

IC 31-28-5.7

Chapter 5.7. Older Youth Foster Care

IC 31-28-5.7-1

Eligible persons; petitions; reasons petitions are granted; termination

Sec. 1. (a) An individual who:

(1) is at least eighteen (18) but less than twenty-one (21) years of age; and

(2) received foster care under a court order during the month before the individual became eighteen (18) years of age;

is eligible to receive foster care services at any time until the individual becomes twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) An individual described in subsection (a) may request the department to petition a court for the individual to receive older youth foster care services.

(c) A court shall grant a petition described in subsection (b) if the individual is:

(1) employed;

(2) attending a vocational or educational certification or degree program; or

(3) planning on attending a vocational or educational certification or degree program within six (6) months of the individual's eighteenth birthday.

(d) An individual may request the department to start the petition process described in subsections (b) and (c) for the individual if the individual is at least seventeen (17) years and six (6) months of age.

(e) If an older youth receiving foster care:

(1) is receiving foster care because the older youth planned on attending a vocational or educational certification program; and

(2) does not begin attending a vocational or educational certification program within nine (9) months after the individual's eighteenth birthday;

foster care for the individual ceases without further action of the court.

As added by P.L.143-2008, SEC.11.

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Adoption of rules

Sec. 2. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter. The rules adopted under this section must apply to individuals working or attending vocational or educational programs as set forth in section 1 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.143-2008, SEC.11.