

REFERENCE TITLE: **extended foster care service model**

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Representative Gress

AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 7;
APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO EXTENDED FOSTER CARE**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
3 chapter 7, to read:

4 CHAPTER 7

5 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL

6 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 8-1001. Definitions

8 IN THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 1. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY.

10 2. "YOUNG ADULT" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SEVENTEEN AND
11 ONE-HALF YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO
12 PARTICIPATES OR WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-521.02.

14 8-1002. Extended foster care comprehensive service model;
15 extended foster care success coaching program;
16 rules

17 A. WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A SCOPE OF WORK FOR AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
19 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL THAT INCLUDES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND REQUIRED
20 CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDED BY CONTRACTED COMMUNITY PROVIDERS FOR YOUNG
21 ADULTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. THE EXTENDED
22 FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL SCOPE OF WORK SHALL INCLUDE:

23 1. MONTHLY ENGAGEMENT WITH EACH YOUNG ADULT.

24 2. LIFE SKILLS TRAINING.

25 3. MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

26 4. RELATIONAL PERMANENCY.

27 5. EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE.

28 6. ASSISTANCE WITH ACCESSING SAFE HOUSING ATTAINMENT AND STABILITY
29 FOR YOUNG ADULTS.

30 7. CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT PLANNING AND READINESS.

31 8. ASSISTANCE WITH ACCESSING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG
32 ADULTS.

33 B. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL SHALL
34 INCLUDE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE
35 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. EACH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACH
36 SHALL HAVE A CASELOAD OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY YOUNG ADULTS. THE EXTENDED
37 FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM SHALL BE BASED ON A PRACTICE THAT IS
38 YOUTH DRIVEN AND SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:

39 1. PROMOTE PERMANENT CONNECTIONS.

40 2. SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND SKILL
41 SET THAT ENABLES YOUNG ADULTS TO GAIN AND MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT TO SUPPORT
42 THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS.

43 3. ENSURE THAT YOUNG ADULTS RESIDE IN SAFE, STABLE AND SECURE
44 HOUSING.

- 1 4. LINK YOUNG ADULTS TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT ADDRESS PHYSICAL
2 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS.
- 3 5. BUILD SKILLS FOR DEVELOPING PERSONAL AGENCY.
- 4 6. ENSURE THAT YOUNG ADULTS HAVE THE COGNITIVE AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
5 COMPETENCIES ESSENTIAL TO SURVIVAL.
- 6 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE SUCCESS OF THE
7 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM.
- 8 D. EACH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACH SHALL:
9 1. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DEPARTMENT-ADMINISTERED FOSTER CARE
10 SUCCESS COACH TRAINING PROGRAM.
- 11 2. POSSESS A BACHELOR'S OR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR HAVE EQUIVALENT
12 CREDITS EQUAL TO AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE. THE DEGREE OR CREDITS SHALL BE IN
13 THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL WORK, PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELING, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
14 THERAPY, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OR EDUCATION. IN LIEU OF A DEGREE OR CREDITS,
15 AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACH MAY POSSESS SKILLS THAT THE COACH
16 ACQUIRED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTES SUCH AS RELEVANT JOB TRAINING,
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATTENDANCE, MILITARY SERVICE OR AN APPRENTICESHIP.
- 18 3. BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.
- 19 4. HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH YOUTH OR YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE
20 FOURTEEN THROUGH TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE AND WHO ARE INVOLVED IN SYSTEMS
21 OF CARE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:
22 (a) FOSTER CARE.
23 (b) JUVENILE JUSTICE.
24 (c) RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS.
- 25 5. EXHIBIT THE BELIEF THAT ALL YOUNG ADULTS HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE
26 SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE.
- 27 E. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING PROGRAM SHALL:
28 1. OPERATE FROM AN EVIDENCE-BASED FRAMEWORK.
29 2. ENSURE THAT THE YOUNG ADULTS SERVED ARE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO
30 NORMALCY.
- 31 3. ASSIST YOUNG ADULTS TO ADVOCATE WITH CAREGIVERS TO EXPERIENCE
32 ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT MEET INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS.
- 33 4. SUPPORT CAREGIVERS IN IDENTIFYING ROOT CAUSES OF BEHAVIORS THAT
34 PRESENT BARRIERS TO TRANSITION AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ASSIST YOUNG
35 ADULTS IN HEALING AND ADDRESSING UNDERLYING TRAUMA.
- 36 5. DEVELOP FEEDBACK THAT ALLOWS YOUNG ADULTS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR
37 NEEDS AND SATISFACTION WITH PROVIDED SERVICES.
- 38 6. DELIVER INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE TAILORED TO EACH YOUNG ADULT'S
39 STRENGTHS AND EXPERIENCES.
- 40 7. CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS
41 OF THE VENDOR'S DELIVERY OF THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUCCESS COACHING
42 PROGRAM.
- 43 F. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SOLICIT AGENCIES TO ADMINISTER THE EXTENDED
44 FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
45 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND SELECT AN AGENCY WITHIN NINETY DAYS

1 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT
2 THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL WITHIN ONE HUNDRED
3 FIFTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

4 G. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHAPTER.

5 8-1003. Extended foster care quality review committee

6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE QUALITY
7 REVIEW COMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSIST
8 OF DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONFIRM THAT A YOUNG
9 ADULT WHO PARTICIPATES IN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

11 2. HAS CONNECTIONS TO A PERMANENT FAMILY AND SUPPORTIVE ADULTS WHO
12 ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE YOUNG ADULT'S LIFE.

13 3. HAS A PERSON-CENTERED CASE AND TRANSITION PLAN THAT SUPPORTS THE
14 YOUNG ADULT'S IDENTIFIED GOALS AND FUTURE PLANNING.

15 4. IS ACQUIRING INDIVIDUALIZED SKILLS TO DEVELOP THE TOOLS THAT ARE
16 NEEDED TO THRIVE OUTSIDE OF THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

17 8-1004. Reporting requirements

18 A. WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
20 COMMITTEE, THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE A REPORT ON THE
22 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 8-1002. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE DATA AND STATISTICS ON:

24 1. THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY THE EXTENDED FOSTER
25 CARE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL.

26 2. THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

27 3. THE YOUNG ADULT'S PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES.

28 4. CASE AND TRANSITION PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES.

29 5. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED
30 FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

31 6. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED
32 FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

33 7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORS THROUGH THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
34 PROGRAM.

35 8. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER
36 CARE PROGRAM, INCLUDING OBTAINING A DRIVER LICENSE.

37 9. HOUSING, INCLUDING SEMI-SUPERVISED LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IF SUCH
38 ARRANGEMENTS BEST MEET THE YOUNG ADULT'S NEEDS.

39 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
40 COMMITTEE A QUARTERLY REPORT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

41 1. THE NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS SERVED IN THE EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
42 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL.

43 2. THE YOUNG ADULT'S PARTICIPATION IN REGULAR REVIEWS WITH EXTENDED
44 FOSTER CARE STAFF.

1 3. OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES AS UPDATED BY THE EXTENDED FOSTER
2 CARE QUALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-1003 AND
3 AS DETERMINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
4 COMMITTEE.

5 Sec. 2. Appropriations; department of child safety; extended
6 foster care comprehensive service model; exemption

7 A. The sum of \$15,000,000 from the state general fund, \$8,000,000
8 from expenditure authority and seven FTE positions are appropriated in
9 fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of child safety to implement the
10 extended foster care comprehensive service model established pursuant to
11 section 8-1002, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

12 B. The appropriations made in subsection A of this section are
13 exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes,
14 relating to lapsing of appropriations.