



Extended Foster Care Services 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 18th birthday and am under the age of 21 years on this date.
- I am currently (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.
- I understand that the law requires me to be under the "placement and care authority" of CA and, within 179 days of signing this agreement, to be found as a non-minor dependent in a juvenile court proceeding.
- I understand that continued participation in Extended Foster Care is subject to continuing eligibility in one of the five categories listed in paragraph 2 above.
- I understand I must live in a placement approved by CA 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 you:

- Are no longer participating in one of the five categories listed in Part I, paragraph 2.
- No longer comply with eligibility requirements set forth in Department rules per WAC 110-25-0040),
- 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.

This agreement is effective on the date it is signed.	
SIGNATURE OF CLIENT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF DCYF CASE WORKER	DATE

WAC 110-25-0040

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) Enrolled in school as described in WAC [110-25-0512](#);
 - (b) Have applied for, or can demonstrate intent to timely enroll in a post-secondary academic or vocational education program as described in WAC [110-25-0514](#);
 - (c) Participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment as described in WAC 110-25-0515;
 - (d) Engaged in employment for eighty hours or more per month;
 - (e) Unable to engage in subsection (1) (a) through (d) of this section due a documented medical condition as described in WAC 110-25-0519; or
 - (f) Did not enroll in the extended foster care program and;
 - i. Had their dependency dismissed on their eighteenth birthday;
 - 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; and
 - iii. Meets one of the criteria found in subsections (1) (a) through (e) of this section.
- (2) A youth is not eligible to enroll in extended foster care while in the care and custody of Juvenile Rehabilitation, county detention, or the Department of Corrections. Youth meeting EFC eligibility in subsection (1)(a) through (e) may enroll when they are released from Juvenile Rehabilitation, county detention, or Department of Corrections custody.
- (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. Youth must meet one of the criteria in subsections (1) (a) through (e) when requesting to reenroll in the extended foster care program.

WAC 110-90-0190

What must the youth do to remain in the extended foster care program?

To remain in the extended foster care program, unless otherwise authorized by court order, the youth must:

- (1) Agree to participate in the program as expressed in the written extended foster care agreement;
- (2) Maintain the standard of eligibility as set by the youth's academic program, employment related program, employment status, or documented medical condition;
- (3) Participate in the case plan, including monthly health and safety visits;
- (4) Acknowledge that CA has responsibility for the youth's care and placement by authorizing CA 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 extended foster care under WAC [388-25-0506](#) (1)(f); and
- (5) Remain in the approved foster care placement and follow placement rules as follows:
 - (a) Stay in the placement identified by CA or approved by the court;
 - (b) Obtain approval from his or her social worker and notify his or her 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 social worker.