
ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY CFS OPERATIONS MANUAL

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Extended Foster Care (EFC)

Purpose	To provide guidelines regarding Extended Foster Care (EFC) eligibility criteria and participation requirements.
Approved	This policy was approved by Loan English, CFS Director. <i>Signature on file.</i>
Most Recent Revision	<p>This revision of the Policy and Procedure (P&P) includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded EFC eligibility criteria related to Post-18 Dispositional Hearings pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section (§) 358• Guidance to establish Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for nonminor dependents (NMD) who were non-federally eligible prior to turning 18 years old• Deletion of Attachment 3—Parent Support Plan• Removal of the <i>Infant Supplement Shared Agreement for THP + FC (F063-25-820)</i>• Updated legal mandates• Inclusion of new attachments:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Attachment 3— Foster Care Eligibility/Non-Dependent LG-Required Documents to Transition to Extended Care Benefits</u>○ <u>Attachment 4— Petition to Permit New Determination of Eligibility for Federal Redetermination Participation (FFP) in Extended Foster Care (EFC)</u>○ <u>Attachment 5—Foster Care Eligibility-Required Documents to Transition to Extended Foster Care</u>• The following forms were rendered obsolete:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Personal Rights in a Resource Family Home (F063-25-682)</i>

- *Foster Care Eligibility-Required Documents to Transition to Extended Foster Care (F063-25-681)*
- *Preparation for Nonminor Dependency (Procedure and SSW Talking Points) (F063-25-678)*

Background

The California Fostering Connections to Success Act (2010) and Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (2014) though [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 12 \(2010\)](#) and [Senate Bill 794 \(2015\)](#) allows for an extension of foster care services and permanency options for eligible youth ages 18 to 21. Eligible foster youth are designated as “nonminor dependents” (NMDs). Since the implementation of AB 12, there has been continued supportive legislation, state regulations, and expansion of services to support this population. With the understanding that young people are at different stages of developing independent living skills, the extension of services helps prepare NMDs towards self-sufficiency and independent living.

[AB 2337 \(2018\)](#) amended [WIC § 388.1](#) and [WIC §11403](#), allowing young adults, whose adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are no longer providing financial support, to re-enter into Extended Foster Care (EFC) as NMDs.

EFC services provide guidance and support for a successful transition into adulthood and self-sufficiency via:

- Collaborating to develop a Transitional Age Independent Living Plan (TILP) that supports the young adult's transition to full independence.
- Providing safe and approved placement options by extending foster care payments for approved placements.
- The provision of case management services tailored to support the road to independence and assist in remaining EFC eligible.
- Providing education, community resources, and mentorship regarding the meaning, benefits, and responsibilities of being a legal adult.
- Supporting connections with family, friends, and other supportive members of the community, as early as possible, with the goal of promoting life-long relationships.

The goals and plans established in TILPs and Transitional Planning Conferences (TPCs) provide the foundation for preparing the youth to meet EFC participation requirements or emancipate from foster care and remain eligible to re-enter EFC.

EFC helps young adults transition to independence by building life skills, supporting healthy relationships, and promoting informed decision-making. Its focus is on preparing young adults to manage adulthood successfully-personally, socially, and professionally.

The extension of foster care beyond 18 years of age allows for dependents NMDs and those in qualifying Legal Guardianship/Adoption cases ordered by Juvenile Court to receive the continued support of the Social Services Agency (SSA). This support includes continuation of foster care payment benefits and/or case management services, as these young adults work to pursue educational and employment goals and develop permanent connections with caring, committed adults.

In California, historically, approximately 4,500 young adults exit foster care annually upon reaching 18 years of age. Research has shown that former foster youth often experience poor outcomes as young adults, including low levels of employment and educational achievement and high rates of homelessness, pregnancy, and criminal justice involvement. In an effort to offer further support for foster youth beyond 18 years of age and improve outcomes in adulthood, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 11-351) was passed into federal law in September 2008.

Pursuant to All County Letter (ACL) 11-69, EFC eligible youth will be provided with EFC information within six months prior to their 18th birthday, to make an informed decision about whether to participate in EFC.

Participation in EFC is voluntary. An EFC-eligible youth turning 18 years of age may decline to participate in EFC or may opt-out of EFC any time after reaching 18 years of age, as applicable, by stating their intent to opt out to the assigned social worker, Foster Care Eligibility Worker, and/or attorney.

Those who opt-out of EFC can re-enter EFC an unlimited number of times until they no longer meet the eligibility criteria. Refer to CFS P&P [Re-Entry Into Extended Foster Care \(EFC\) \(J-0105\)](#) for guidelines regarding the EFC voluntary re-entry process.

Definitions

For purposes of this P&P, the following apply:

Medical Condition: A physical or mental state that limits a NMD's ability to participate in EFC, as verified by a healthcare practitioner (refer to the "Participation Requirements" Policy section for a list of

EFC participation requirements). A healthcare practitioner is any individual provider licensed or authorized by the state, county, or city in which the provider is located to provide services related to physical or mental health.

Nonminor Dependent (NMD): Pursuant to WIC § 11400, a current dependent or ward of the Juvenile Court who satisfies all of the following criteria:

- Has reached 18 years of age while under an order of foster care placement, but is less than 21 years of age
- Is in foster care under the placement and care responsibility of Children and Family Services (CFS), County of Orange Probation Department, or an Indian tribe that entered into an agreement pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section (§) 10553.1
- Is participating in or intending/willing to participate in a Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)

NMDs include young adults in qualifying legal guardianship with an open dependency case as of their 18th birthday.

Out-of-Home Caregiver: Resource Family, Relative, Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM), foster parent (licensed or certified), or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)/Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)/Transitional Housing Placement (THP) Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) provider, including case managers and/or administrative staff responsible for providing regular support for NMDs.

Note: NMDs residing in Supervised Independent Living Placements (SILPs), as defined in CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependent \(NMD\) Placements \(J-0102\)](#), do not have an out-of-home caregiver.

Transitional Independent Living Case Plan (Case Plan): Pursuant to WIC § 11400, a NMD's case plan that is updated every six months, informed by the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool and TILP, which describes, in part, the goals and objectives of how the NMD will make progress in the transition to living independently and assume incremental responsibility for adult decision-making, and the supportive services to ensure active and meaningful participation in maintaining eligibility for EFC.

Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) and Agreement Document (TILP1): Pursuant to WIC § 11400, an auto-populating Statewide Automated System template which describes, in part, the goals and objectives of how the youth/young adult will make

progress in the transition to living independently and assume incremental responsibility for adult decision-making, and the supportive services to ensure active and meaningful transition to independence. TILP is updated every six months or when there is a change in circumstance.

Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM)/Transitional Planning Conference: Pursuant to WIC § 16501, a group of individuals convened by CFS and engaged through a variety of team-based processes to identify the strengths and needs of the NMD and family, and to help achieve positive outcomes for safety, permanency, independence, and well-being.

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EFC Summary Criteria Pursuant to WIC §§ 11400, 358, and ACL 22-72, the guidelines for a young adult to participate in EFC include:

- A. Not more than 21 years of age and
 - Has reached 18 years of age while under an order of foster care placement
-or-
 - Was adjudicated as a dependent at a post-18 dispositional hearing, if the youth was found to be described by section 300 at a jurisdiction hearing prior to attaining age 18, was continuously detained, and the youth consented to the dispositional hearing.

Refer to the "Eligibility Criteria" section of [Attachment 1 – EFC/Kin GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding](#) for specific eligibility guidelines for each EFC eligible group.

- B. Meets at least one of the following Participation Requirements:
 - Completed/progressing towards completion of high school or equivalent program
 - Enrolled in a post-secondary or vocational school at least half-time
 - Participating in program or activity that promotes employment
 - Employed at least 80 hours per month
 - Incapable of enrollment in school or employment due to a qualifying medical/mental health condition

Refer to the “Participation Requirements” Policy section for further information regarding EFC Participation Requirements.

C. Resides in foster care under the placement and responsibility of the county welfare department, probation, or a Title IV-E Tribe pursuant to WIC § 11400.

Refer to CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependent \(NMD\) Placements \(J-0102\)](#) for further information regarding placement options for NMDs.

Refer to CFS P&P [Foster Care, AAP, and Kin-GAP Rates for Young Adults \(J-0103\)](#) for EFC funding of CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#), for guidelines regarding initiating and changing rates or establishing a basic and supplemental rate.

D. Maintains an open dependency case.

Refer to CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#) for guidelines on completing Status Review Hearing reports pursuant to WIC §§ 366.3 or 366.31 for a NMD, including case plan development.

Note: Kin-Gap and AAP are not considered EFC; however, young adults who meet the eligibility and participation requirements are eligible for continued Kin-Gap and AAP funding up to age 21. (Refer to CFS P&P [Extended AAP and Kin-Gap Benefits \[J-0106\]](#).)

E. Young adults who opt-out of EFC can re-enter EFC at any time until they no longer meet the eligibility criteria. Refer to CFS P&P [Re-Entry Into Extended Foster Care \(EFC\) \(J-0105\)](#) for guidelines regarding the re-entry process.

EFC—General Guidelines Pursuant to ACLs 11-61, 11-69, and 12-48:

A. **EFC/Kin-GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding** [Attachment 1—EFC/Kin-GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding](#) provides eligibility criteria, available services, and the process for facilitating funding for young adults in each of the following categories:

- NMDs (including legal guardianship with dependency at age 18 years)
- Non-Dependent Non-Related Legal Guardianship (NRLG)

- Kin-GAP
- Adoption Assistance Payments (AAP)

Note: Kin-GAP and AAP are not considered EFC; however, young adults who meet the eligibility and participation requirements pursuant to the guidelines of [Attachment 1 – EFC/Kin-GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding](#) and [Attachment 3 – Foster Care Eligibility/Non-Dependent LG-Required Documents to Transition to Extended Care Benefits](#) are eligible for extended Kin-GAP and AAP funding until reaching 21 years of age. Refer to CFS P&P [Extended AAP and Kin-GAP Benefits \(J-0106\)](#).

B. **Additional Eligibility/Ineligibility Guidelines**

Eligible for EFC	Ineligible for EFC
<p>A minor dependent/young adult who meets the eligibility criteria in Attachment 1 — EFC/Kin-GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding remains eligible for EFC if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnant/parenting • Residing out-of-state/out-of-county • An undocumented dependent pursuant to CFS P&P Undocumented Dependents (D-0508) • Married* • Serving part-time in military reserves, national guard, or ROTC • Receiving SSI • Victims of human trafficking <p>Pursuant to ACL 18-101, marriage or part-time military enlistment do not exclude a NMD from EFC eligibility.</p>	<p>A minor dependent/young adult is not eligible to remain in EFC as a NMD if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incarcerated • In Non-Related Legal Guardianship ordered by Probate Court • Residing with a parent pursuant to a court-ordered FM case plan as of their 18th birthday • Full-time military service, deployment, or basic training/boot camp <p>Note: If circumstances change, a young adult may re-enter EFC, provided eligibility criteria are met pursuant to CFS P&P Re-Entry Into Extended Foster Care (EFC) (J-0105).</p>

C. **Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)**

To transition to EFC, young adults must meet:

- Eligibility criteria
- At least one of the participation requirements

–And–

- Sign the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)* no later than 30 calendar days following their 18th birthday

Note: Pursuant to ACL 12-48, for a NRLG the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162) must be signed 30 calendar days **prior to or** no later than by the youth's 18th birthday.

The *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162) is an agreement between CFS and the young adult, which specifies the young adult's willingness to:

- Remain under the jurisdiction of the Court as a NMD
(Note: This provision does not apply to young adults in non-dependent NRLG)
- Remain in an approved placement supervised by CFS
- Report changes in meeting eligibility criteria and/or participation requirements
- Work on TILP goals

D. **NMD Advisements**

The ASW will provide EFC eligible youth with the information required pursuant to the Policy sections below within six months prior to the youth's 18th birthday, so they may make an informed decision about whether to participate in EFC.

The assigned social worker will advise eligible youth/NMDs of their eligibility for:

- Medi-Cal until age 26
- ILP services
- Not being required to pay taxes on EFC payments nor their caregiver(s)
- Reimbursement for educational travel expenses to school of origin through 12th grade, pursuant to CFS P&P School Placement and Transfer (I-0102)
- CFS-issued bus passes to engage in activities that meet EFC eligibility requirements
- SSI evaluation
- Federal redetermination
- EFC Re-entry

Note: Pursuant to ACL 12-48, ILP services are not available to youth who entered a NRLG prior to their eighth birthday.

Participation Requirements

Pursuant to ACL 11-61, a young adult who meets the eligibility criteria to remain in EFC must meet at least one of the following participation requirements to participate in EFC:

A. Completed/progressing towards completion of high school or equivalent program, including, but not limited to:

- Public/Charter/Alternative High School
- Adult Education classes
- Any course of study leading towards completion of High School diploma, General Equivalency Degree (GED), High School Proficiency Certificate, High School Completion Certificate
- Participating in special education activities as described in the NMD's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Note: Enrollment is considered continuous during any summer or other scheduled break during the academic program.

B. Be enrolled in post-secondary or vocational school at least part-time, including, but not limited to:

- Enrolled in any for-credit or non-credit courses
- Formal admission to an institution is not required (e.g., NMD enrolled in individual courses without being enrolled in institution)

C. Participate in program or activity that promotes employment, including, but not limited to:

1. Individualized program based on a youth centered assessment of skills and needs.
2. Activities may be self-directed, completed in conjunction with the NMD's caregiver or SSW, or part of an organized program (e.g., unpaid employment, volunteer activities, unpaid internships or apprenticeships).

Note: Participation in programs for drug and alcohol treatment also fulfills this participation requirement.

3. NMD is deemed to be meeting this requirement as long as participating in regular meetings with the ASW to update and implement the current Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP).

D. Be employed at least 80 hours per month:

- Engaged in full or part time employment, including paid or unpaid employment, volunteer activities, paid or

unpaid internships, apprenticeships, vocational rehabilitation, or work study programs.

-OR-

E. Incapable of enrollment in school or employment due to a qualifying medical/mental health condition.

Verification of Participation Requirements: The ASW will obtain documentation to verify participation in activities related to meeting the participation requirements above. Refer to [Attachment 2—Examples of Supporting Documentation for Meeting EFC Participation Criteria.](#)

Pursuant to CFS policy, the ASW will make ongoing efforts to engage a NMD who is not meeting any Participation Requirements to assess the factors impacting the NMD's ability to do so. The ASW may, as necessary, coordinate a CFT meeting, (e.g., TPC and case staffing) to assist the NMD with meeting a Participation Requirement and achieving TILP goals.

EFC Legal Status

Pursuant to ACLs 11-69 and 11-77, those participating in EFC have legal status as adults and retain all legal decision-making authority.

EFC services will be provided in a manner that respects the young adult's rights as a legal adult, including the right to privacy and self-determination. This includes the young adult holding their own educational rights, the young adult consenting for medical care, and the Court no longer providing consent for psychotropic medication or out-of-state travel.

A. Foster Youth Personal Rights

Pursuant to WIC §§16001.9, and 16501.1, a NMD in an approved placement (including courtesy supervision), will be regularly informed of their personal rights in an age/developmentally appropriate manner that includes an explanation of the NMD's rights and addresses the NMD's questions/concerns regarding placement.

Advisement of a NMD's personal rights will be provided to the NMD and caregiver (as applicable) by the ASW in the youth's primary language at least once during each six-month review period (and at each placement change), using the publications developed by the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson (OFCO) which include the following:

- Foster Youth Rights Handbook
- Foster Youth Bill of Rights Brochure

Downloadable versions of OFCO publications are available at fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov

For further guidance regarding Foster Youth Rights, refer to CFS P&P [Foster Youth Rights \(D-0316-D\)](#).

B. **NMD Educational Rights**

Upon reaching 18 years of age:

1. A NMD will assume all educational rights in accordance with [Education Code \(EDC\) § 56041.5](#), unless the NMD has been determined to be incompetent under state law (i.e., is the subject of a conservatorship).
2. Any prior appointment of an educational representative will expire, pursuant to WIC § 361(a), unless:
 - The NMD chooses not to make educational decisions on their own behalf, and elects to transfer their educational rights to another person.

-Or-

- The NMD is deemed by the Court to be incompetent.

In the event a NMD elects to transfer their educational rights to another person, the ASW will:

- a. Advise the NMD to contact their attorney to discuss the appropriateness of transferring educational rights.
- b. In the court report prepared for the next scheduled NMD Status Review hearing, identify who holds educational decision-making authority for the NMD (i.e., the NMD, another person to whom the NMD has transferred educational rights, or a conservator appointed by Probate Court).

C. **NMD Health Care Information/Confidentiality**

The ASW will support a NMD's responsibility to be informed about health and manage their own health care needs, including:

- How to be informed about prescribed medication and how those medications may interact with other medications, food, or drink
- The right to privacy regarding any medical condition and medical information
- The right to consent to treatment or take medication, including psychotropic medication

Health and Education Passport (HEP): A NMD's HEP remains part of their medical record and will be updated pursuant to CFS P&P [Health and Education Passport \(I-0403\)](#). Pursuant to WIC § 16010 and ACL 11-77, a NMD's current HEP will be provided to the NMD's caregiver.

Note: This applies to any placement other than a SILP.

Pursuant to WIC § 16010, the ASW will advise the NMD of the ASW's obligation to provide the HEP to the out-of-home caregiver and discuss with the NMD the benefits and liabilities of sharing that information.

1. Reproductive Health and Parenting: NMDs will receive accurate reproductive health education and referrals to needed services, including advisement of rights as part of their overall health and well-being pursuant to WIC § 16501. Refer to CFS P&P [Sexual/Reproductive Health and Parenting \(I-0207\)](#) for guidelines on reproductive health care information, services or parenting case management services.
2. Confidentiality: The placing SSW will advise a NMD's caregiver of the responsibility to keep all of the NMD's medical information confidential and that this information cannot be released to any other party without the **written** consent of the NMD. Written consent may be obtained using *Authorization for Release of Information (F063-25-228)*.

This includes medical information required for the last Status Review Hearing prior to the Court making findings regarding the youth/young adult's nonminor dependency status.

Pursuant to CFS policy, if this Status Review Hearing occurs after the young adult's 18th birthday, information regarding medical care that occurred after the young adult's 18th birthday will only be included in the court report

with the young adult's **written** consent. Information regarding medical care that occurred prior to the young adult's 18th birthday may be included in the Status Review Hearing report without the consent of the young adult.

Refer to Attachment 1—Non-Minor Dependency Supplemental Documentation for Court Reports contained in CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#) for guidelines for completing the Status Review Hearing report prior to the Court making findings regarding the youth's/young adult's non-minor dependency status.

Child and Family Team (CFT)

WIC § 16501.1 requires that CFS convene a CFT meeting to identify supports and services needed to achieve permanency, and to enable NMD to live in the least restrictive family setting that promotes normal childhood experiences and is based on the developmental needs of young adults by providing incremental responsibilities which prepare the NMD for the successful transition into adulthood. Activities of the CFT include providing input into:

- Development of a Transitional Independent Living Case Plan (i.e., Case Plan) that is strengths-based, needs driven, and culturally relevant
- Collaborative completion of an Integrated Practice-Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (IP-CANS) tool
- Placement decisions and services to be provided to support the young adult

In practice, CFTMs for NMDs may include or address the following:

- Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)
- 90-Day Transition Planning Conference (TPC)
- Pregnant and Parenting Planning Conference (PPPC), that may also include:
 - Shared Agreement
 - Parenting Support Plan
- Case staffing
- Wraparound Teams
- Placement in a Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP)

Note: Placement in STRTP requires approval from the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC), in collaboration with the CFS STRTP Placement Coordinator.

ACLs 16-84, 18-23, and [22-35](#) provides that CFT meetings for an NMD occur **no less than once every six months**. Best practice

dictates the CFT convene as needed, to address emerging issues, coordinate interventions, safety planning, refine the case plan, and develop TILP goals.

Note: If the NMD receives Specialty Mental Health Services (i.e., Intensive Care Coordination, Intensive Home-Based Services, Therapeutic Foster Care), a CFT meeting must occur **at least every 90 days**. Refer to CFS P&P [Mental Health Services \(I-0303\)](#).

A. Release of Information

Pursuant to WIC § 303 a NMD shall retain all of their legal decision-making authority as an adult. In accordance with WIC § 832, the CFT facilitator or ASW will review the *Child and Family Team (CFT) Consent to Release Information* (F063-25-805) with the NMD to obtain consent to:

- Participate in the CFT process
- Authorize the exchange of information among the CFT

Refer to CFS P&P [Mental Health Services \(I-0303\)](#) for guidelines regarding authorization for a mental health provider to disclose a NMD's mental health information to the planning and support team (i.e., CFT).

B. Case Planning

Pursuant to WIC § 16501.1, the Case Plan will be developed with consideration to the recommendations of the CFT, with input from the child and family, and the IP-CANS assessment.

If there are inconsistencies between the Case Plan and CFT recommendations, the ASW will document the rationale in the Status Review Report.

Refer to the "Case Plan" Policy section of CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#) for further guidelines regarding case plan development.

Refer to [CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Case Plan: Child and Family Team Meetings \(B0106\)](#), to incorporate CFT meetings into the Case Plan, as a Planned Client Service and a Case Management Service.

C. Documentation

Information regarding CFT meetings convened will be documented by the CFT facilitator or ASW.

1. Completion of the *Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) Summary and Action Plan* (SOC 96).
2. Entry of a CWS/CMS Contact Narrative, per [CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Entering Child and Family Team \(CFT\) Meeting Contacts \(E0601\)](#).
3. Incorporation into court reports: refer to CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#).

**Case
Compliance
Contacts**

A. **Compliance Contacts with NMDs and Young Adult in Non-Dependent NRLG:**

The ASW assigned social worker will complete contacts in a manner that respects the privacy of NMDs in EFC and young adults in Non-Dependent NRLG, while assessing the NMDs/young adult's progress in meeting TILP goals and the safety and stability of their NMD/young adult's placement.

The purpose of social worker contacts (telephone, text/written, and in-person) includes yet is not limited to the following objectives:

- Verify NMD's/young adult's compliance with meeting at least one EFC participation requirement
- Verify the location of the NMD and assess the living environment
- Monitor the NMD's/young adult's social, educational, and vocational development
- Engage and involve the NMD/young adult in the development of the case plan and TILP
- Gather information to identify needed services to be included in the case plan and TILP
- Monitor the effectiveness of services provided
- Discuss progress in case plan and TILP goals and identify modifications which may be needed
- Assess the NMD's/young adult's ability to maintain a relationship with siblings, relatives, and adults important to them
- Establish and maintain a helping relationship to provide continuity and a point of stability
- Solicit the NMD's/young adult's input on their future and discuss current as well as future residential and permanency plans

1. **NMD:**

Pursuant to ACL 11-69, the ASW will have at least one monthly in-person contact with the NMD, with the majority

of visits (at least 51 percent) occurring in the NMDs placement.

Note: In occasional circumstances, case compliance contacts may be completed by another SSW, SWI/II or Senior Social Services Supervisor (SSSS) only when all of the following conditions are met:

- With supervisory approval
- Not the first month of contact
- No more than every other month

Contact waivers are not permitted.

Refer to CFS P&P [Missing/Runaway/AWOL \(K-0214\)](#) for guidelines on documenting ongoing efforts to locate NMDs missing from care.

Note: Per CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#), a recommendation to terminate dependency may be made when there have been ongoing reasonable efforts to locate the NMD.

For further guidance regarding social worker compliance contacts, refer to CFS P&P [Case Compliance Contacts and Documentation \(E-0105\)](#)

2. Young Adult in Extended Non-Dependent NRLG: Pursuant to CDSS MPP Division 31-320.612, the ASW will have in-person contact with a young adult in Non-Dependent NRLG and their legal guardian a minimum of once every six months, in the legal guardian's residence.

Pursuant to ACL 12-48, [ACL 25-39](#), a young adult in a NRLG must reside with the former NRLG as a condition of participation in extended benefits. The exception is a non-minor living outside the home in a dorm or other setting, as required, to access education/employment opportunities.

For further guidance regarding Non-Dependent NRLG, refer to [CFS P&P Kin-GAP Benefits \(J-0106\)](#).

Per [ACL 25-39](#), Extended benefit payments will be made to the NRLG even if the young adult is living outside the NRLG's residence to access education/employment opportunities.

B. **Compliance Contacts with Out-of-Home Caregiver/Provider and Non-Dependent NRLG**

The purpose of social worker contacts (telephone, text, electronic, written, and in-person) with out-of-home caregivers/providers and Non-Dependent NRLG includes yet is not limited to the following objectives:

- Discussion of the NMDs/young adult's progress in meeting TILP goals and EFC Participation Requirements
- Support for the out-of-home caregiver/provider/legal guardian while ensuring the NMD/young adult has opportunities for increasing independence as appropriate
- Discussion of any issues of concern regarding the placement
- Any additional issues as identified by the assigned social worker or out-of-home caregiver/provider/legal guardian

The ASW will assess whether a higher frequency of in-person contact is necessary to facilitate the out-of-home caregiver/provider/legal guardian's support of the NMD with meeting goals for independence (e.g., when there is conflict between the NMD and out-of-home caregiver/legal guardian, concern that out-of-home caregiver/legal guardian is not assisting the NMD with developing self-sufficiency skills, etc.) to CFS P&P [Legal Guardianship – Non-Dependents \(K-0404\)](#) for further information on contact requirements and documentation.

Note: Pursuant to CFS policy, exchanging voice mail/text/electronic or written communication with the out-of-home caregiver does not meet the monthly contact requirement.

1. **Out of Home Caregiver**

Per CFS policy outlined in CFS P&P [Case Compliance Contacts and Documentation \(E-0105\)](#) the ASW will have at least one monthly in-person or telephone contact with the NMDs out-of-home caregiver. In-person contact with the NMDs out-of-home caregiver is required at least once every three months.

2. **Non-Dependent NRLG**

Pursuant to CDSS MPP Division 31-320.612 the legal guardian will be contacted in-person a minimum of once every six months.

Case Management
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NMDs Placed in Other Jurisdictions

Pursuant to ACL 11-69, the ASW will be responsible for case management activities and documentation, including, personal rights, monthly face-to-face contacts and submitting required court reports to Court, for NMDs who reside out-of-county or out-of-state unless, as applicable, the placement county has entered into a:

- Courtesy supervision agreement pursuant to CFS P&P [Courtesy Supervision \(K-0501\)](#)
- ICPC agreement pursuant to CFS P&P [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(K-0502\)](#)

Note: ICPC after a youth reaches 18 years of age is at the discretion of the state of residence. If the state of residence does not agree to provide ICPC supervision beyond 18 years of age, the ASW will complete monthly face-to-face contacts and provide services.

Pursuant to ACL 11-69, video conferencing, or the use of any other forms of technology for communication do not meet the requirements for conducting monthly face-to-face contact with NMDs.

NMD Not Meeting EFC Requirements

If a young adult is not meeting eligibility criteria to remain in EFC, the following will be completed, as applicable:

A. Initial Notification

Per CFS policy, when a NMD has failed to meet the requirements defined in the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)*, including but not limited to failing to meet at least one EFC participation requirement for at least 30 days, the assigned social worker will provide each of the following to the NMD:

- A completed *Notice of Non-Compliance with EFC Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC (F063-25-770)*
- A copy of the signed *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)*
- A copy of the TILP

B. 30 Day Follow-Up

The ASW will follow-up with the NMD 30 days after providing the *Notice of Non-Compliance with EFC Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC (F063-25-770)* to assess

the NMD's progress in meeting the requirements of the contract.

C. **Subsequent Notification**

If, after 30 days, the NMD has not made progress in meeting the requirements defined in the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162), the ASW will complete the *Notice of Non-Compliance with Extended Foster Care Participation Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC Follow-Up* (F063-25-771) provide it to the NMD and schedule a CFT meeting.

D. If the NMD continues to not meet EFC requirements, on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with assigned SSSS or designee, the ASW may recommend a WIC § 391 Termination Review hearing through filing a JV-180, Ex Parte, or at a Status Review Hearing. Refer to CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#) for guidelines.

Note: If the NMD is in an approved placement, funding will not be terminated for failure to comply with EFC participation requirements pursuant to WIC § 11403, unless the Court makes an order of non-compliance at a WIC § 391 Termination Review hearing.

Note: Refer to CFS P&P [Missing/Runaway/AWOL \(K-0214\)](#) for guidelines on documenting ongoing efforts to locate NMDs missing from care.

Notification of NMD Payment Termination

Pursuant to WIC § 11403, if the NMD's payment for placement is suspended (for any reason), the ASW will complete a *Notice of Action to Attorney Regarding Non-Minor Dependent Foster Care Payment Discontinuance* (F063-25-815) and fax to the NMD's attorney.

Note: Foster Care Eligibility will provide the NMD, the payee if other than the NMD, and the assigned social worker with a Notice of Action (NOA). A NOA will be sent by Foster Care Eligibility prior to the termination of payment.

Evaluation of Risk Services

Pursuant to WIC §16504, the Child Abuse Hotline will accept reports regarding NMDs alleged to have been endangered by abuse, neglect, or exploitation by a licensed or approved caregiver while residing in a Resource Family Home (RFH), Foster Family Home (FFH), Foster Family Agency (FFA), Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP), Transitional Housing Placement Plus Foster Care (THP + FC), or with a relative or Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) to determine if placement is

safe and appropriate. Refer to CFS P&P [Child Abuse Registry \(CAR\) \(M-0109\)](#) for guidelines when the Child Abuse Hotline receives a call regarding abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a NMD.

Pursuant to CFS policy, the ASW will conduct an evaluation of risk services when the Child Abuse Hotline accepts a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a NMD. Further, pursuant to CFS policy and WIC 16504, a cross report will be filed with law enforcement when the reported situation necessitating the evaluation of risk services for the NMD indicates a crime may have been committed.

The ASW will discuss with the NMD CFS's requirement to file a report with law enforcement. Further, pursuant to CFS policy, the ASW will discuss with the NMD which of the following options the NMD prefers for filing the report with law enforcement:

- NMD files report and provides the assigned social worker with police report number (e.g., DR number)
- Assigned social worker assists NMD with filing report
- Assigned social worker files report on NMD's behalf if NMD declines to file a report

Note: If an allegation of abuse or neglect is received regarding a NMD who meets screen-in criteria for investigation by Adult Protective Services (APS), the ASW will receive notification that, "A Hotline call came in on this NMD regarding a concern." No further information will be provided. The Child Abuse Hotline will maintain confidentiality pursuant to WIC §§15633–15633.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, voluntary services and stabilization supports may be provided without substantiated or alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

Intercounty Transfers

The case of an OC NMD residing in another county may be transferred to the NMD's County of Residence when doing so is in the NMD's best interests and will support the NMD's successful transition to adulthood, for further guidance refer to the NMD sections of the CFS P&P [Intercounty Transfers \(G-0402\)](#).

Regional Center Clients

Pursuant to best practice, the ASW/SSSS may assess on a case-by-case basis through a CFT meeting/Transitional Planning Conference (TPC) whether EFC is appropriate for youth/young adult with developmental delay and who qualify for Regional Center services. Per ACL 11-61 a NMD who is eligible for a disability program, including Regional Center Services, is deemed to have a qualifying medical condition as listed in the EFC Eligibility Criteria.

Options may include, but not be limited to:

- Regional Center Client – Open EFC case
Meets the need for Regional Center services and NMD will benefit from EFC services toward independence
- Regional Center Client – Terminate Dependency
EFC may not be necessary for those youth/young adults who are already linked to a long-term system of care that will meet their life-time needs or where EFC services may be a duplication of services

Note: Initiate coordination with Regional Center in a CFTM as early as possible.

The ASW will review and have the youth/young adult sign the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162), if it is determined that EFC would be beneficial.

In certain circumstances, the ASW will submit an Ex Parte to request Court assign a *Guardian Ad Litum* for the purpose of signing the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162) and other documents requiring consent (including medical consents), if the youth/young adult is unable to understand the *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162).

Wraparound Services

Wraparound services may be considered for NMDs. Refer to CFS P&P [Wraparound Referral and Services \(D-0511\)](#) for further guidelines regarding Wraparound.

Utilization of Wraparound Services for NMDs that meet STRTP criteria may be considered on a case-by-case basis with Multi-Agency Family Partnership Program Manager (PM) approval. (Refer to CFS P&P [Wraparound Referral and Services \(D-0511\)](#) for further guidelines regarding Wraparound.)

Transporting NMDs

Pursuant to CFS policy, CFS social work staff may transport clients. An NMD is a dependent of the Court pursuant to WIC § 303 and must be receiving CFS services to be transported by a SSW. Refer to CFS P&P [Transportation of Clients \(D-0307\)](#) for guidelines and considerations in transporting adults and children.

Note: Children and adults not receiving CFS services will not be transported (e.g., friends of an NMD, etc.).

Parenting NMDs

A. Infant Supplement

Pursuant to ACL 17-93, the infant supplement payment is additional funding used to cover the costs of items such as

food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision and personal incidentals which directly benefit the child of the NMD.

Refer to CFS P&P Foster Care, AAP, and Kin-GAP Rates for Young Adults (J-0103), CFS P&P Foster Care Rates (H-0112), and Sexual/Reproductive Health and Parenting (I-0207) for further guidelines regarding the Parenting Support Plan supplemental rates, and information for parenting NMDs.

SSI NMDs receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are eligible for EFC even if they receive SSI instead of AFDC-FC or a combination of both.

The ASW will consult with the assigned Eligibility Worker regarding the source of payment (SSI or AFDC-FC) to ensure that the NMD receives state only funded AFDC at least one month in any 12-month period to ensure the NMD maintains SSI eligibility at the time the NMD exits foster care.

Petition to Permit New Determination of Eligibility for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Per [ACL 22-72](#) and [WIC § 388 \(f\)\(1\)](#), a petition may be filed with the NMD's consent, to dismiss dependency or transition jurisdiction and immediately resume dependency or transition jurisdiction to establish the NMD's eligibility for FFP. The court may grant this petition without the need of a hearing.

Refer to [Attachment 4 — Petition to Permit New Determination of Eligibility for Federal Redetermination Participation \(FFP\) in Extended Foster Care \(EFC\)](#) for procedural guidelines on submitting a petition for FFP in EFC.

CalWORKs Pursuant to best practice, the ASW may consult with the Foster Care Eligibility Program Manager or CalWORKs representative when information is needed for a NMD to understand the differences between Foster Care and CalWORKs funding, to determine which will best meet his/her needs. Refer to [CFS P&P Foster Care, AAP, and Kin-GAP Rates for Young Adults \(J-0103\)](#).

Pursuant to ACL 11-69 in situations when an NMD is ineligible for AFDC-FC but is receiving extended CalWORKs funding, the assigned social worker will provide a copy of the signed *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)* to the Foster Care Eligibility worker. If an NMD continues to meet participation requirements, the young adult can simultaneously have an open EFC case and receive extended CalWORKs funding.

**Forms/
Documents
Filing**

Forms and documents for those participating in EFC will be filed in the NMDs Permanent Record. For further guidance, refer to the [CFS Imaging Desk Guide](#).

Pursuant to CFS policy, the following forms will be physically or electronically filed in the *Extended Foster Care Acco (F063-25-1145)* or the CFS-EFC Document Type, as applicable:

- *Six-Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation (SOC 161)*
 - Include any supporting documentation of the young adult meeting the EFC participation requirements
- *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 162)*
- *SILP Readiness Assessment (F063-25-704)*
- *Notice of Non-Compliance with EFC Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC (F063-25-770)*
- *Notice of Non-Compliance with Extended Participation Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC Follow-Up (F063-25-771)*
- *Notice of Action to Attorney Regarding Non-Minor Dependent Foster Care Payment Discontinuance (F063-25-815)*
- *Infant Supplement Shared Agreement for THP+FC (F063-25-820)* (as applicable)

For re-entries into EFC, the following additional documents will be filed in the Permanent Record:

- *Voluntary Re-Entry Agreement for Extended Foster Care (SOC 163)*
- *Request to Return to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Foster Care (JV-466)*
- *Confidential Information—Request to Return to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Foster Care (JV-468)* (as applicable)
- Minute Order resuming dependency jurisdiction

All other forms and documents for those participating in EFC will be filed in the Service Folder and/or Legal File, per CFS P&P [Referral and Case Filing \(E-0102\)](#).

REFERENCES

**Attachments
and CWS/CMS**

Hyperlinks are provided below to access attachments to this P&P and any CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards that are referenced.

Data Entry Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Attachment 1—EFC/Kin-GAP/AAP Eligible Groups, Services, and Funding○ Attachment 2—Examples of Supporting Documentation for Meeting EFC Participation Criteria○ Attachment 3—Foster Care Eligibility/Non-Dependent LG-Required Documents to Transition to Extended Care Benefits○ Attachment 4—Petition to Permit New Determination of Eligibility for Federal Redetermination Participation (FFP) in Extended Foster Care (EFC)○ Attachment 5—Foster Care Eligibility-Required Documents To Transition to Extended Foster Care○ CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Case Plan: Child and Family Team Meetings (B0106)○ CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Case Service Component Instructions (B0207)○ CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Qualifying Referral/Case Contact Instructions (E0304)○ CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Entering Child and Family (CFT) Meeting Contacts (E0601)○ CWS/CMS Data Entry Standards—Extended Foster Care (EFC) (L0101)
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Hyperlinks Users accessing this document by computer may create a direct connection to the following references by clicking on the link provided.

- CFS P&P [Fostering Connections with Relatives and Important People \(D-0410\)](#)
- CFS P&P [ILP Services \(D-0504\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Undocumented Dependents \(D-0508\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Wraparound Referral and Services \(D-0511\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Intercounty Transfers \(G-0402\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Foster Care Rates \(H-0112\)](#)
- CFS P&P [School Placement and Transfer \(I-0102\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Health and Education Passport \(I-0403\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependent \(NMD\) Placements \(J-0102\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Foster Care, AAP, and Kin-GAP Rates for Young Adults \(J-0103\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Non-Minor Dependency Court Proceedings \(J-0104\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Courtesy Supervision \(K-0501\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children \(K-0502\)](#)

- CFS P&P [Re-Entry into Extended Foster Care \(EFC\) \(J-0105\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Child Abuse Registry \(CAR\) \(M-0109\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Live Scan Fingerprinting \(B-0115\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Referral and Case Filing \(E-0102\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Transportation of Clients \(D-0307\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Car Seat Usage \(D-0301\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Sexual/Reproductive Health and Parenting \(I-0207\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Structured Decision Making \(D-0311\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Mental Health Services \(I-0303\)](#)
- CFS P&P [Child and Family Teams \(D-0314\)](#)
- [CDSS Foster Youth Bill of Rights](#)

Other Sources Other printed references include the following:

None.

FORMS

Online Forms Forms listed below may be printed out and completed, or completed online, and may be accessed by clicking on the link provided.

Form Name	Form Number
Foster Care Eligibility/Non-Dependent Legal Guardianship—Required Documentation to Transition to Extended Foster Care	F063-25-691
Attorney Notice of NMD FC Payment Discontinuance NOA	F063-25-815
Child and Family Team (CFT) Consent to Release Information	F063-25-805
Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) Summary and Action Plan	SOC 96

Hard Copy Forms Forms listed below may be completed in hard copy (including multi-copy NCR forms). **For reference purposes only**, links are provided to view these hard copy forms, where available.

Form Name	Form Number
Extended Foster Care (EFC) Acco Notice of Non-Compliance with EFC	F063-25-1145
Participation Requirements/Contract to Remain Eligible for EFC	F063-25-770

[Notice of Non-Compliance with EFC](#)
[Participation Requirements/Contract to Remain](#)
[Eligible for EFC- Follow-Up](#)

F063-25-771

**CWS/CMS
Forms**

Forms that may **only** be obtained in CWS/CMS are listed below. **For reference purposes only**, links are provided to view these CWS/CMS forms, where available.

Form Name	Form Number
<u>Kin-GAP Mutual Agreement for Non-minor</u>	KG 3
<u>Former Dependents</u>	
<u>Request to Return to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Foster Care</u>	JV 466
<u>Confidential Information-Request to Return to Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Foster Care</u>	JV 468
<u>Six-Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation</u>	SOC 161
<u>Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care</u>	SOC 162
<u>Voluntary Re-Entry Agreement for Extended Foster Care</u>	SOC 163
<u>Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)</u>	TILP 1
<u>Foster Child Data Record AFDC-FC Certification</u>	SOC 158A
<u>Relative and for Whom a Public Agency is Assuming Some Financial Responsibility</u>	MC 250
<u>Petition and Order to Exit and Reenter Jurisdiction - NMD</u>	JV 469
<u>Findings and Orders Regarding Exit and Reentry of Jurisdiction - NMD</u>	JV 471
<u>Proof of Service—Juvenile</u>	JV 510
<u>Statement Of Facts and Supporting Eligibility for AFDC-Extended Foster Care (EFC)</u>	FC 2 NM
<u>Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Program Agreement Amendment</u>	SOC 369A

Brochures

Brochures to distribute in conjunction with this policy may include:

Brochure Name	Brochure Number
<u>Youth Advisement of Non-Minor Dependency (Extended Foster Care)</u>	F063-25-677
<u>Youth Advisement of Non-Minor Dependency (Extended Foster Care) (Spanish)</u>	F063-25-677Sp
<u>Youth Advisement of Non-Minor Dependency (Extended Foster Care) (Vietnamese)</u>	F063-25-677VN

LEGAL MANDATES

All County Letters (ACLs) [11-61](#), [11-69](#) and [12-48](#) and [Errata](#) outline the basic provisions of EFC, including eligibility guidelines, participation requirements, and placement options.

[ACL 15-67](#) provides guidelines for a parenting NMD residing in a SILP to receive an additional allotment per month when they enter into a Parenting Support Plan (PSP) with an approved Parenting Mentor.

[ACL 16-50](#) provides clarification regarding parenting NMDs residing in a SILP, questions and answers.

[ACL 17-93](#) outlines the process for a shared agreement between the parenting NMD and a THP+FC provider.

[ACL 18-101](#) provides clarification on EFC eligibility for married NMDs and NMDs enlisted in a part-time military program (e.g., military reserves, national guard, ROTC).

[ACL 22-72](#) provides updated guidance for determining federal eligibility for youth re-entering Extended Foster Care.

[ACL 25-35](#) outlines that counties must maintain CFT engagement for Kin-GAP nonminor dependents for coordinated planning consistent with EFC requirements. Documentation must conform to CANS standards and Division 31 CFT recording provisions.

[Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Section \(§\) 303](#) acknowledges the adult legal status of a NMD, details the rights of a NMD, and describes the responsibilities of the child welfare agency, towards a NMD.

[WIC § 362.5](#) – court shall open a separate court file for NMD.

[WIC § 11400](#) defines a Nonminor Dependent (NMD), *Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care* (SOC 162), Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP), and Transitional Housing Plus Foster Care (THP Plus FC). (Refer to Definitions section of this P&P).

[WIC § 16010](#) provides, in part, guidelines for maintaining the health and education records of NMDs and providing the Health and Education Passport (HEP) to the NMD's caregiver. It further outlines the requirement to inform the NMD of the SSW's obligation to provide the HEP to the caregiver.

[WIC § 16501.9](#) lists the personal rights of NMDs.

[WIC § 16501.1](#) provides that a NMD's social worker will advise the NMD of his/her personal rights per [WIC § 16501.9](#) at least once every six months.

[WIC § 16501.26](#) provides guidelines for a parenting NMD and adult mentor to develop a PSP.

[WIC § 16501.27](#) requires an adult 21 years of age or older, who a NMD has selected to provide assistance with parenting his/her child, to undergo a criminal records check pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 1522 and to undergo a Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) check pursuant to Penal Code § 11170.

[WIC § 16504\(c\)](#) provides that any NMD reported to the county welfare services department to be endangered by abuse, neglect, or exploitation by a licensed or approved caregiver while in a foster care placement will be eligible for evaluation of risk services to determine if the placement is safe and appropriate. The county child welfare department will cross report the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation by the licensed or approved caregiver to the appropriate licensing or approval agency and, as appropriate, to law enforcement.

[WIC § 303\(d\)](#) acknowledges a NMD shall retain all legal decision making authority as an adult.

[WIC § 358](#) allows for a dispositional hearing to occur after the 18th birthday if jurisdiction was met prior to the youth's 18th birthday, the youth was continuously detained and consented to the dispositional proceedings.

[ACL 11-69](#) provides that case management activities for young adults in Non-Dependent NRLG established in Juvenile Court who remain in EFC will be completed pursuant to [WIC § 11405](#).

[ACL 12-48](#) and [Errata](#) states a nonminor must live with their former non-related legal guardian except when living in a dorm or other setting required to access education/employment.

[WIC § 11405](#) defines the case management activities required for children and young adults in Non-Dependent NRLG, including the requirement that in-person visits will be made as often as appropriate, but no less than once every six months.

[WIC § 11400\(d\)](#) authorizes payment of AFDC-FC to nonminors living in the home of a former non-related legal guardian.

[WIC § 11403\(b\)](#) outlines the participation requirements a NMD must meet to be eligible to remain in EFC and receive EFC services.

[WIC § 11403\(c\)](#) provides for any notice of action regarding placement funding be sent to the NMD, any other payee, the NMD's attorney and the social worker.

ACLs [11-69](#) and [11-78](#) and [Errata](#) specifically identifies circumstances for ineligibility.

WIC 11400(v) clarifies an NMD is ineligible for EFC while incarcerated.

[WIC § 11403\(a\)](#) provides guidelines for NMDs to receive foster care payment benefits up to age 21 as of January 1, 2014.

[ACL 11-15](#) and [Errata I](#) and [Errata II](#) outline modifications to the Kin-GAP Program.

[ACL 11-78](#) and [Errata](#) outline the eligibility requirements for extending CalWORKs benefits to NMDs.

[ACL 25-39](#) provides updated direction regarding eligibility and count responsibilities for Kin-GAP and NRLG payment programs.

[All County Information Notice \(ACIN\) I-29-13](#) provides that a probation youth under an order for foster care placement who is in juvenile hall on his/her 18th birthday, is eligible for EFC, but not federal reimbursement.

[CDSS MPP Division 45-301.214](#) details requirements that youth in NRLG must meet to become payee.

[ACL 17-54](#) and [ACIN I-31-15](#) provide for uninterrupted Medi-Cal benefits for youth exiting foster care or EFC.

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) [All County Welfare Directors Letter \(ACWDL\) 14-54](#) provide guidance on extending Medi-Cal benefits to 26 years of age.

[ACL 11-69](#) and [ACL 11-77](#) provide that the same monthly contact requirements for children in foster care apply to NMDs.

[CDSS MPP Division 31-320.612](#) requires the social worker to contact the legal guardian in-person a minimum of once every six months.

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