



Should I Stay Or Should I GO?

Transition planning is what prepares you to answer the question, "Should I stay in the state's care, or should I end my commitment when I turn 18?"

You'll start developing your transition plan at your first case plan meeting after you turn 17.

You'll have your formal transition plan meeting within the 90-day period immediately prior to your 18th birthday.

In the transition planning meeting, you'll be able to talk about what you want to do with your future and where you want to go when you leave care. You'll have the opportunity to invite everyone who is close to you and offers you support to your transition to living independently.

Having goals to work toward and plans in place are important to being successful whenever you leave the state's care.



Check us out on Facebook!
[Kentucky Independent Living](https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyIndependentLiving)
or online at:

<http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dCBS/dpp/independentliving.htm>

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Local Independent Living Coordinators

Still have questions?

Check out this site to help you find what you're looking for:

Kentucky Statewide Resource Directory

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrCVS/kccvs/>

*after entering the above link, scroll to the bottom of the webpage, then select "Statewide Resource Directory" to download document



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Transitional Living Support

Information for Young Adults Leaving
Kentucky's Foster Care System



Why Don't You Stay?

Do you need more time to get your high school diploma or GED?

Want to go to college or a job training program?

Need more time to finish up your college degree and get a job?

Could use more time to work on independent living skills or lining up a place to stay after you leave?

Have a disability that makes it hard or impossible to do the things listed above?

You can request Transitional Living Support (a.k.a. extended commitment) at 18 by signing an agreement with your social worker.

If you have already left care, you may be able to come back before you turn 19. Make a request for transitional living support by calling

The Hotline at (877)597-2331.

I'm Out of Here!

Going to college?

Check out our Tuition Waiver and Education Training Voucher (ETV) Programs.

Tuition waivers are good at any Kentucky public University or Community College and will let you have free tuition.

ETVs give you up to \$5,000 for going to an accredited college or qualifying educational program anywhere in the U.S., and the money can be used to help with educational or job training expenses.

Get Off the Streets

Help with your housing situation may be available for people who left state's care after turning 18 years old, are not yet 21, and who are homeless.

For more info on how to apply for any of these services call:

Chafee Independent Living

(800) 232-5437

Kentucky Youth Leadership Council (YLC)
Be heard! Make a difference!

Connect with foster and former foster youth from across the state and let your voices be heard. Coordinate fundraisers and awareness drives in the community, work with the Independent Living Program to improve current services and implement new ones to better serve the foster youth of tomorrow.

NYTD Survey + You = Change

The National Youth in Transition Database Survey

The answers you provide in the survey are used to improve the services provided to young people in care to help with their transition to adulthood.

Surveys are given at ages 17, 19, and 21 to eligible young people. For your help with the survey you'll get a free gift. Call (800) 232-5437 to complete your survey.



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