

CAN I RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR MY PARTICIPATION?

Check with your county IL coordinator as you may be able to get a stipend or gift card for your participation in IL site visits.

HOW DO IL SITE VISITS BENEFIT YOUTH?

IL site visits benefit youth by helping to improve the services and supports they receive. These include life skill services and groups, permanency services and other services and supports to assist youth with transition planning.



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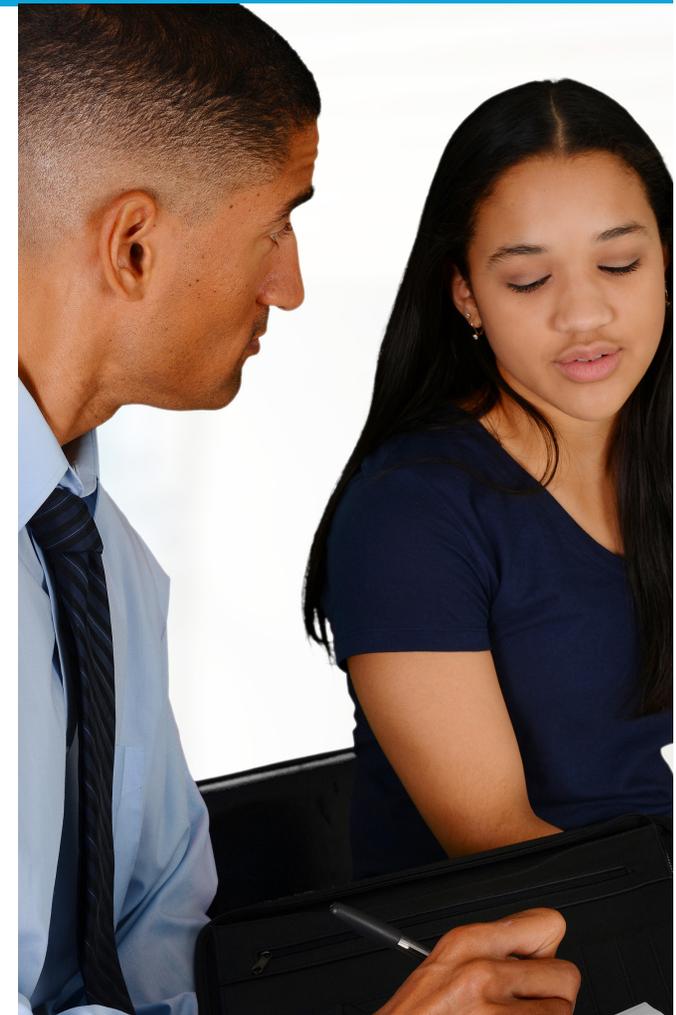
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INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) SITE VISITS

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WHAT ARE IL SITE VISITS?

Each year IL site visits are conducted to assess independent living programs and services provided to older youth.

The review highlights strengths, challenges, and a plan to address challenges. Youth feedback is part of this process to ensure that services continue to improve for older youth involved in the child welfare system.

WHAT ARE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES?

Independent Living services, also known as IL services, are intended to assist youth in developing the skills you will need to become a productive and healthy adult. These services provide the tools to prepare you to achieve your DREAMS!

WHY IS MY VOICE IMPORTANT AS A YOUTH?

Your voice is important because you are the recipient of these services. Your firsthand experience is needed to make improvements to the programs and services for older youth.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN IL SITE VISITS?

Youth and foster care alumni, caseworkers, IL workers, IL coordinators, supervisors, county administrators, and service provider partners all meet to discuss the strengths and challenges of their IL program.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your county agency may reach out to ask if you would like to participate. You would be asked to join in person or virtually and in some cases, you may be invited to be a part of a focus group with other youth and a program improvement specialist.

HOW IS MY FEEDBACK USED?

Your feedback is used to make improvements to the IL program and the life skill services that youth receive.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE IL SITE VISIT IS OVER?

Your county and the Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) receives a report that discusses the strengths and challenges discussed during the site visit. The county will then work to address the areas identified needing improvement.

