Division of Family Services Sites

New Castle County

Churchman's Crossing 302-781-3210

Kent County

Barratt Building: 302-739-4800

Milford Office: 302-422-1400

Sussex County

Georgetown: 302-856-5450

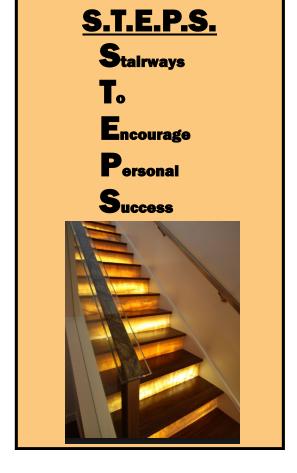
Seaford: 302-628-2024

Pyle: 302-732-9510



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STAIRWAYS TO ENCOURAGE PERSONAL SUCCESS

Timeline:

- 16 years old: Referral for IL services and completion of Prep Form
- 16 years 6 months: STEPS discussion is planned
- 60 days prior to STEPS discussion: STEPS
 Prep Form is reviewed
- 30 days before the youth turns 17 years old:
 STEPS discussion should occur
- Plan Form reviewed: at Exit Meeting





Roles and Responsibilities:

- Youth: share your goals; let your voice be heard
- DFS Worker: prepare and support the youth before, during and after the STEPS discussion
- IL Worker: provide insight and support for future planning
- STEPS Facilitator: oversees the STEPS discussion
- CASA/GAL: advocate for the youth
- Additional People the Youth Invite: encourage and help the youth before, during and after the STEPS discussion



What is STEPS?

STEPS is a youth centered discussion to plan for their transition into adulthood. The following items will be discussed as a part of the STEPS discussion:

- · Youth's strengths
- Housing
- Money Management
- Education
- Current/future services
- Employment
- Transportation
- Medical/Mental Health
- Legal

