

## Extended Foster Care Program Participation Agreement

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| NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) | DATE OF BIRTH |
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This Agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ (youth's name) and Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

**I. The Youth Agrees to:**

- Participate in one or more of the following eligibility categories: (a) enrolled in a secondary education or equivalency program; or (b) enrolled and participating in a post-secondary education program; or (c) participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment (including part-time employment); or (d) employed 80 hours or more per month; or (e) unable to engage in any of the above activities due to a documented medical condition. When my ability to participate is not affected by the COVID-19 state of emergency.
- I understand that after September 30, 2021, continued participation in Extended Foster Care is subject to continuing eligibility in one of the five categories listed in the paragraph above.
- Live in a placement approved by DCYF or the court to remain eligible for Extended Foster Care.
- 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 ordered to assist in my transition to independence).
- Remain in my DCYF or court approved placement.
- Comply with any placement rules.
- Not leave my placement for more than 72 hours without prior approval from my assigned caseworker.
- Meet with my assigned caseworker 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 I am not capable of managing my benefits, then DCYF will apply for consideration to serve as my representative payee.

**II. DCYF Agrees to:**

- Provide and support the placement or living situation, where authorized by law, and provide extended 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.

**III. Extended Foster Care will end and DCYF will ask the court to dismiss your case when you:**

- Inform the court that you no longer want to participate in the program.
- Are no longer participating in one of the five categories listed in Part I, paragraph 1 and it is after September 30, 2021.
- Are no longer participating in your case plan, including monthly health and safety visits, or complying with court orders per WAC 110-90-190.
- Leave your foster care placement for more than 72 hours without prior approval from the assigned caseworker .
- Chose to reside in a placement that has not been approved by DCYF or the court.
- If it is after September 30, 2021, if you have reached 21 years of age or older

**This agreement is effective on the date it is signed:**

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| SIGNATURE OF YOUTH       | DATE |
| SIGNATURE OF CASE WORKER | DATE |