

# COLLABORATIVE CARE

## What is Collaborative Care?

Collaborative Care is a voluntary program that:

- Allows current foster youth to stay in foster care; and,
- Allows former foster youth to re-enter foster care

## Do I have to participate?

**No! The choice is yours!**

## Why would I want to stay in foster care?

Lots of reasons! Staying in foster care can give you extra support while:

You complete high school

Earn your GED

Start your career

Begin college

## What kind of support?

RENT	NETWORKING
UTILITIES	CONTINUED SERVICES
FOOD	HEALTH INSURANCE
CLOTHING	

## Where would I live?

That depends on what you and your team decide...possible placements include:

Own Apartment/Housing  
Shared Apartment/Housing  
College Dorm  
Host Home  
Staff Supported Housing

## Can I change my mind and re-enter care?

**YES!**

- DCS will determine eligibility
- You will sign the Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement  
—Then you will be able to use all the program benefits

## Can I leave the program before I turn 20?

**YES!**

## How old do I have to be?

If you are a DCS or Probation youth, you can enter Collaborative Care when you turn 18 years of age.

## How do I know if I am eligible?

You are eligible for Collaborative Care if:

- You are in:
  - High School
  - Pursuing a GED
  - Post-secondary education program
  - Trade school **OR**
- Participating in a program meant to promote employment or remove barriers to employment **OR**
- Are already employed and work at least 80 hours/month **OR**
- Not able to do any of the above due to a documented medical condition

## Who do I contact to sign up?

For more information, please call:

**1-800-800-5556**

