



Foster Care

What is Foster Care

During this presentation, look for these numbers:

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Foster care...

High school dropout rates are 3 times higher for foster youth than other low-income children

- ▶ **is** 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the State agency has placement and care responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to, placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, child care institutions, and pre-adoptive homes.

Are Foster Care youth eligible for McKinney-Vento?

According to the state Department of Family and Children Services, only 18 percent of Georgia students ages 17 and 18 in foster care earned their diploma on schedule last spring. By age 19, the number rises to 33 percent, according to DFCS.

- ▶ McKinney-Vento eligibility should be considered on a case-by-case basis:
 - ▶ Foster youth with a fixed, regular and adequate residence = Not eligible
 - ▶ Foster youth without a fixed, regular and adequate residence = Eligible
 - ▶ i.e. –Youth ran away from placement and is not in a fixed, regular and adequate residence
 - ▶ i.e. –Youth fleeing domestic violence in the foster care home
 - ▶ i.e. –Youth displaced due natural disaster/fire at foster care home
- ▶ In a given school year, youth identified as MV eligible prior to entering foster care = Eligible

Foster Care Transportation



Every child
DESERVES
a family.

*65% of children in
Foster Care have had
more than one living
placement while in
foster care*

- ▶ Local transportation procedures must:
 - ▶ Ensure that foster youth who need transportation to the school of origin promptly receive it in a cost-effective manner, and in accordance with the child welfare agency's authority to use child welfare funding available under section 475(4)(A) of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to provide transportation.
 - ▶ Ensure that if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin, LEAs will provide it if:
 - ▶ They are reimbursed by the child welfare agency;
 - ▶ The LEA agrees to pay the costs; or
 - ▶ The LEA and the child welfare agency agree to share the costs.

The Why...

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