

Achieving Permanency for Older Youth Resource List

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	WEB ADDRESS OR ONLINE PATH
<i>Adolescent Services (DHS) Website</i>	DHS website that organizes resources related to services and supports for adolescents in foster care. Relevant information Includes: extended foster care to age 21; post-secondary educational funding options; HTHP grants; life skills assessment.	http://mn.gov/dhs Click on: People We Serve Click on: Children and Families Click on: Services Click on: Adolescent services
<i>Belonging and Emotional Security Tool (BEST)</i>	Tool developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation/Casey Family Services for social workers to explore the possibility of a deeper emotional and/or preferable legal commitment between foster parents and youth, and to assess ambivalence about permanency among both. Tool is pages 10-14 in publication called “A Foster Care Practice Model: Lifelong Families Practice Tools” .	http://www.aecf.org/OurWork/ChildWelfarePermanence/CaseyFamilyServices.aspx Enter “Belonging and Emotional Security Tool” in the Search function.
<i>Breaking Barriers to Teen Adoption</i>	Youth, adoptive parents, caseworkers and national experts talk about issues related to permanency and adoption.	Part 1: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAxMWRqgwxI Part 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7ML2Z2kbyU Part 3: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_iTNXX8WLQ
<i>California Permanency for Youth Project (CPYP)</i>	Publishes resources for organizational development to support youth permanency, family finding and engagement, and permanency practice for emancipated youth. CPYP merged with the Center for Family Finding and Youth Connectedness, hosted by Seneca Center. CPYP’s resources are on Seneca’s website.	http://www.senecacenter.org/familyconnectedness
<i>Casey Family Programs</i>	Agency dedicated to providing, improving – and ultimately preventing the need for – foster care. Includes a resource library as well as information for youth and families.	www.casey.org
<i>Casey Life Skills Assessment</i>	Free online assessments [including <i>Casey Life Skills (CLS) Assessment</i>], tools and learning resources to help engage youth in foster care in order to gain the life skills they need to prepare for adulthood.	www.caseylifeskills.org

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<i>Child Welfare Information Gateway</i>	Information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families, from prevention to permanency, including child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption.	www.childwelfare.gov
<i>Child Welfare League of America</i>	Coalition of private and public agencies serving vulnerable children and families. Focus on policies, programs and practices through research/data, publications and conferences/training.	www.cwla.org
<i>Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption</i>	Series of video clips related to adoption.	“Unadoptable is Unacceptable”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLP3pAfCHgo “Say Yes”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOqx4ggOJWc&feature=relmfu “Finding Forever Families”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOf2GhZeq8A&feature=related
<i>Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute</i>	Leadership to improve adoption laws, policies and practices through research, education and advocacy.	www.adoptioninstitute.org
<i>Extending Foster Care for Youth Ages 18-21, DHS Policy Bulletin #12-68-22</i>	DHS publication that provides policy guidance on foster care for youth ages 18-21, including Title IV-E claiming, associated with the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.	http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16_173921.pdf
<i>Finding Adoptive Families for Teens: Practice Tips from The Homecoming Project for Working with Teens Under State Guardianship</i>	Publication of The Homecoming Project, a five-year demonstration project of DHS, managed by the Minnesota Adoption Resource Network under grant contract, and funded through a federal Adoption Opportunities grant. Provides best practice and concrete tips for working with youth to achieve permanency.	http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/dhs16_143827.pdf
<i>Finding Permanent Families for Teens Under State Guardianship</i>	Final report of The Homecoming Project.	http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/dhs16_147732.pdf
<i>Forever Families: Improving Outcomes by Achieving Permanency for Legal Orphans</i>	Technical assistance bulletin published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges which emphasizes the need to achieve legal permanency for “waiting children” or “legal orphans” – children under guardianship of the commissioner waiting for adoptive parents. Focuses on the court’s oversight role in assuring youth have permanent families. Appendix B (pages 37-38)	http://www.ncjfcj.org/resource-library/publications/forever-families-improving-outcomes-achieving-permanency-legal-orphans

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	highlights critical questions for judges to ask social workers about efforts and progress to achieve permanency.	
Forgotten Children's Fund	DHS-managed fund to provide one-time reimbursements for special items for children or youth in foster care that cannot be purchased through other funding sources. The fund is supported entirely through donations and bequests.	Email questions to: dhs.forgottenchildrensfund@state.mn.us
Foster Club	National network for youth in foster care. Provides a variety of resources for youth transitioning from foster care and for the adults working with and supporting those youth. Many free resources as well as resources that may be purchased.	www.fosterclub.com
Healthy Transition and Homeless Prevention (HTHP) grant contracts	DHS grants to non-profit agencies to provide Independent Living Skills (ILS) training and other services to youth ages 16-21. Grantee agencies may assist youth currently and previously in care. The purpose of the funds is to improve outcomes and reduce the risk of homelessness for youth 16-21 years old who will age out of foster care.	Healthy Transition grantees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ain Dah Yung, www.adycenter.org, (651) 227-4184 ▪ Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, www.aeoa.org, (218) 327-6749 ▪ Catholic Charities, St. Cloud, www.ccstcloud.org/SAIL/index.html, (320) 240-8204 ▪ Catholic Charities, St. Joseph Home and Hope Street, Minneapolis, http://cctwincities.com/hope_street.aspx, (612) 204-8230 ▪ Division of Indian Work, www.diw.gmcc.org, (612) 722-8722 ▪ Evergreen, www.evergreenhouse.org, (218) 751-8223 ▪ Face to Face Health and Counseling Services, Inc./Safezone, www.face2face.org, (651) 772-5563 ▪ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Brainerd, www.lssmn.org, (218) 828-4383 ▪ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Duluth, www.lssmn.org, (218) 529-2287 ▪ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Mankato/Rochester Area (formerly Rochester Area Y), krista.wicklund@lssmn.org, (507) 287-2260, ext.

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		327 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, St. Paul, www.lssmn.org, (651) 644-7739 ▪ Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Willmar, www.lssmn.org, (320) 231-7075 ▪ Red Wing Youth Outreach, www.redwingyouthoutreach.org, (651) 388-3371 ▪ YWCA of Duluth, www.ywcaduluth.org, (218) 722-7425 ext. 111
<i>Helping Youth Transition From Out-of-home Care to Adulthood: Best Practices Guide</i>	DHS publication that explains the requirements for county social workers to assist adolescents in out-of-home care prepare for successful adulthood.	https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6530-ENG
<i>Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative</i>	Provides information and resources to help foster youth make successful transitions to adulthood. Promotes efforts to help former foster youth with education, employment, health care, housing and developing permanent connections with caring adults. Advocates for youth engagement.	www.jimcaseyyouth.org
<i>Knowing Youth Rights: A Handbook for Kids in Foster Care</i>	Publication of the Children’s Law Center of Minnesota to help youth ages 10-21 who are in or have been in foster care under Minnesota state court jurisdiction understand their rights.	http://www.clcmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/Knowing-Your-Rights.CLCMN_.2011.pdf
<i>Love and Belonging for a Lifetime: Youth Permanency in Child Welfare</i>	Special issue of <i>Protecting Children</i> , a professional publication of the American Humane Association, that highlights practice and policy issues that support effective permanency planning and decision-making with adolescents in foster care. Includes article called “Permanency for LGBTQ Youth” by Gerald Mallon, DSW, from the NRCPFC. (Volume 26, Number 1, 2011)	http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/pdfs/children/protecting-children-journal/pc-26-1.pdf
<i>Making Healthy Choices: A Guide on Psychotropic Medications for Youth in Foster Care</i>	Guide developed by the Children’s Bureau that provides information and worksheets to assist youth recognize when they need help, weigh options for medication use, ask questions about their diagnoses and treatment, and take medication safely.	http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/psych-med-youth-guide Click on: Download the Guide
<i>Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth</i>	Prospective study following young people in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois as they make the transition from foster care to early adulthood.	www.chapinhall.org/research/report/midwest-evaluation-adult-functioning-former-foster-youth

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<i>National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/NCWD for Youth</i>	Collaborative housed at the Institute for Educational Leadership, and funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), that assists state and local workforce development systems better serve all youth, including youth with disabilities and other disconnected youth.	http://www.ncwd-youth.info/
<i>National Resource Center for Adoption (NRCA)</i>	A service of the Children's Bureau (ACF/DHHS), with the mission to assist federally funded child welfare agencies in building their capacity to ensure the safety, well-being and permanency of abused and neglected children through adoption and post-adoption services, program planning, policy development, and practice.	www.nrcadoption.org
<i>National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (NRCPFC)</i>	A service of the Children's Bureau (ACF/DHHS), dedicated to help strengthen the capacity of publicly administered or supported child welfare agencies through training, technical assistance and information services. Provides information and research on a wide range of child welfare issues, including: relative search and engagement, placement stability, siblings, concurrent planning, older youth permanency and the federal Fostering Connections Act. Archived webcasts on a variety of topics are available to view.	www.nrcpfc.org
<i>National Resource Center for Youth Development (NRCYD)</i>	A service of the Children's Bureau (ACF/DHHS), provides training and technical assistance to publicly administered and supported child welfare agencies to enhance the quality of life for our nation's youth.	www.nrcyd.ou.edu
<i>Northwest Foster Care Alumni Study</i>	Research examining how youth formerly in foster care have fared as adults and what changes in foster care services could improve their lives.	http://www.casey.org/Resources/Initiatives/FosterCareAlumniStudies/NorthwestAlumniStudy.htm
<i>Older Adolescent Permanency and APPLA (2005-2011)</i>	Annotated list of resources, compiled by the NRCPFC, on the topics of older adolescent permanency and Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/download/APPLA%20and%20Permanency%20for%20Older%20Adolescents.pdf
<i>Paths to Permanency (DHS 4907)</i>	DHS publication that provides information on the legal and financial differences between adoption and transfer of permanent legal and physical custody.	http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Legacy/DHS-4907-ENG
<i>Permanency Pact</i>	Publication of Foster Club, a tool to support permanency for youth in foster care. A pledge by a supportive adult to provide specific	www.fosterclub.com/files/PermPact_0.pdf

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	supports to a young person, with a goal of establishing a lifelong, kin-like relationship.	
<i>Practice Guide for Using Long-Term Foster Care</i>	DHS publication that explains that long-term foster care should be used on a limited basis. Outlines the statutory requirements for long-term foster care.	http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Legacy/DHS-4862-ENG
<i>Practice Guide for Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer Youth (DHS 6500)</i>	DHS publication that intends to increase awareness, knowledge and skills of social workers and administrators in the child welfare system so they may effectively and competently meet the needs of these youth and their families.	https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6500-ENG
<i>Procedures for Emergency Relative Placements, DHS Policy Bulletin #11-68-05</i>	DHS publication that guides county social services agencies on the procedures for emergency relative placements, consistent with Minnesota statutes, to place a child with an unlicensed relative.	http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16_163072.pdf
<i>Promoting Placement Stability in the Context of Permanency Planning</i>	11 th Annual Spring Conference hosted by the CASCW, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. Guest speaker: Dr. Peter Pecora, Managing Director of Research Services, Casey Family Programs, and Professor of Social Work, University of Washington at Seattle.	www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw Click on: Events Click on: Past Events Click on: 2010 Conferences Forums & Events
<i>Public/Private Adoption Initiative (PPAI)</i>	DHS contracts with 10 private adoption agencies to assist counties facilitate adoptions of children under guardianship of the commissioner. Agencies provide pre- and post-adoption services, including: recruit, train and home study prospective adoptive parents; child-specific recruitment; and placement support. Contact: Emily Palmer, adoption contracts program consultant, (651) 431-4712 or emily.palmer@state.mn.us .	<i>PPAI agencies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ African American Adoption Agency, http://afadopt.org, (651) 659-0460▪ Ampersand Families, www.ampersandfamilies.org, (612) 605-1904▪ Bethany Christian Services, www.bethany.org/plymouth, (763) 553-0344 or (866) 321-1964▪ Children’s Home Society & Family Services, www.chsfs.org, (651) 646-7771 or (800) 952-9302▪ Downey Side, www.downeyside.org, (320) 240-1433▪ Family Focus, www.mnfamilyfocus.org, (612) 331-4429▪ HOPE Adoption & Family Services, Int., www.hopeadoptionsservices.org, (651) 439-2246

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<i>Support for Emancipation and Living Functionally (SELF) Program</i>	Federal funds for services and supports to prepare youth for healthy transitions to adulthood and to prevent homelessness and welfare dependency. Eligible youth are ages 14 and older in county or tribally approved out-of-home placement and are likely to remain in placement until age 18 or older. Applications for SELF funds can be made for a number of services and activities.	http://mn.gov/dhs Click on: People We Serve Click on: Children and Families Click on: Services Click on: Adolescent services Click on: Self Program
<i>Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), DHS Policy Bulletin #12-68-20</i>	DHS publication that explains Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), which provides relief for undocumented children in foster care, and is a route to legal immigration status and permanency for children in foster care.	http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16_173281.pdf
<i>Things People Never Told Me</i>	Publication by Better Futures Project, Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures, Portland State University, that provides advice for youth transitioning out of foster care.	http://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/pdf/proj2-ThingsNoOneToldMe.pdf
<i>Tools for Permanency, Tool #4: Kinship Care</i>	Publication that assists placing workers evaluate whether or not kinship care is an option in any particular case.	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/kinship-relative-care.html Scroll down to Tools and Resources and click to open: Tools for Permanency – Kinship Care
<i>Transition Toolkit</i>	Foster Club’s free tool for developing a youth-driven transition plan with a team approach, in compliance with Fostering Connections. The extensive transition toolkit helps youth and their team of adult supporters take inventory of the youth’s current assets, identify resources, and map out a plan for the challenges after foster care.	http://www.fosterclub.com/files/transition_toolkit_v3.pdf
<i>Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Practice</i>	Winter 2013 issue of the CASCW’s CW 360 publication, in partnership with Ambit Network, that addresses how to incorporate trauma-informed organizational and practice strategies into child welfare practice.	http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/attributes/PDF/publications/CW360-Ambit_Winter2013.pdf
<i>Tuition Waivers</i>	Youth who emancipated from foster care under the guardianship of	http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/512p2.html

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	the commissioner of Human Services may be eligible to have their tuition waived if they are attending a Minnesota State College or University (MnSCU) school. Tuition waivers are granted at the discretion of the president of each school. See MnSCU System Procedures, Chapter 5 – Administration, Procedure 5.12.2.	
<i>Unpacking the “NO” of Permanency for Older Adolescents</i>	Archived webcast and related PowerPoint by the NRCPCF on social work best practice for working with older youth to achieve permanency.	http://www.nrcpfc.org/webcasts/27.html http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/download/Florida.unpacking.11.08.pdf
<i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau</i>	AFCARS data, laws and policies, research and best practices, and information and resources related to child welfare.	www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb
<i>We Interrupt: Waiting Teens Talk About Adoption</i>	Foster youth and former foster youth who have been adopted talk about issues related to permanency and adoption. Produced by the Minnesota Adoption Resource Network, with funding by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.	Part 1: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InCtQdqaSqY Part 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gcZE4T0tuo
<i>Youth Connections Scale</i>	Assessment tool to evaluate and measure the permanent, supportive connections for youth in foster care and to guide agency case planning around strengthening youth connections to caring adults. Developed by the CASCW at the University of Minnesota in partnership with Anu Family Services.	http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/research/YCS/default.html
<i>Youth Corner</i>	Interactive website offering online access to statewide community resources for youth and young adults. Information available on topics such as: housing, education, jobs, money management, legal issues, health care, transportation, and community connections.	www.MinnesotaHelp.info Click on: Youth Corner
<i>Youth Permanency Hot Topics Webpage</i>	NRCPCF’s webpage devoted to guides and practice resources, “Unpacking the No” and other relevant curricula, and other information related to older youth permanency.	http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/info_services/youth-permanency.html