EXTENDED FOSTER CARE-SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING

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SSIS Worker Mentor Meeting
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Fostering Connections Legislation

- Provides states the option of extending support services to youth remaining in care up to age 21.
- Continued foster care and maintenance payments are offered on behalf of eligible children.

- Legislation defines foster care benefits to include payments for supervised independent living settings.
- Choice of foster care settings continues to be governed by the requirements for meeting the best interest factors for a child.
- All agency caseworkers must adhere to federal legislation that requires face-to-face visits with each child in foster care each month.

Beginning October 1, 2010, youth in foster care, from age 18 up to their 21st birthday, are eligible to continue receiving IV-E funding based on their compliance with one of five required conditions.

Conditions Related To Extension Of Foster Care:

1. Completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential.
2. Enrolled in an institution that provides post secondary or vocational education.
3. Participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment.
4. Employed for at least 80 hours per month.
5. The youth is incapable of doing any of the activities described in the previous four conditions due to a medical condition.

Foster Care Extension And IV-E Eligibility Submissions

SSIS has been modified to enable users to submit information to MAXIS related to the extension of foster care.

When a youth in continuous placement reaches the age of 17 years and 182 days, a new tab displays in the continuous placement for that youth called Foster Care Extension.

Foster Care Extension Tab on the Continuous Placement Screen

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Removal Information

Cont Placement #: 187895702

Start date: 03/21/2011 Entry date: 03/21/2011 9:48:50 AM

Target population: Child welfare/protection

Supervising agency: County social services

Tribe:

Reason discharged:

Foster Care Extension Subtabs

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Extension Conditions | Extension Reviews

Extension Condition | Effective Date | End Date

Extension Conditions
New Foster Care Extension Condition
Print Grid Ctrl+Alt+P
Select Configuration
Save Configuration

Extension Conditions Tab

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Extension Condition | Effective Date | End Date

Extension Condition:

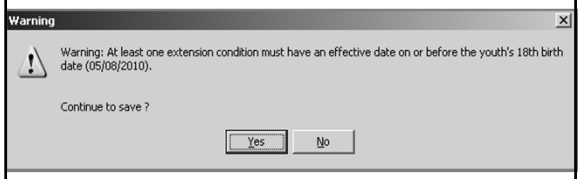
Effective Date:

End Date:

Not eligible-no foster care extension condition applies
Completing high school or GED
Documented medical condition prevents education/work
Employed at least 80 hrs per month
Enrolled in post secondary or vocational education
Participating in activities to remove employment barriers

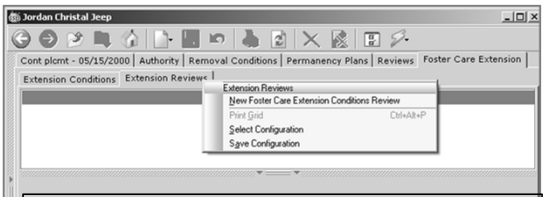
On the **Extension Condition** drop-down select the appropriate Extension Condition and the Effective date. When a condition ends, you must also enter the End Date.

Warning Message



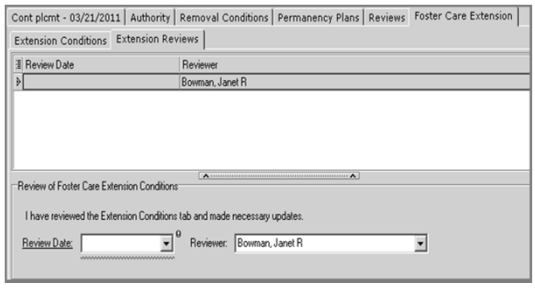
This message will display when saving an extension condition if there are no conditions that are dated on or before the youth's 18th birthdate.

Extension Reviews Tab



It is the responsibility of the worker to conduct periodic reviews of a youth's continued eligibility and assert that all conditions are up to date.

Extension Reviews Tab



The worker confirms that he/she has reviewed the Extension Conditions tab and made any necessary updates. Extension Reviews are entered a minimum of every six months.

Review Date

The Foster Care Extension review date is the date the conditions were reviewed and

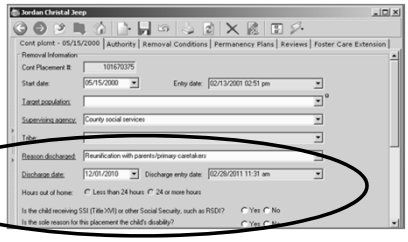
- Conditions that no longer apply were ended
- Conditions that now apply were added
- When applicable, the "Not eligible - no IV-E extension condition applies" selection was added

- The worker is responsible for entering and ending the conditions and reviews as appropriate.
- If the caseworker indicates that no conditions apply, then no other selections can be made.
- If the youth's Extension Condition is "documented medical condition prevents education/work" then no other effective extension condition may exist. All other Extension Conditions must be ended before indicating that condition.
- Otherwise, multiple conditions can be selected at any given time.

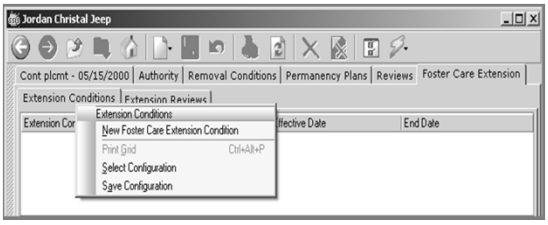
SCENARIO ONE:

A youth turned 18 prior to October 1, 2010, and continued in foster care past the age of 18.

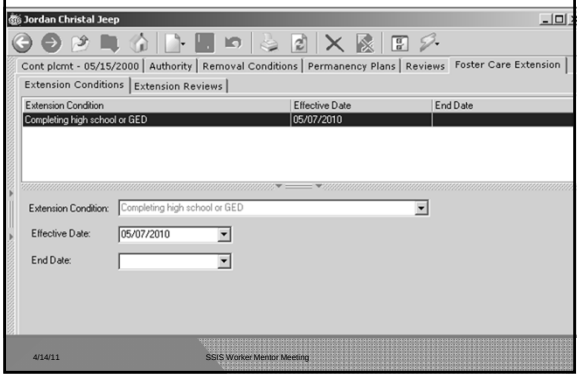
Re-open Continuous Placement if Necessary



Select New Foster Care Extension Condition



Add an Extension Condition



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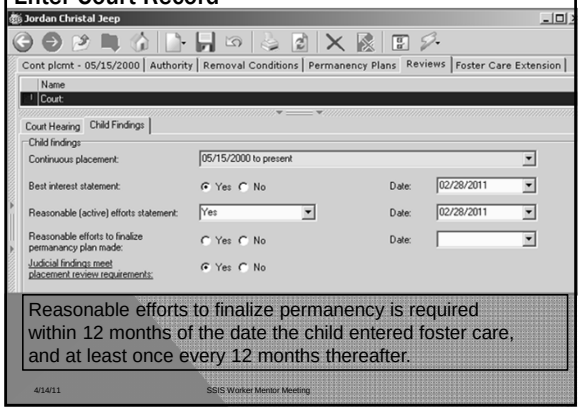

Reasonable efforts to finalize permanency is required within 12 months of the date the child entered foster care, and at least once every 12 months thereafter.

Re-establish IV-E Reimbursability

- A current finding of Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency will be needed if more than 12 months have elapsed since the last court finding.
- If there is no current finding, IV-E eligibility should be reopened and permanency efforts reviewed in court as soon as possible.
- If court jurisdiction was dismissed, consult with your agency attorney about re-establishing it.

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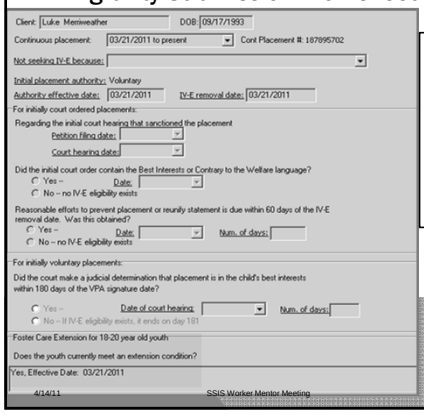
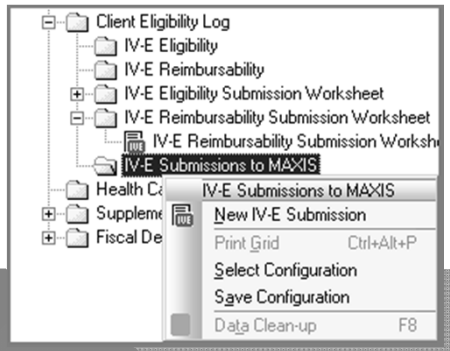
IV-E Eligibility Submission Worksheet



Foster care extension eligibility is recalculated each time the user opens the screen.

Create a New IV-E Submission



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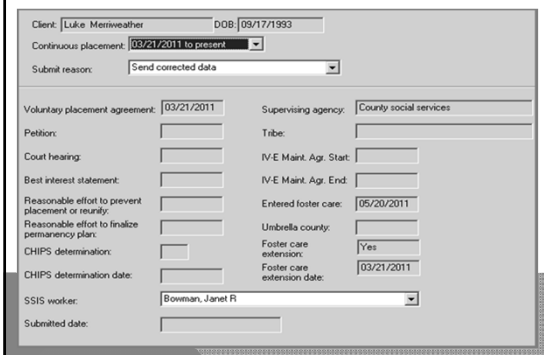
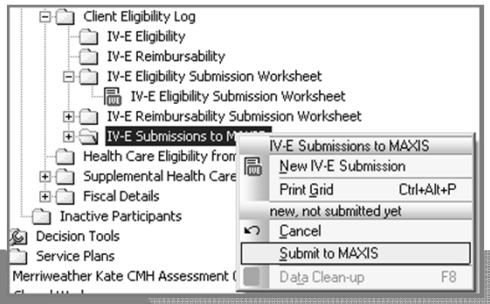


Submit Reason Options

- Change from voluntary to court ordered
- Discharge from care
- Send reasonable efforts or best interests date
- Send foster care extension information
- **Send corrected data**
- Reimbursability review
- Initial referral
- Withdraw previous submission

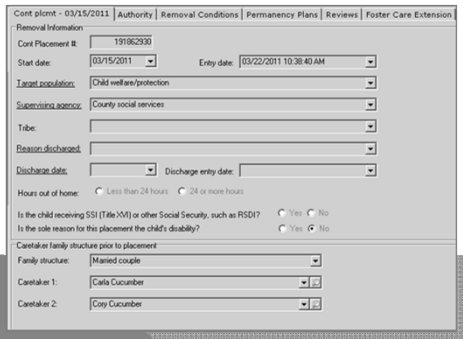
Submit To MAXIS



SCENARIO TWO:

Youth turned 18 after October 1, 2010, remained in foster care, and asked to continue in foster care.

Enter Continuous Placement/Placement Information



Ensure Foster Care Extension Information has been Entered on Continuous Placement

At least one foster care extension condition needs to be entered prior to the youth's 18th birthday.

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Extension Conditions | Extension Reviews

Extension Condition	Effective Date	End Date
Completing high school or GED	05/07/2010	

Extension Condition: Completing high school or GED

Effective Date: 05/07/2010

End Date:

Enter Court Information

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Name

Court

Court Hearing | Child Findings

Child findings:

Continuous placement: 05/15/2000 to present

Best interest statement: Yes No Date: 02/28/2011

Reasonable (active) efforts statement: Yes Date: 02/28/2011

Reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan made: Yes No Date:

Judicial findings meet placement review requirements: Yes No

Complete IV-E Eligibility Submission Worksheet

Client: Jordan Christal Jeep DOB: 05/08/1992

Continuous placement: 05/15/2000 to present Cont Placement #: 101670375

Not seeking IV-E because:

Initial placement authority: Voluntary

Authority effective date: 05/15/2000 IV-E removal date: 05/15/2000 2:51:18

For initially court ordered placements:

Regarding the initial court hearing that sanctioned the placement

Petition filing date:

Court hearing date:

Did the initial court order contain the Best Interests or Contrary to the Welfare language?

Yes -- Date:

No -- no IV-E eligibility exists

Reasonable efforts to prevent placement or reunity statement is due within 60 days of the IV-E removal date. Was this obtained?

Yes -- Date: Num. of days:

No -- no IV-E eligibility exists

For initially voluntary placements:

Did the court make a judicial determination that placement is in the child's best interests within 180 days of the VPA signature date?

Yes -- Date of court hearing: Num. of days:

No -- If IV-E eligibility exists, it ends on day 181

Foster Care Extension for 18-20 year old youth:

Does the youth currently meet an extension condition?

Yes, Effective Date: 05/07/2010

Create a New IV-E Submission to MAXIS

Client: Luke Merriweather DOB: 09/17/1993
Continuous placement: 03/21/2011 to present
Submit reason: Send foster care extension information

Voluntary placement agreement:	03/21/2011	Supervising agency:	County social services
Petition:		Tribe:	
Court hearing:		IV-E Maint. Agr. Start:	
Best interest statement:		IV-E Maint. Agr. End:	
Reasonable effort to prevent placement or reunify:		Entered foster care:	05/20/2011
Reasonable effort to finalize permanency plan:		Umbrella county:	
CHIPS determination:		Foster care extension:	Yes
CHIPS determination date:		Foster care extension date:	03/21/2011
SSIS worker:			
Submitted date:			

Submit to MAXIS

- Client Eligibility Log
  - IV-E Eligibility
  - IV-E Reimbursability
  - IV-E Eligibility Submission Worksheet
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IV-E Submissions to MAXIS
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new, not submitted yet
- Cancel
- Submit to MAXIS
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SCENARIO THREE:

Youth is requesting to re-enter foster care after age 18.

Legislation permits individuals who had been under the Guardianship of the DHS Commissioner to ask the agency for assistance. Under 260C, any child can request a return to foster care. Previous state wards must be allowed to return, others may return as the agency has funds and sees fit.

This could include Independent Living Services and Foster Care Placement up to the age of 21.

For youth returning to a new Continuous Placement after age 18, eligibility for IV-E is determined based upon the youth's income and assets per Federal guidelines.

In that scenario, legal authority for Foster Care re-entry usually requires the youth to sign a Voluntary Placement Agreement with the county or tribal social service agency.

Enter a New Continuous Placement

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Removal Information

Cont Placement #: 191862952

Start date: 03/22/2011 Entry date: 03/22/2011 10:44:45 AM

Target population: Child welfare/protection

Supervising agency: County social services

Tribe:

Reason discharged:

Discharge date: Discharge entry date:

Hours out of home: Less than 24 hours 24 or more hours

Is the child receiving SSI (Title XVI) or other Social Security, such as RSDI? Yes No

Is the sole reason for this placement the child's disability? Yes No

Caretaker family structure prior to placement

Family structure: Single female

Caretaker 1: Catherine Cucumber

Caretaker 2:

AFCARS finalized adoptive placement information

Child was placed for adoption from:

Child was placed by:

Placement Entry of Supervised Independent Living

Placement - 03/21/2011 | Foster Parents | Changes to this placement/location

Placement / Location / Absence Information

Setting: Supervised independent living

Reason: Education

Start Date: 03/21/2011 11:01 AM Entry Date: 03/23/2011 11:01 AM

Classification: **Placement** Effective date: 03/21/2011 11:01:36

vWorkgroup: Merriweather Luke CW Case Management 03/21/2011

Bus org / provider:

Location description:

End reason:

End date: End Entry Date:

Disruption reason:

Disruption detail:

School district attending:

ICPC receiving state: Check if no payment will be made to the provider

Did another agency or state place this child - courtesy supervision by this county? Yes No

Complete the Court Record Information

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Authority effective date: 03/21/2011 IV-E removal date: 03/21/2011

For initially court ordered placements:

Regarding the initial court hearing that sanctioned the placement

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Foster Care Extension for 18-20 year old youth

Does the youth currently meet an extension condition?

Yes, Effective Date: 03/21/2011

Create a New IV-E Submission

Client: Luke Merriweather DOB: 09/17/1992

Continuous placement: 03/21/2011 to present

Submit reason: Initial referral

Voluntary placement agreement: 03/21/2011

Supervising agency: County social services

Petition:

Tribe:

Court hearing:

IV-E Maint. Agr. Start:

Best interest statement:

IV-E Maint. Agr. End:

Reasonable effort to prevent placement or reunify:

Entered foster care: 05/20/2011

Reasonable effort to finalize

Umbrella county:

CHIPS determination:

Foster care extension: Yes

CHIPS determination date:

Foster care 03/21/2011

SSIS worker: Bowman, Janet R

Submitted date:

Submit to MAXIS

Client Eligibility Log

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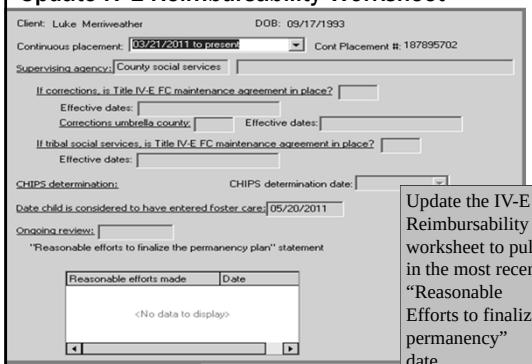
Update IV-E Reimbursability Worksheet



Update the IV-E Reimbursability worksheet to pull in the most recent "Reasonable Efforts to finalize permanency" date.

IV-E Reimbursability Worksheet

- After the initial submission is approved, complete the IV-E Reimbursability worksheet.
- This is completed typically within six months.
- The Submission worksheet and Reimbursability worksheet are completed for one Continuous Placement episode.

Foster Care Extension Exception Report

Tools> General Reports> Placement folder

Includes Youth in open Continuous Placement who:

- Need an initial foster care extension condition or review
- Should be considered for discharge due to a 21st birthday

or

- All extension conditions have ended or the condition of "not eligible-no extension condition applies."

Foster Care Extension Exception Report

Name	Foster Care Extension Issue	DOB	Age	Cont Plcmt Start Date	Worker
Petal, Hydrenga	Review Needed	10/08/1991	19	07/04/2009	Mollers, Amy
Lottie, Lola Louise	No Conditions Entered	03/22/1992	19	11/10/2009	Holte, Deanna
Lottie, Lisa Jo	Review Needed	07/15/1991	19	02/23/2010	Holte, Deanna
Avalanche, Audrie Anne	No Conditions Entered	01/01/1992	19	01/01/2006	Meyer, Gina
Osgood, Oliver Alvin	No Conditions Entered	01/01/1991	20	09/01/2002	Zinda, Maureen
Klinmeier, Mary	No Conditions Entered	12/22/1990	20	11/06/2000	Test, Ssis
House, Hughie H	No Conditions Entered	04/04/1990	20	04/19/2000	Test-Cp Worke
Andresen, Harry	No Conditions Entered	07/07/1990	20	05/07/2000	Test, Ssis
Genderson, Lars	No Conditions Entered	04/04/1990	20	12/01/1999	Test, Ssis
Smith, Sammy	No Conditions Entered	12/23/1990	20	04/01/2000	Test-Sys. Adm
Saturn, Christopher Matthew	No Conditions Entered	01/09/1991	20	02/11/2000	Gmeyer, Gina
Saturn, Christa Marie	No Conditions Entered	01/09/1991	20	02/11/2000	Gmeyer, Gina
Chandler, Oscar	No Conditions Entered	10/05/1990	20	01/02/2001	Beutel, Alex
Roberts, Billy	No Conditions Entered	05/10/1990	20	12/31/1999	O'Keefe, Jerry
Zander, Robert T	No Conditions Entered	06/06/1990	20	03/15/2002	Von Holtum, J
Kelly, Jerry	No Conditions Entered	06/26/1990	20	11/25/2001	Zz-Help Desk,
Murphy, Mara	Review Needed	04/03/1990	20	08/03/2010	Klunz, Kimberl
Brown, Bethany Barbara	No Conditions Entered	04/04/1990	20	01/01/2001	Klunz, Kimberl
Spectrum, Simon Michael	No Conditions Entered	12/05/1990	20	10/30/2004	Gmeyer, Gina
Civic, Adam Michael	No Conditions Entered	07/15/1990	20	08/29/2003	Gmeyer, Gina
Brow, Aelhaearn I JR	No Conditions Entered	05/01/1990	20	08/06/2002	Robinson, Mar
Tetron, Kathleen Marie	No Conditions Entered	11/06/1990	20	08/08/2005	Klinghagen, M

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- Bulletin: #10-68-12 Fostering Connections Guidance and Changes to Foster Care for Youths Ages 18-21
- Bulletin: #10-32-08. Title IV-E Foster Care Abstract and Claiming Process.
- Bulletin: #11-68-03 Summary of 2010 Child Welfare Legislation