



Thank you for your interest in being an Extended Foster Care Host Home provider. Enclosed you will find more information about the Extended Foster Care Program, as well as, forms to start the application process. **Please review these materials and return the completed Questionnaire for Potential Extended Foster Care Host Home Families along with the completed Demographic Information Sheet.** Upon receipt of these items, the Kids Central Independent Living Program will review the information and contact you within 3 business days to proceed with the process.

- My Future My Choice Chart and Independent Living Resources
- Extended Foster Care Eligibility Requirements
- Sample IL EFC Provider Agreement Form (for reference only)
- Questionnaire for Potential Extended Foster Care Host Home Families
- Potential Extended Foster Care Host Home Demographic Information

Please send Questionnaire and Demographic Information to:

**Kids Central, Inc.
C/O Carol Wilcoxon
352-387-3531
901 Industrial Dr. Suite 200
Wildwood, FL 34785**

**or you may fax or email the information to my attention at 352-387-3558;
Carol.Wilcoxon@kidscentralinc.org**

If you have any questions, please call me at 352-387-3531.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilcoxon,
Independent Living Administrative Assistant

Youth in foster care now have more options when they are 18 years old:

Postsecondary Educational Services and Support

18 years - 23rd birthday

Status

- In **college, vocational school**, etc. full time (9 hrs/semester)

Benefits

- \$1,256 per month

Can apply to re-enter "MY Future, MY Choice" at any time

My Future, My Choice (extended care)

18 years - 21st birthday
(22nd birthday if disabled)

Status

- In high school/GED/college, etc.
or
- Work 80 hrs/month
or
- In job training program
or
- Disability prevents the above

Benefits

- Live with foster parent, or in group home, apartment or dorm
- Get help with education and living expenses
- Resources to empower a young adult's future

Can choose to enter PESS if in college/vocational school full time

Can choose to leave "MY Future, MY Choice" at any time

Leave Foster Care

18 years - 21st birthday

Temporary Aftercare Services

- Emergency rent payment
- Emergency car repairs
- Employment assistance
- Mental health or substance abuse services

Can apply to re-enter "MY Future, MY Choice" at any time





EXTENDED FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Using the enhancements made to the FSFN Independent Living module, Case Managers will be able to determine a young adult's eligibility for Extended Foster Care. To be eligible, a young adult must meet the following requirements:

Participation Requirements

- Be living in a licensed placement on his or her 18th birthday.
- Continue to live in a supervised setting after his or her 18th birthday - which means a family foster home, group home, or supervised independent living location.
- Meet monthly with his or her case manager to discuss progress, issues, needs, etc. and to collaborate with them on Transition Plans, Case Plans, and Judicial Review Reports.
- Sign appropriate and necessary releases to allow the case manager to verify participation in the qualifying activities.

Qualifying Activities

- Be enrolled fulltime in secondary school / GED program **OR**
- Be enrolled in a postsecondary or vocational institution **OR**
- Participate in a program or activity designed to promote or eliminate barriers to employment (such as job skills training; internships; substance abuse programs; other therapeutic programs; etc) **OR**
- Be employed for at least 80 hours per month **OR**
- Have a documented condition that does not permit full-time engagement in these qualifying activities

Age Limitations

Young adults may remain in EFC until their 21st birthday **OR** until their 22nd birthday if they have a disability:

FS 39.6251 Continuing care for young adults -

(1) As used in this section, the term "child" means an individual who has not attained 21 years of age, and the term "young adult" means an individual who has attained 18 years of age but who has not attained 21 years of age."

(5) "Eligibility for a young adult to remain in extended foster care ends on the earliest of the dates that the young adult:

1. Reaches 21 years of age or, in the case of a young adult with a disability, reaches 22 years of age."

Young adults may remain in RTI until their 23rd birthday:

FS 409.1451(2)(5) reads that a young adult may remain in the Road-to-Independence program until he or she, "has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 23 years of age"



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Independent Living Extended Foster Care Provider Agreement Form

_____ agrees to provide the following services:
provider/individual name _____

- 1.) Housing
- 2.) Transportation
- 3.) Food
- 4.) Life Skills
- 5.) 24-hour Crisis response

to _____ who is eligible for Extended Foster Care.
young adult name _____ DOB _____

Kids Central Inc. agrees to pay the following monthly board rate _____
in exchange for services provided. Services are to begin on _____

_____ understands the monthly board rate is supplied at the beginning of the month. If the young adult is discharged from the program or asked to leave the home before the full month's rent is applied, the payment will be prorated on the agreed daily rate, and will be returned back to Kids Central for the days the young adult is no longer in home. Kids Central will need a 10 business day notice if caregiver is requesting the young adult be moved from the home.

Kids Central Representative	_____	_____
	sign	date
Provider	_____	_____
	sign	date

Provider will pay attorney and cost of collection if enforcement is required.





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Questionnaire for Potential Extended Foster Care Host Home Families

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to use additional paper if you require more space for your answers.

Applicant Name

Date

1. Why are you interested in providing services to the Extended Foster Care population?

2. What gender and age range are you interested in serving?

3. Is there any population that you would not permit in your home? (i.e. Sexual offender, pregnant woman, young adult with a child, young adult with DJJ history, young adult with mental health challenges, etc..)

4. Some of the young adults in the EFC program have emotional and/or behavioral challenges. How would you coordinating services for them to ensure their stabilization?

5. What methods or tactics would you use to encourage and motivate a young adult to continuously work towards their academic, career and life goals?

6. What type of life skills are you able to teach our young adults?

7. How many young adults can you accommodate?

8. Will the young adults live in your home with you? If not, where will you house them?

9. Is your home close to public transportation or walking/biking distance from schools and potential work places?

10. If not, please describe how you would be willing to assist a young adult with getting to and from school, work, doctors appointments, etc...

11. Please describe the set up of your home and where you anticipate the young adult(s) residing.

12. Describe your family dynamic (i.e. who lives in the home, what do you enjoy doing as a family, hobbies, sports, religious activities, etc...)

13. How will you prepare your family for adding an additional household member?

14. Describe your experience working with teenagers, young adults and/or children involved in the Child Welfare System.

15. Please list any languages you speak other than English

16. Have you previously worked for Kids Central Inc, The Department of Children and Families or any other child welfare type agency?

17. When can you begin providing Extended Foster Care Services?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return to:
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Potential Extended Foster Care Host Home Demographic Information

Please complete this form in its entirety. This information is required for background screening purposes and will not be used in other capacity. ALL household members over the age of 12 must provide their information. Anyone who frequents the home for extended periods of time or who will be specifically working with the EFC adults is also required to provide their information.

Host Home address: _____

Household Member

Full Name _____
 Role _____
 Date of Birth _____
 Social Security Number _____
 Drivers License # _____
 Exp Date _____
 Place of Birth _____
 Ethnicity _____

Employment

Employer _____
 Employer Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Personal Information:

Sex: F M
 Race: _____ Eye Color: _____
 Hair Color: _____ Height/Weight: _____

Any criminal History involving:

DV yes no
 battery yes no
 Sexual charges yes no
 child abuse or neglect yes no





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Race: _____ Eye Color: _____

Hair Color: _____ Height/Weight: _____

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List the names and ages of all other house hold members under the age of 12

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

