

Big Bend Community Based Care Policy & Procedure

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Policy

It is the policy of Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. (BBCBC), to ensure that all dependent youth are notified in writing prior to reaching age eighteen of the permanency options available.

Procedure

A. General Information.

1. BBCBC and its CMOs will conduct periodic Independent Living Staffings to develop plans for meeting the youth's needs and make plans for their living arrangement after age 18.
2. In conjunction with a special judicial review and staffing, each child in custody will be notified in writing of the options available upon reaching 18 years of age, including, but not limited to, Extended Foster Care and the Road to Independence Program, continued court jurisdiction to age 19 and the ability to reside in a licensed foster home.
3. If a youth petitions the court any time before their 19th birthday requesting the court's continued jurisdiction, the juvenile court may retain jurisdiction, for a period not to exceed one (1) year following the youth's 18th birthday for the purpose of determining whether appropriate aftercare support, Road-to-Independence Program, transitional support, mental health, and developmental disability services, have been provided.
4. If a petition for special immigrant juvenile status and an application for adjustment of status have been filed on behalf of a foster child and the petition and application have not been granted by the time the child reaches 18 years of age, the court may retain jurisdiction over the dependency case solely for the purpose of allowing the continued consideration of the petition and application by federal authorities.
5. Review hearings for the child will be set solely for the purpose of determining the status of the petition and application.
6. The court's jurisdiction terminates upon the final decision of the federal authorities. Retention of jurisdiction in this instance does not affect the services available to a young adult under Section 409.1451, F.S.
7. The court may not retain jurisdiction of the case after the immigrant child's 22nd birthday.