

**Emancipation Plan for 17-21 Year Olds**  
**(Part-B)**  
Ages 17-21

**DSS-5096bins Emancipation Plan For 17-21 Year Olds Part B Instructions Help Sheet**

The document should be completed in during different timeframes depending on the age of the young person.

**For Young People aged 17:**

- Complete Part 1 and 2 of the Transitional Living Plan.
- Part 1 must be completed or updated for each court date after their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Part-2 must be completed 90 days before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and can be updated within that 90-day window

**For young people aged 18–21-year-olds (*with a planned exit*):**

Complete. Part 2 Only

Part-2 must be completed 90 days before their planned exit and can be updated within that 90-day window.

**Note:** The Transitional Living Plan (Part A) must be completed before completing the Emancipation Plan for young people ages 17-21.

**Form Completion Guide**

**Page 1 Court Submission Information**

Collaborate and plan with the young person to provide the following information that will be submitted to the court

- Placement options available to them upon their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Appropriate adults that can serve as resources
- How the young person plans to maintain contact with sibling(s)
- How Department of Social Services (DSS) can assist with maintaining sibling(s) contact

List all Department of Social Services points of contacts for the young person (Ensure all information is up-to-date and completed within all the columns provided).

**Page 2 Documents and Participation:**

- Confirm possession of important documents.
- Originals should be at home or an accessible location

- If kept at the DSS office, confirm the young person agreed to this
- Discuss and document whether the young person plans to participate in the Foster Care 18-21 program.
- Inform the young person that LINKS Services remain available even if they choose not to participate in the Extended Foster Care 18-21 Program.

**Drafting a timeline:**

Although this is the initial plan, additional information is needed to effectively support the young person. Draft a timeline with specific dates outlining when the agency and the young person will review and update the details outlined to prepare for section 2.

**Page 3 Housing:**

- Document the young person’s current housing status.
- Detail their planned living arrangements after exiting foster care at age 18, and between the ages of 18-21.

**Page 4 Educational :**

- For the question “*Has young person received a High School Diploma or GED?*” high school transcripts should be attached and provided to the young person.
- If the young person answers “Yes” to “*Does young person plan to attend college or a vocational program?*” complete the Education Continued section together with them.
- Information regarding Education Training Voucher (ETV) and NC Reach must be provided to the young person. This may be attached to this Emancipation Plan or included in the resources section.

**Page 5 Educational Resources:**

- List adults who can support the young person educationally (e.g., guidance counselors, teachers, academic advisors, or trusted mentors,)

**Page 6 Employment/Training Program/Volunteer:**

The question “*Is the young person enrolled in a training program to limit or remove barriers to employment?*”

- Clarify if the young person is enrolled in any vocational, on-the-job, or job readiness training programs.
- Ensure the young person knows how to:
- Complete employment applications
- Maintain an up-to-date resume

**Page 7 Transportation Resources:**

- Help the young person identify contacts they can reach out to for transportation assistance when needed.

**Page 8 Health Insurance Resources:**

- Include resources and instructions for accessing mental health and other health services after aging out of foster care.

**Page 9 Income/Credit Report:**

When completing the question “*Will young person have income other than from employment?*”

- Determine if the young person will have income from sources other than employment (e.g., alimony, child support, SSI, SSDI, dependent benefits).
- Document accordingly

**Additional Notes:**

- Attach the most recent copies of both the Transitional Living Plan Part A and the Emancipation Plan to all court reports on or after the young person’s 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The plans should be living documents and updated regularly to reflect changes in the young person’s circumstances.