



Did You Leave Foster Care and Change Your Mind? Do You Need Help Now?

If leaving foster care wasn't the best decision for you, a new law lets you ask the court to reopen your case until you are 21 years old!

Why would anyone want to re-enter foster care?

Most young people are not ready to live on their own at age 18 and continue to need support and guidance as they get ready to be independent adults. Re-entering foster care gives you a place to live, health insurance and other services you may need until you turn 21 years old or are ready to be on your own. This support can help you meet your goals for education, employment, saving money, and even connecting or reconnecting with your family.

Who is eligible to re-enter care?

You must have aged out of foster care, still be under 21, and currently be *doing or willing to do at least one of the following*:

- Completing high school or an equivalent program (like a GED preparation program);
- Enrolled in college, community college, a vocational program or trade school;
- In a program or activity that will help you get a job;
- Working at least 80 hours per month; or
- You cannot do one of the activities listed above because of medical or mental health condition.

What help can I get if I re-enter care?

If you re-enter care, you will have:

- a place to live;
- health insurance and access to medical and mental health treatment providers;
- help from people like social workers, case managers, your lawyer and child advocates who can help you get services and plan for your future; and
- court reviews of your case where a judge will make sure you are getting what you need.

Who do I talk to about re-entering care?

To learn more and find out how to re-enter care contact:

- Your county caseworker, private provider case worker, and Independent Living worker
- Your lawyer and your CASA
- Juvenile Law Center at 1-800-875-8887