

Q and A



- ▶ Are lifelong connections required for all children and youth, or just 16 and older?
- ▶ NMD adoption..an alternative to a conservatorship?

- ▶ What happens if a NMD marries?
- ▶ Goes into the military?
- ▶ May the 602 attorney continue when the youth becomes a NMD?
- ▶ Can the court order a drug test of a NMD?

- ▶ May a youth re-enter within one month of termination of jurisdiction even if no change in his or her situation?
- ▶ Does ICPC apply?
- ▶ Who approves an out of state move for a NMD?

- ▶ What happens if a youth is in juvenile hall with a placement order on the 18th birthday?
- ▶ In a camp?



- ▶ What about a dual status youth with a foster care order who is in custody on the 18th birthday?
- ▶ Who approves the SILP option?

Some sensitive areas...

- What about a youth who rejects the idea of a permanent connection? Embarrassed by the stigma of foster care? Afraid to ask for help?
- How to ensure a NMD coming out of a group home or foster home will continue receiving medications during the transition?

- What if the NMD chooses a SILP that is not financially feasible or is potentially dangerous?
- How do we support a youth with severe mental health or AOD issues? Can services be terminated?

- What about bank accounts, credit cards, car insurance etc. BEFORE and AFTER age 18?
- What if the youth has a mental health barrier to eligibility and refuses treatment, is he or she eligible anyway?

- Does a relative receive more \$\$\$ if the child stays in foster care instead of a legal guardianship?
- Shouldn't a youth stay in foster care to continue to receive benefits, and reject a guardianship or adoption?.

- Do SILP payments count as income for Section 8 housing ?
- If a NMD fails to participate in one of the eligibility requirements for a period of time, is the case automatically closed?

- If the NMD dependent wants to live with a relative, can that be a SILP placement?



- Can it be a foster placement?

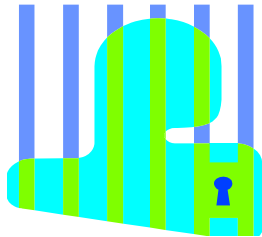
Group Homes...

- › What about a youth over 18 living in a group home? Is he or she a NMD?
- › Are there special rules that apply?
- › What if the youth is going to graduate from high school?

- › What if a former ward wants to re-enter and he or she has NOT met the rehabilitative goals?
- › What is his or her status if re-entry occurs?

- › Lots of kid's attorneys are advising against guardianship or adoption for clients over 16 because the case is then dismissed and if the guardianship or adoption doesn't work out, the youth cannot seek re-entry. Is that OK?
- › What about PERMANENCE?????

› What happens if a NMD is arrested and is in custody?



› Other questions?

› More discussion!
