



### Know the facts!

Your Independent Living worker, CASA, or Attorney will start to tell you about extended jurisdiction when you are 17 years old. Ask them about it if they haven't yet because your judge will ask if you want it before you age out at 18.

**You can still receive  
Independent Living services  
even if you do not participate in  
extended jurisdiction!**

“Just because your past didn't turn out like you wanted it to, doesn't mean your future can't be better than you imagined. Even when you feel alone, someone has your back.”

**~Antonio "T" Young  
Extended Jurisdiction Participant**

### Important Phone Numbers

- Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)  
302-255-1730
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)  
302-255-0071
- Family Court  
302-255-0359
- Independent Living Program Manager  
302-633-2538

### Independent Living Providers

- West End Neighborhood House  
302-658-4171
- People's Place  
302-422-8033
- Progressive Life Center  
302-738-7850
- Elizabeth W. Murphey School  
302-734-7349
- Children's Choice  
302-678-0404

### Extended Jurisdiction



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Without  
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# Extended Jurisdiction.

## WHAT IS IT AND IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?

A legal avenue for youth ages 18-21 to remain involved with Family Court and provides additional support to help youth transition into adulthood.

## Ensuring Successful Transitions into Adulthood

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Must have been in DFS custody on your 18th birthday
- And/or otherwise be eligible for Independent Living services through age 21.

*The Court will help you with independent living services you need, such as:*

- Education
- Vocational Training
- Family Planning
- Money Management
- Employment
- Physical or Mental Health
- Housing
- Obtaining Important Documents

### YOUR ROLE

Just before turning 18, if you think you need help from the court, you can file a petition for extended jurisdiction. You can still fill a petition at any time after turning 18, up to six months before you turn 21. Just tell your IL Provider, current or former CASA, or Attorney. You are responsible for coming to all hearings. Don't forget to maintain communication with your IL Provider, CASA, or Attorney so when the court hearing happens, everyone is on the same page!

### SPEAK UP!

Your voice is important during this whole process. If you have something to say, the judge wants to hear it. If you don't want extended jurisdiction anymore, then let everyone know. Remember: This is voluntary. Only you can decide if this is the right for you. Everyone is working for what is best for you, so tell them what you want!



### WHAT IS COURT LIKE?

You are legally an adult in extended jurisdiction cases, so your CASA or AGAL will be representing your wishes. The judge will want to hear from you as well. Many of the same people who were in your past court hearings will be there including:

- CASA
- Attorney
- IL Provider
- Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
- Anyone else you want to be there!

If you are not comfortable with the court hearing in any way, talk to your CASA/AGAL and your judge and tell them how to make it more comfortable for you.



**EXTENDED JURISDICTION IS HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU!**

Contact your IL provider, CASA, or Attorney to participate and if you would like more information.