

COLORADO'S FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM (FYTP)

*An opportunity to make important decisions about YOUR life
and receive the services and supports YOU need!*

Some of YOUR choices and rights in the FYTP

YOU decide if you want to participate in the FYTP.

YOU decide when to stop participating in the FYTP.

Services and supports are based on what YOU want/need and fit your developmental level.

You get an attorney to represent what YOU want to happen in your case.

You keep YOUR adult rights, like deciding medical care, signing contracts, and keeping accounts with banks.

Your parents are not parties in YOUR FYTP case, which means they are not automatically involved.

YOU choose among housing options approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS) or the court. This includes independent living, host homes, or foster homes.

Some services and supports available to YOU in the FYTP



Colorado Office of the
Child's Representative

YOU can participate in the FYTP if you meet the following



Age

You are at least 18 but not yet 21 years old.



Case or Care

Case: You have a dependency and neglect (D&N) case now or you had a D&N case when you turned 18. (D&N cases start because someone says a parent/ guardian is not taking care of a child/youth the way they should.)

OR

Care: On or after your 16th birthday, you were living:

- in foster care or
- "noncertified kinship care" (with someone who was not a licensed foster parent) and a court found you dependent and neglected.



Agreement

You are willing to sign a Voluntary Services Agreement (VSA - an agreement to work with DHS)

OR

You have already signed a VSA with DHS and are following most of it.



Employment or Education

You are doing or intend to do at least one of the following:

- completing high school or a GED,
- attending a college or university,
- working at least 80 hours a month,
- participating in a program to help get a job, or
- unable to do the above because of a medical condition.

Next steps YOU can take related to FYTP

If you want to learn more about the FYTP you can:

- contact your DHS caseworker, your GAL, your Counsel for Youth (CFY), or DHS where you live, or
- email info@coloradochildrep.org or call (303) 860-1517. OCR will respond as soon as possible to chat with you and/or get an attorney to represent you!