

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VEHICLE OWNERSHIP READINESS ASSESSMENT

Instructions: This form should be used by the young person, social worker, and caregiver (if applicable) when the young person is interested in purchasing their own vehicle with the assistance of the LINKS program. This assessment is a tool to facilitate a conversation about a young person's readiness to own a vehicle and in the development of a young person's Transitional Living Plan in areas related to driving, vehicle ownership, and transportation. This tool should be completed prior to a young person receiving assistance through the LINKS program to purchase a vehicle. This tool is not to be used to create or contribute to barriers to driving or vehicle ownership.

1. Does the young person lack reliable transportation and need a vehicle for employment, school, family responsibilities, or other transition-related necessities?

Yes No

Explain:

2. Has the young person received instruction in the routine maintenance of the vehicle prior to purchase? Such as frequency of checking fluids, schedule of routine maintenance, instrument gauges and what they mean, checking tire pressure, watching for tire wear and tear, and changing a tire.

Yes No

Explain:

3. Can the young person demonstrate to a knowledgeable adult that they understand the above basic aspects of vehicle maintenance?

Yes No

Explain:

4. Does the young person or will the young person have income beyond their basic needs to support vehicle ownership? Such as any additional vehicle payments that must be made, insurance, routine maintenance, gas, and repairs.

Yes No

Explain:

5. Does the young person have a valid driver's license?

Yes No

Explain:

6. Does the young person have a recent history of drug or alcohol misuse?

Yes No

Explain:

7. Has the young person started the process of finding a vehicle? If so, are the vehicles they are looking at compatible with Blue Book or other national rating system value and/or certified by an independent mechanic to be in good mechanical condition?

Yes No

Explain:

Assessment Results

Note: Use this space to discuss the overall assessment, including any areas that may contribute to a young person not being prepared to own a vehicle and assume the responsibilities associated with owning a vehicle. This assessment is not to be used to create or contribute to barriers to the young person driving or owning a vehicle. The assessment results discussion should also include:

- A joint decision as to the young person’s readiness to own a vehicle
- If the decision is that the young person is not ready, why; and,
- Specific steps the young person, social worker, and caregiver can take to improve the results of this assessment and prepare the young person to assume the responsibility of vehicle ownership

**Social
Worker**

Signature

Date

**Social Work
Supervisor**

Caregiver

Caregiver

**Young
Person**