



## Extended Foster Care Program 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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and have not reached the age of 21 or older.
- I understand that the law requires me to be under the “placement and care authority” of DCYF and, within 179 days of signing this agreement, to be found as a non-minor dependent in a juvenile court proceeding.

**II. DCYF will assist the youth with:**

- Making ongoing progress completing identified goals in my case plan, which may include education, vocation, employment, and other skills needed for independence.
- Being 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).
- Complying with any placement rules.
- Not leaving my placement for more than 72 hours without permission.
- Meeting with my assigned social worker at least monthly to review my progress.
- 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 the youth:**

- Is ordered a dependent by the juvenile court giving DCYF placement and care authority over the youth, or
- No longer agrees to enter into Extended Foster Care
- The youth is age 21 or older.

SIGNATURE OF CLIENT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF DCYF CASE WORKER	DATE