

Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Foster Care (THP+FC)

Placement Description

Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Foster Care (THP+FC) was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 12 and was subsequently amended by AB 212, AB 1712, and Senate Bill 1013. This program was created for Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) who are in foster care, including those supervised by probation, ages 18 to 21. This new placement option provides transitional housing and supportive services based on a Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). An NMD is defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 11400 (v).

For more information on the extension of foster care up to age 21, visit: <u>http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2902.htm</u>.

Placement Eligibility

An NMD, including those supervised by probation, is eligible for placement in THP+FC.

Placement decisions for THP+FC shall be made as any other foster care placement options in consultation with the NMD and based on an assessment of the NMD's strengths and needs.

Note: Youth in guardianships who are not current dependents are not eligible for placement in THP+FC.

Housing Models

Participants may live in one of three settings:

Host Family: placement where the NMD lives with a caring adult who has been selected and approved by the transitional housing placement provider.

Single Site: placement where the NMD lives in an apartment, condominium or single family dwelling, rented or leased by the THP+FC provider, in which one or more adult employees of the THP+FC provider resides on site.

<u>Remote Site</u>: placement where the NMD lives in a single housing unit rented or leased by the housing provider. The NMD lives independently but still receives regular supervision from the provider.

Each provider must complete and sign a certificate of compliance as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, section 86030.5 for each single living unit.

Licensing Standards

The THP+FC providers are licensed as transitional housing placement providers and are subject to Health and Safety

Code section 1559.110 and Community Care Licensing regulations, which are contained in the Title 22, sections 80000-80095, sections 86000-86088, and sections 86100-86187 of the Interim Standards for Transitional Housing Placement Programs which can be found at http://ccld.ca.gov/PG2802.htm.

County Requirement:

• Certify the program is needed by the county, the provider is capable of effectively operating the program and it is suitable to meet the needs of the identified population.

Provider Requirement:

- Providers must develop a plan of operation that reflects service provisions for NMDs in accord with CCR Title 22, sections 86022 and section 86122 of the Interim Standards cited above .
- Providers must submit the plan of operation to the county child welfare director for certification, submit an application for licensing from Community Care Licensing and obtain a rate.

For detailed information on the THP+FC provider requirements and application process, please refer to All County Letter No. 12-44.

Services:

The services and supports for THP+FC participants include case management, supervision, and supportive services. The goal of supportive services is to assist the NMD in obtaining the skills needed to transition to independent living. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with meeting educational goals, obtaining gainful employment and learning financial management and daily living skills.

Participating Counties

For a listing of counties with THP+FC providers, visit: <u>www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/pdf/THP_FCList.pdf</u>. An NMD may be placed in a THP+FC program outside the county of jurisdiction.

Additional information or regulations may be found at <u>www.dss.cahwnet.gov</u>, listed under Find Services, Foster Care.

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