

# WHAT CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AB 12 FOR PROBATION INVOLVED YOUTH: PLACEMENTS –OPTIONS, LIMITATIONS & REGULATIONS

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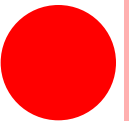
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# SESSION OVERVIEW



- ☑ What is AB 12?
- ☑ How does AB 12 help youth transition to adulthood?
- ☑ Where can foster youth live after 18?
  - ☑ Existing- Relative, FFH, FFA, WFH, SFH, GH
  - ☑ New Options-THP+ FC, SILP
- ☑ How can caregivers support young adults in EFC?

WHAT IS AB 12?



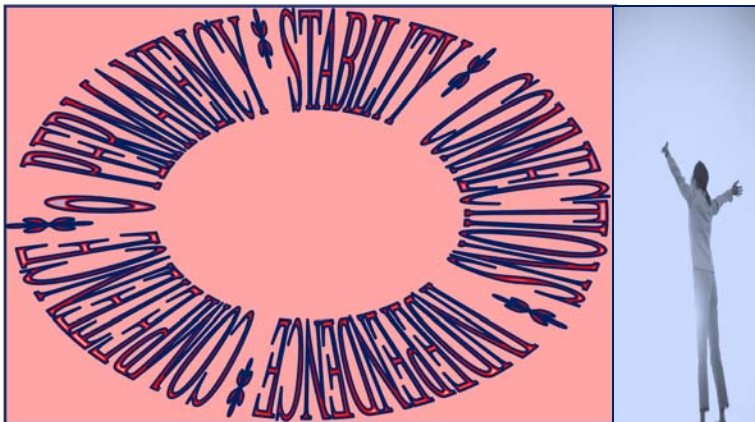
# CALIFORNIA'S FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS ACT

- ❖ Helps foster youth transition to adulthood and independence by allowing youth to continue to receive support until age 21
- ❖ Extends these benefits to probation supervised foster youth
- ❖ Establishes new supervised independent living options for foster youth 18 & over
- ❖ Allows youth to exit and re-enter foster care
- ❖ Permits eligible probation supervised foster youth who have met rehabilitative goals and are ready to get off probation continue to receive support



# GOALS OF EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

- Help youth establish lifelong connections to caring adults before transitioning to full independence
- Work proactively and collaboratively with youth in developing and reaching their independent living goals
- Allow youth to gain real life experience with independence and allow them to learn from their mistakes
- Provide a safety net for foster youth so they can be successful as independent adults



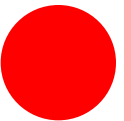
# EXTENDED FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST



- ☐ Have foster care placement order on 18<sup>th</sup> birthday/meet age req.
- ☐ Meet a participation condition
- ☐ Sign a mutual agreement\*
- ☐ Agree to meet with probation officer (or social worker)
- ☐ Agree to work on transitional independent living skills
- ☒ ★ Live in a licensed or approved setting
- ☐ Have 6 month court review hearings

*\*Not a condition of payment*

How does AB 12 help  
youth transition to  
adulthood?



# CASE PLANNING & CASE MANAGEMENT

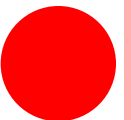


## TRANSITIONAL PLANNING & SUPPORTS

- Housing
- Employment, Education & Training
- Daily Living & Money Management
- Supportive Connections (Relationships & Community Supports )



Where can foster  
youth live after 18?



# LICENSED OR APPROVED SETTING

## Existing placement options

- New licensing/approval standards for young adults
- Limitations on group home placements after 18
- Limitations on THPP after 17

## New placement options after 18

(Independent living settings)

- THP-Plus Foster Care
- SILPs



**NOTE:** Eligible facilities may NOT include detention facilities, forestry camps, training schools, or any other facility operated primarily for the detention of youth who are determined to be delinquent.

# LIVING OPTIONS



- Relative or NREFM placement
- Foster home including foster family agency placement and intensive therapeutic foster care
- Continued group care only to age 19 or high school graduation (unless medical necessity )
- Small Family Home
- Whole Family Foster Home



- THPP
- THP + FC
- SILP (Supervised Independent Living Placement)
  - College dorm
  - Rented room
  - Shared apartment or living arrangement

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# GROUP HOMES

## AFTER 18 - NEW LIMITATIONS

- Youth-driven, team-based, case planning process
- High School Completion
  - Under 19
  - Best interest in order to complete high school or equivalent
- Treatment Need
  - Medical or mental health condition
  - Short-term placement;
  - Prepares for discharge to a less restrictive and more family-like setting.



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM (THPP)



Supervised housing for foster youth age 16 to 18\*

Licensed transitional housing provider furnishes:

- Independent living placement with on site residential supervision (host family or apartment complex/multi-unit dwelling)
- Support services to minor to help achieve self-sufficiency

\*Transfer to THP+ - FC at 18.



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLUS – FOSTER CARE (THP+ - FC)

- A new placement option after age 18 modeled on THP-Plus program for former foster youth
- Licensed placement with enhanced oversight
- Offers affordable housing & supportive services in supervised yet independent setting (host family or on or remote site supervision in apartment, multi-unit or single family dwelling)





# SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PLACEMENT (SILP)



- A new placement option for NMDs ready for greater independence
- Settings may include but not limited to:
  - Apartment living
  - Renting a room (*including from relative*)
  - Shared roommate settings
  - Dorms
  - Living situations with adult siblings, appropriate extended family members, tribal members, NREFM or mentors should be explored



# APPROVING A SILP



Two step process\* to approve a SILP

- Assess NMD's "readiness" to live in a SILP – taking into account the particular placement at issue
- Health and safety inspection of the physical space

*\*Note: not required for youth living in dorms or other college housing*

# ASSESSMENT FOR SILP

## ➤ Readiness assessment must be completed-

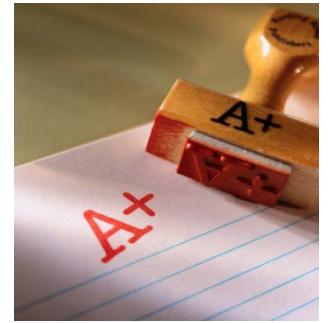
Knowledge of financial skills/developmentally ready for daily living

## ➤ Reasons to Deny SILP :

- Rent and utilities exceeds income
- Unstable income
- No knowledge of money
- Unable to care for self



# Approval of SILP Site



- ☐ SILP may **not** include living with biological parent
- ☐ Sites are subject to health and safety inspection
  - ☐ Basic health and safety only
  - ☐ NMDs allowed to live in an unapproved SILP temporarily
  - ☐ County must inspect new SILP within 10 calendar days
- ☐ Ensuring privacy
  - ☐ Roommates and landlords not assessed
  - ☐ Social workers should arrange inspections and home visits in such a way that respects young adult's privacy
- ☐ Must be re-inspected annually

# SILPs AS ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS



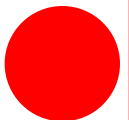
- Non-IV-E eligible relative placements
- Unlicensed foster homes
- Other living arrangements

# Foster Youth, Criminal Records & Placements

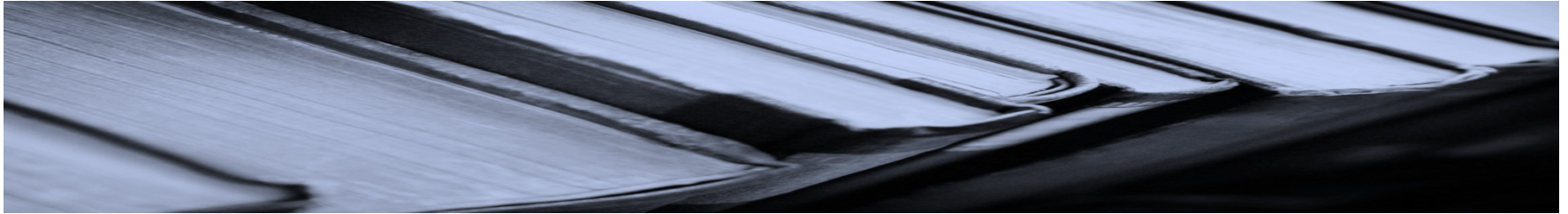
- Foster youth not subject to community care licensing's criminal records clearance requirements for adults living in licensed or approved placements
- Conviction or arrest does not disqualify otherwise eligible youth from eligibility for extended foster care
- Reentry process may include a criminal records check to determine appropriateness of a proposed placement with minors, but criminal record not bar to placement



# How Can Caregivers Support Young Adults?



# NEW LICENSING RULES AFTER AGE 18



## YOUNG ADULT PERSONAL RIGHTS

- Acquire, possess and maintain a vehicle
- Select, obtain and store own food
- Select, obtain or decline medical, dental, vision or mental health care
- Adequate privacy for visitors
- Acquire, possess and maintain landline or cell phone
- Leave or depart the home at any time

## CAREGIVER RESPONSIBILITIES

- To assist young adult in developing skills necessary for self-sufficiency
- Notify P.O./SW (written or verbal) & get prior approval to leave young adult home alone for more than 72 hours

# SHARED LIVING AGREEMENT (SLA)



Written understanding between the caregiver and the young adult on expectations of both for living together.



# SLAs MAY INCLUDE:

- Health and Safety Concerns
- Household Chores and Responsibilities
- Attendance and Performance at School and/or Work
- Visitors - times, overnight, parties
- Atmosphere - noise, swearing, name calling, cigarette smoking
- Shared items/space - food, car, television, computer
- Joint activities - meals, holidays, vacations



# QUESTIONS?



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