

Youth in Custody/PCSA Referral

YA = Young Adult
RC = Bridges Regional Coordinator
PCSA = Public Children Services Agency

- 180 days prior to the youth's 18th birthday, PCSA educates youth about Bridges:
 - Eligibility determination
 - Services offered
 - General idea of housing type/area desired

- If it appears youth will qualify for Bridges and is interested, the PCSA/IL Worker makes a referral to RC 90 days prior to emancipation via one of the following methods:
 - Via Get in Touch Page on Bridges Website
 - Via contacting the RC directly
 - Via hot line at 1-866-503-1895

- RC and PCSA touch base on referral
- PCSA assigns RC as worker to youth's case in SACWIS

- Within 72 hours, RC makes contact with youth and PCSA worker to initiate warm hand-off consultation work:
- The expectation for the Bridges Representatives is to be an additional support for the youth. The point of the warm handoff is to educate the Bridges team working with the youth on what the transition plan entails and to start building a relationship between the youth and Bridges team.
- Examples of discussion items include:
 - RC name and role
 - Agency preference
 - Relationship/trust building
 - Augmentation of PCSA work/education
 - Youth's transition plan
 - Decide, with youth and PCSA worker, what future communication will look like
- RC enters activity logs into existing SACWIS case for activities when PCSA staff are not present

- 30 Days prior to emancipation, the RC records and screens in a Bridges Intake, and opens a Bridges Case
- The identified Bridges Supervisor is assigned to the Bridges Case
- Bridges Supervisor then assigns the Liaison
- The Liaison works with the PCSA worker and youth to begin the application process
- Provider assignment is determined based on youth's preference and also provider capacity

- YA emancipates from PCSA custody
- Liaison completes Application and VPA with YA, then submits to ODJFS
- **If approved, Bridges Services begin**
- If denied YA will be referred to PCSA for post emancipation services (this will be done via a phone call to the PCSA to request post-emancipation services)

Post Emancipated YA/PCSA Referral

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