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Policy Statement

Adult & Child Health (A&C) shall provide independent living (IL) services that consist of a series of developmental activities that provide opportunities for young people to gain the skills required to live healthy, productive, and responsible lives as self-sufficient adults. Foster parents are responsible in assisting young people through advocacy, teaching and role modeling new, appropriate skills in order to enhance self-sufficiency.

Procedures:

- I. Upon entry into the program, all children 14 years of age and older will have the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) completed.
 - A. The ACLSA will be completed and shared with the youth, caregiver and referring agency within 10 days of completion.
- II. Foster parents must ensure youth receive a minimum of three (3) hours per week of IL instruction.
 - A. This shall not include time spent on Activities of Daily Living.

B. Foster parents will document IL instruction on the Foster Parent/Youth Skills Development Form.

1. Form must be turned into the Therapeutic Care Specialist on a weekly basis.

III. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the allotted IL instruction time per month must be experiential instruction not utilizing classroom or worksheet instruction.

A. A portion of the IL instruction time must be in the community. Youth need training that is community oriented, outside of a placement facility.

IV. Youth who have approved Medicaid waivers are not required to receive IL services.