



COURT PREP FORM

This is a youth developed guide to help you participate in your court hearings and advocate for your case. Fill in the blanks according to your experience. If a statement doesn't apply to your experience, you can leave it blank. You should either fill this out with your attorney or talk with your attorney after you fill out the form.

School/Education

1. The most positive thing in school right now is _____.
2. The class I like the most right now is _____.
3. **Tutoring** **Counseling** **Extra time with teachers** would help me in school.
4. After high school, I am interested in **college** **job** **trade school** **training program**.
5. I need help with _____.

Employment

1. I am **working** **applying** **interested in** _____.
2. I want more help in _____.

Housing

1. My housing plan after I leave care is

_____.
2. I still need to figure out _____ about my housing plan.
3. Currently, I am living at _____.
It **is going well** **is not going well** because
_____.
4. I need help with _____.

Basic Needs

1. I **need** help getting I **don't need** help getting **food** **clothing** **hygiene items**
other: _____
2. I need help with _____.

Family, Friends, and Supportive Relationships

1. The adult I trust or feel supported by the most is _____.
2. I would like to have visitation with _____ (family/kin/another supportive adult).
3. I currently have visitation with _____ (family/friends/supportive adults).
 It is going well **It is not going well** because _____.
4. I need help with _____.

Safety

1. The following about my placement makes me feel unsafe:
_____.
2. The following about my school or neighborhood makes me feel unsafe:
_____.
3. I'm in a relationship that makes me feel **safe** **unsafe** ***Be sure to tell your lawyer or another safe adult if you are feeling unsafe.**
4. I feel safe with _____.
5. A place I feel safe at is _____.

Activities, Hobbies, and Leisure

1. In my free time, I _____.
2. I would like to be more involved in _____ (community/sports/internships/religion/volunteering/skill building/etc).
3. I need help with _____.

Health

1. I have the following concerns about my physical and/or mental health:

_____.
2. I need _____ to support my physical health and/or mental health.

Communication and Participation

1. I attend my **permanency conference meeting** **membership development plan meeting**.
2. I speak with my caseworker _____ (how often).
3. I speak with my attorney _____ (how often).
4. I would be more likely to participate in my permanency hearing if _____.
5. I need help with _____.

Vital Documents

1. Check the following boxes if you have:
♦ **birth certificate** ♦ **social security card** ♦ **health insurance card** ♦ **state ID**
 Original Original Original Original
 Copy Copy Copy Copy
2. **I do have** **I do not have** a safe place to keep my documents.
3. I need my vital documents because _____.

Court

1. I would like to **speak in court** **read something I have written in court** **have my attorney read something that I have written in court** **speak to the judge in their chambers** **other:** _____
2. It would be easier to attend court if _____.
3. I would like to have _____ (supportive adult) present at my next court hearing.
4. If I don't attend court, it is because _____.
5. I **would** **would not** like more help from my attorney preparing for court.
6. I **would** **would not** like more help from my social worker preparing for court.
7. Do you need help with transportation getting to court? If so, how?
_____.

Any additional comments or concerns that you would like to share with the judge or your attorney:
