



Foster Care and Community Programs Aftercare - Pennsylvania

Description

The Foster Care and Community Programs Aftercare service assists with family reintegration tasks when children and teens return to their families following a foster care or residential placement. The goal is to ensure family system stability and minimize the possibility of children re-entering care.

Population Served

The program serves any youngster under the age of 18 who has been in foster care or residential placement, as well as the family/adult with whom the child resides.

Services

Services include all case management performed on behalf of the birth family and child to support service delivery, including service planning and referrals, advocacy and collateral contacts, as well as scheduled visits to the child and family. Primary areas of focus are adjustment and reintegration to home, school and community, as well as relationships within the family.

Frequency of Contact

Counties may request any number of aftercare service hours. A tentative schedule will be prepared in advance for approval by the county. A copy of the county fiscal authorization for service hours will be required prior to the commencement of services. There is no emergency on-call support provided as part of the aftercare service. When either the parent or child indicates reintegration efforts are failing, a visit will be made to the home the next business day to assess the situation and support renewed efforts at reintegration. Aftercare can continue as long as the county wishes to purchase the service.

Written Plans/Reports

A written plan will be developed and made specific to the identified needs of each family. The plan will focus on results and accountability and will be developed within 30 days of the commencement of aftercare services. County workers, parents and the child will be consulted when preparing the plan, and all parties will need to agree to the plan components. It will be revised every two months thereafter. A safety inspection will be completed upon the first visit to the home, and written safety assessments will be completed not less than once each month throughout the service term. The aftercare worker will keep written progress notes related to the case. A discharge summary will be prepared when services end.

For additional information or admission, please contact:

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