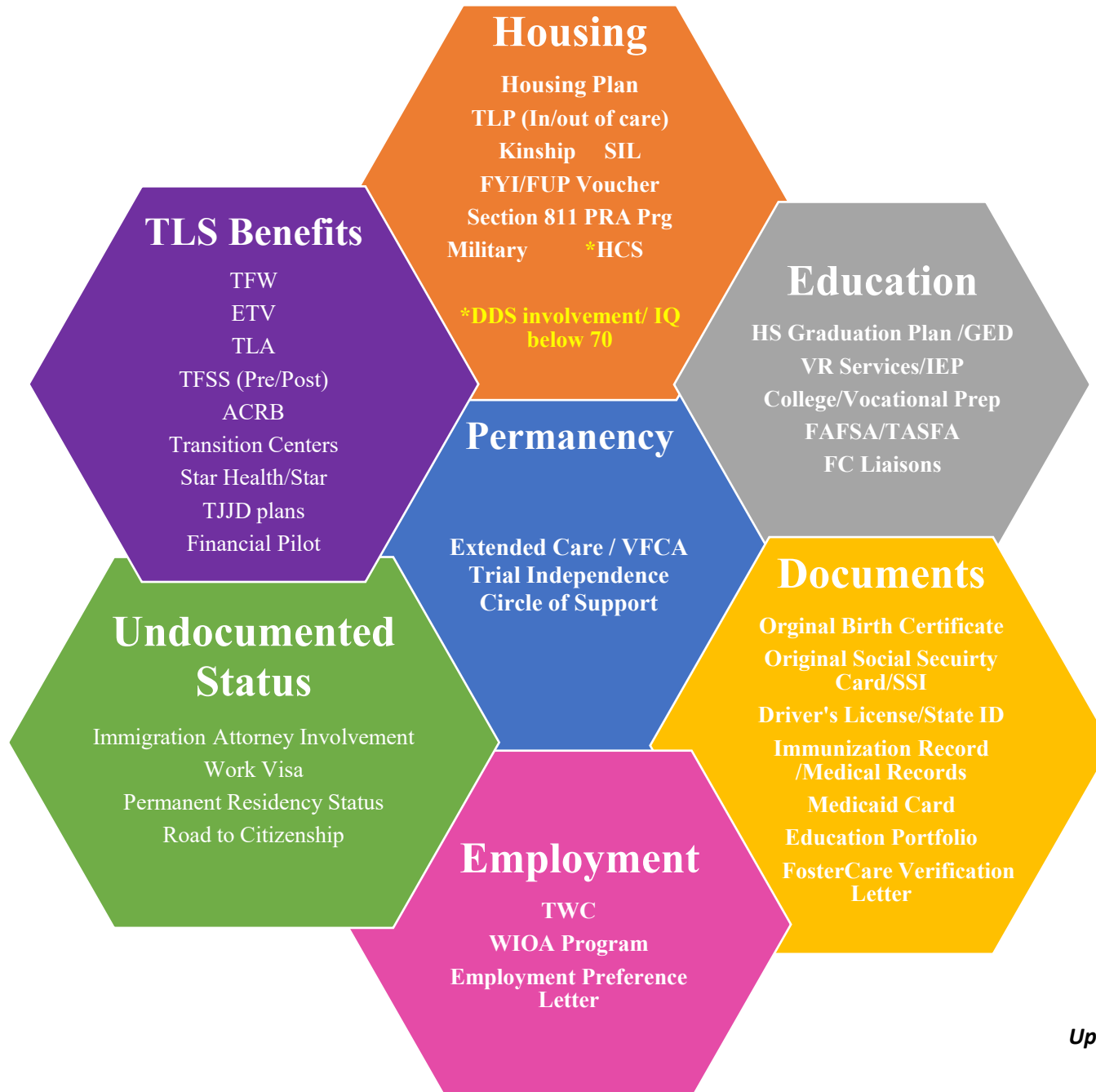


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### Permanency

Extended Care/Voluntary Foster Care Agreement & Trial Independence

DFPS - [DFPS - Extended Foster Care \(texas.gov\)](#)

Circle of Support- [Updates to Permanency Planning Meetings, Circles of Support, & Child's Plan of Service \(texas.gov\)](#)

### Housing

[DFPS Housing Programs/Housing Plan](#)

#### TLP

(In care)- Refer to CPU.

(Out of care)- [DFPS Housing Programs](#)

#### SIL

[DFPS - Supervised Independent Living \(texas.gov\)](#)

#### HCS/SSI

When IQ is below 70, contact your DDS and SSI Coordinator for additional information, *immediately*.

CPS Policy Section 10341.2

[https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/cps/well-being/developmental\\_disability/default.asp](https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/cps/well-being/developmental_disability/default.asp)

#### Kinship

Licensed Home- Youth can transition to extended care.

Non-licensed Home- Youth will transition to trial independence.

[DFPS - Kinship Care](#)

[FYI/FUP Housing Vouchers & 811 PRA Prg](#)

[DFPS Housing Programs](#)

#### Military

Contact your local branch.

CPS Policy Section 6455

[SSI Coordinators \(texas.gov\)](#)

### Education

[DFPS - Education Specialists \(texas.gov\)](#)

#### HS Graduation Plan

Communicate with the high school counselor and/or DFPS Education Specialist

#### VR Services/IEP

VR services can be added to an IEP

[Introduction to Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Services - YouTube](#)

#### FAFSA

[Home | Federal Student Aid](#)

#### TAFSA

Undocumented students

[TASFA - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#)

#### GED

[https://ged.com/study/ged\\_classes/](https://ged.com/study/ged_classes/)

<https://webp.twc.state.tx.us/services/VRLookup/>

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/certificate-of-high-school-equivalency/ged-information>

#### Foster Care Liaisons

College Advisors

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/roster/crs-cfat-foster-care-liaison-listing/>

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### Documents

**\*\* By DFPS policy (Section 6452) and by law (Texas Family Codes §264.121 & §266.008), all youth will be given the below documents\*\***  
[https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child\\_Protection/Youth\\_and\\_Young\\_Adults/Transitional\\_Living/documents/foster-care-handbook.pdf](https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Transitional_Living/documents/foster-care-handbook.pdf)

#### Original Birth Certificate

*CPS Policy Section 1521*

Foster Care Eligibility Specialists  
[texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov)

#### Original Social Security Card

SSI Coordinators [texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov)

#### Texas Workforce Commission Driver

Education Program

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/driver-education-funding-program>

#### Driver's License/State ID

DFPS - Personal Documents

#### Immunization/Medical Records

*Documents should be printed and provided as health passport does not possess all records*

DFPS - Health Passport - A Guide to Medical Services at CPS [texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov)

#### Medicaid Card

Your Texas Benefits - Learn

Call 800-252-8263

#### Education Portfolio

*Caseworkers/Caregivers must update and provide to youth*

Education Matters [texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov)

#### Foster Care Verification Letter

Form K-908-4200

DFPS Safety Net

### Employment

**\*\*Communicate with your regional PAL Coordinators for additional information\*\***

#### TWC

Foster Youth Programs - Texas Workforce Commission

#### WIOA Programs

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program - Texas Workforce Commission

#### Employment Preference Letter

<https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/application/Forms/showFile.aspx?NAME=1013.doc>

### Undocumented Status

CPS Immigration Specialists [texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov)

Legal Services Regional Staff

#### Immigration Attorney Involvement

*Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding services once youth leaves care*

#### Work Visa & Permanent Residency Status

*Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding status*

#### Road to Citizenship

*Explain how to become a citizen once permanent residency status is obtained*

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TLS Benefits DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Program ( <a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a> ) <u>Brief Overview of Transitional Living Services (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u>		
<p><u>TFW</u> <u>DFPS - State College Tuition Waiver (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p> <p><u>ETV</u> <u>DFPS - Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV) (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p> <p><a href="https://texasetv.com/">https://texasetv.com/</a></p> <p><u>Financial Pilot</u> <u>DFPS - Youth and Young Adults - Financial Pilot (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p>	<p><u>TLA</u> <u>DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Program (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p> <p><u>TFSS (Pre/Post)</u> <i>Communicate with your regional PAL Coordinators</i></p> <p><u>Transition Centers</u> <u>DFPS - Transition Centers (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p>	<p><u>Star Health/Star</u> <u>DFPS - Medical Benefits (<a href="https://www.texas.gov">texas.gov</a>)</u></p> <p><u>Your Texas Benefits - Learn</u></p> <p><u>TJJD/Juvenile Detention Plans</u> <i>Youth should receive transition planning regardless of their juvenile justice setting CPS Policy Section 6822.6 &amp; 10120</i></p> <p><b>Juvenile Detention Center Placement Coordinators:</b> <a href="https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile%20Justice/coordinators.asp">https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile Justice/coordinators.asp</a></p> <p><b>CPS Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department:</b> <u>DFPS - Child Protective Services (CPS) Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD)</u></p>

### Texas HB 4655- Effective 09/01/2025

*\*Prior to exiting care, the below resources must be discussed with youth, when applicable. \**

<u>VA Benefits</u> <a href="https://www.va.gov/">https://www.va.gov/</a>	<u>SNAP, W.I.C. &amp; TANF</u> <a href="https://childcare.gov/state-resources/texas/financial-assistance-resources-for-families">https://childcare.gov/state-resources/texas/financial-assistance-resources-for-families</a>
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### List of Abbreviations

ACRB- Aftercare Room and Board
COS- Circle of Support
CPU- Child Placement Unit
DDS- Developmental Disability Specialist
ETV- Education and Training Voucher
FAFSA-Free Application for Student Aid
FC Liaison- Foster Care Liaison
FUP Voucher- Family Unification Program Voucher
FYI Voucher- Foster Youth to Independence Voucher
HCS- Home and Community-Based Services
IEP- Individual Education Plan
Section 811 PRA Prg- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program
SIL- Supervised Independent Living
SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSI- Social Security Income
TANF- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TASFA- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
TAY- Transition Age Youth
TFSS (Pre/Post)- Transition and Financial Support Services
➤ Pre- Transition Center services for youth starting at age 17 ½ (In care)
➤ Post- Transition Center services for youth aged 18 & older (Out of care)
TFW- Tuition and Fee Waiver
TJJD- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
TLA- Transitional Living Allowance
TLP- Transitional Living Placement/Program
TLS- Transitional Living Services
TWC- Texas Workforce Commission
VA Benefits- Veteran Affairs benefits for children of Veterans, particularly those of disabled, deceased, or service members
VR Services- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
W.I.C.- Women, Infants, and Children
WIOA- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act