

If the court is considering a modification of the disposition, proceed as if an original dispositional hearing. (See the Dispositional Bench Cards addressing Special Provisions for Protective Supervisions, Temporary Custody, Legal Custody and Permanent Custody.) [R.C. 2151.353(E)(2)] and [R.C. 2151.417(B)]

PLACEMENT [R.C. 2151.415(G)]

- The child's placement cannot be changed unless:
 - the court and the guardian ad litem have received notice of the intended removal;
- AND**
- it is necessary for the protection of the **child** from physical or emotional harm;
- AND**
- the agency gives the court notice of the removal and the reasons why the removal is necessary immediately after the removal of the child.
- AND**
- The court shall approve the change.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

- Ensure that the agency has completed a life skills assessment of the youth, if the youth is 16 years of age or older and is in agency custody. The assessment must include an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the youth, and must be completed no later than 60 days after the youth's 16th birthday or 60 days after the youth enters agency custody. [R.C. 2151.82]; [Ohio Adm.Code 5101:2-42-19(C)]
- Inquire about the results of the assessment including the skills the youth needs to develop in order to successfully transition into adulthood.

- Ensure that the agency has consulted with the youth to develop a written independent living plan within 30 days of the completion of the life skills assessment. The plan must include input from the youth, the caregiver, and significant others in the youth's life. [R.C. 2151.83]; [Ohio Adm.Code 5101:2-42-19(E)]
- Ensure that independent living services are documented in the youth's case plan. [R.C. 2151.82]
- Ensure that each youth aged 16 or older receives a copy of any consumer report pertaining to that youth each year until the youth exits foster care. [42 U.S.C. 675(5)(I)]
- If the youth is under 16, independent living services should be provided when the agency deems such services appropriate. In making this determination, the agency is required to consider the likelihood the youth will remain in agency custody until age 18.

REQUIREMENTS WITH FEDERAL FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

[Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. 675]

Ensure that the agency is providing independent living services for youth aged 16 and older. Such services shall be based on the results of the life skills assessment. [42 U.S.C. 675(C)]; [R.C. 2151.82]

Independent Living Services may include the following:

- Providing housing;
- Teaching decision-making skills;
- Teaching daily living skills, such as securing and maintaining a residence, money management, utilization of community services and systems, personal health care, hygiene, safety, and time management;

- Assisting in obtaining education, training, and employment skills;
- Academic support, including tutoring, GED preparation, preparation for college entrance exams, college counseling, and assistance applying for financial aid and scholarships;
- Assisting in developing positive adult relationships and community supports.
[R.C. 2151.81(A)]; [Ohio Adm.Code 5101:2-42-19(D)]



If the youth is nearing his or her 16th birthday at the time of the hearing, address the upcoming need to complete a life skills assessment of the youth and provide the youth with independent living services.



The court may order the agency to complete a life skills assessment and/or provide independent living services for the youth if the court deems such services are necessary and are in the best interest of the youth.
[R.C. 2151.417(A)]