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Encourage

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Success



A youth's planning guide for advocacy,
goal setting and identifying their
supports.

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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

