Youth must meet the Collaborative Care eligibility requirements
 - Program ends at age 21

2. Eligibility

DCS and probation youth must be at least 18 years of age and meet AT LEAST ONE of the following:

- Attending school (one of the following):
 - High School
 - Participating in a General Education Diploma (GED) program
 - Post-secondary education program
 - Trade school
- Participating in an Independent Living program meant to promote employment or remove barriers to employment
- Employed and working at least 80 hrs/month
- Not able to meet any of the above requirements due to a documented medical condition

3. Benefits

Youth will receive continued older youth services and supports while completing their education or starting a career. Supports include:

- Rent and utilities
- Clothing allowance
- Assistance in building a supportive network
- Continued services (therapy, psychiatric care etc.)
- Continued health insurance
- Continued case management

4. Commitments

Youth will have increased responsibility in their case if they choose to participate in Collaborative Care.

- Monthly face to face visits with Older Youth Case Manager (OYCM) and OYS Provider
- Maintaining records of eligibility (paystubs, college transcripts, etc.)
- Active role in case planning and implementation.

5. Placements

Collaborative Care Placements include:

- Own Apartment/Housing
- Shared Apartment/Housing
- College Dorm
- Host Home
- Foster Home
- Other out of home placements:
 - LCPA
 - Group Home
 - Residential Facility

6. Legal Information

- DCS youth with a permanency plan of APPLA can transfer to a OYCM at age 16 with court approval prior to entering into the Collaborative Care Program.
- At age 18 the youth will be asked to sign a Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement. The Agreement will be filed with the Court.

7. Re-entry

Youth may choose to re-enter foster care before turning 20 years of age. This includes youth who:

- Previously participated in Collaborative Care
- Youth who age out of foster care on or after their 18th birthday
- Probation youth who turn 18 years of age while in an out of home foster care placement.

8. Contact Information

For more information about the Collaborative Care Program, please contact one of the Collaborative Care Division Managers (CCDM):

CCDM North: Kimberly Slaughter, 574-232-3042

CCDM South: Gerrian Greenwade-Jones, 317-419-6918

If interested in entering the Collaborative Care Program, please contact 1-800-800-5556.

