



What is a case plan?



It is the plan that describes what will happen in your case. It includes the services that you and your family need. A case plan must say what your needs are and how they will be met, what is in your best interest, and the services you are getting while in foster care. You have the right to have a case plan created within 60 days of coming into foster care and updated at least every six months. The case plan is part of the court record and is included at each court hearing.

A case plan must include information about:

- health;
- education;
- visitation (family time);
- services you need to be safe and healthy;
- culturally appropriate care in the case of an Indian child;
- long-term plan for where you will live if you are not able to go home;
- where you are living and if that is the best place for you; and
- if you are 16 or older, your Transition to Independent Living Plan (TILP)

Do I get to help create my case plan?



Yes. You have the right to help create your case plan, including making decisions about where you will live and what the long-term plan will be if you cannot return home.

If it applies to you, your case plan must include a plan to make sure you have access to gender affirming health care that is consistent with your gender identity.

Can I receive a copy of my court report, case plan, and Transition to Independent Living Plan (TILP) in the language of my choice?



Yes. Beginning at age 10, you have the right to read, sign, and get a copy of your case plan. You have the right to get a copy of important papers like your court report, case plan, and Transition to Independent Living Plan (TILP) in the language of your choice. You also have the right to receive a copy of the Foster Youth Bill of Rights in the language of your choice.



Questions & Answers About My Case Plan

What is my Tribe's role in my case plan?



Your social worker/probation officer must work with your Tribe in all case planning decisions, including where you will live. Case plan decisions must reflect the social and cultural values, conditions, and way of life of the Tribe.

Your case plan must involve your family members, the Tribe, tribal and other Indian social service agencies, and caregivers. Your social worker/probation officer has to make sure you get to go to tribal programs, services, and events and include these in your case plan. Your social worker should work with your Tribe and other tribal/Native American resources to make sure you can participate in tribal programs, services, and events.

Your case plan must say who is going to ask your Tribe to enroll you if you are not already a member. Each Tribe has their own requirements for membership.

If I am a tribal youth, are my tribal relations protected in my case plan?



Yes. Your case plan has to include protection of important tribal relations by helping you to form and continue political, cultural, and social relationships with your Tribe and tribal community.

What if changes are made to my case plan?



You have the right to be told of any changes to your case plan.