



**Division of Child Protection and Permanency, Office of Adolescent Services
Guidance for DCF-Contracted Providers, CP&P Staff and Young Adults
Regarding Program Service Extensions for Young Adults Turning 21
June 1, 2021
Updated: September 2, 2021**

On May 24, 2021, Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 242, ending the COVID-19 public health emergency in the State of New Jersey.¹ In response, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) continues to adjust guidance and programming to best protect the health and safety of children, youth, families, and staff, while aligning with the most current Executive Orders and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and New Jersey Department of Health.²

Since the onset of the pandemic, DCF has taken steps to support young adults who are nearing their twenty-first (21st) birthday by extending their eligibility for ongoing child welfare services after the age of twenty-one (21). **Young adults that are turning 21 or have already turned 21 or 22 during the COVID-19 pandemic have the option to extend services with DCF’s Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) through September 30, 2021.**

DCF also continues to authorize the programs in Appendix A to extend services beyond the age of 21 to young adults that need continued programming. In addition to services for young adults with an open CP&P case, this list includes DCF programs available to young people who are not open with CP&P, which would normally end upon the young person’s 21st birthday (e.g., housing and life skills programs.) This service extension is available to young adults with open or closed CP&P cases and who remain eligible for services monitored through CP&P’s Office of Adolescent Services (OAS). Provider agencies are highly recommended to extend services to best support youth during this pandemic, however all service extensions need to be informed and driven by each respective youth.

This authorization remains in effect until September 30, 2021.

Other services for young adults (e.g., PACES, Foster Care Scholars, LifeSet, and Permanent Supportive Housing) that already provide services to young adults beyond the age of 21 will continue to do so without additional guidance or modifications.

¹ <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-242.pdf>.

² https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Appendix A

Supervised Transitional Living Programs

Anchor House - Anchorage
Bergen County Division of Family Guidance - Visions Program
Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of Newark Strong Futures Program
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Trenton Beacon House
Center for Family Services - Tranquility House
Collier Services - Collier House
Community Access Unlimited - TOPS Stiles Street (Females)
Community Access Unlimited - TOPS Summer Street (Males)
Crossroads Program - Rites of Passage
Greater Bergen Community Action - PHASES Chadwick House
GSH, Inc - Turtle Creek
NJ Community Development Corporation - Independence House
OCEAN HARBOR HOUSE INC - Shore House
PLAID HOUSE - Thenen House
Visions and Pathways - My Place
Visions and Pathways - Whitney House

Transitional Living Programs

Acenda - Evolutions
Acenda - Steps Toward Independence
Anchor House - Anchor Line
Care Plus NJ - Strive for Independence II
Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of Newark Strong Futures Apartments
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Metuchen Independent Living Program
Center for Family Services - Home Base
Community Access Unlimited
Community Access Unlimited - TOPS (Scatter Site)
Community Access Unlimited - TOPS Semi-Independent (5 addresses)
Covenant House - Nancy's Place
GSH, Inc - Dewey Place
IEP Youth Services, Inc. - Project Stepping Stone
Legacy Treatment Services - Fastow
Life Ties - Mary's Place
Oaks Integrated Care – Homestretch
Ranch Hope - H.I.L.L.S. Program
Visions and Pathways - Bridge House
VOA, Greater New York, INC - ILP - Jersey City
VOA, Greater New York, INC - Step Up - Orange

VOA, Greater New York, INC - Synergy I - Elmwood Park
VOA, Greater New York, INC - Synergy II - Union
VOA, Greater New York, INC - Synergy III - West New York

HYBRID Programs

Covenant House - Rites of Passage/Seabury Street (TLP/Permanent Supportive Housing program)

Life Skills Programs

Acenda - Life Skills
Anchor House - Life Skills
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark - Life Skills
Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen - Crossroads Life Skills
Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen - RAPS Life Skills
Care Plus NJ, Inc. - Homeward Bound
Communities in Cooperation, Inc. - Youth Epitomizing Success
Independence A Family of Services - Life Skills
Multicultural Community Services - Middlesex Life Skills
Multicultural Community Services - Monmouth Life Skills
Plaid House - Aging Out Life Skills
Preferred Behavioral Health - Project Independence Life Skills
The Bridge - Life Skills
Urban League of Hudson County - Life Skills
Visions and Pathways - Prosperity
Youth Advocate Programs - Life Skills
Urban League of Hudson County
Youth Advocate Programs