

RE-ENTRY INTO EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

OVERVIEW

- Youth must be informed of their right to re-enter extended foster care at their termination hearing.
- Eligible youth can re-enter foster care an unlimited number of times until they turn 21.
- The re-entry process is intended to be as accessible and easy as possible.

PROCESS



Youth contacts child welfare agency/probation department.



Youth signs voluntary re-entry agreement.



Aid begins on date youth signs agreement and resides in a qualified placement.



Initial meeting with social worker temporarily satisfies participation conditions. (Youth do not have to be working or in school to re-enter. This meeting temporarily satisfies the participation conditions until a long-term plan is established).



Agency has 15 days to file court petition.

FORMS

The links below lead to the forms required for re-entry into foster care, all available at www.cdss.ca.gov in the “Forms/Brochures” section.

- [SOC 161 – Six-Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation](#)
- [SOC 162 – Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care](#)
- [SOC 163 – Voluntary Re-Entry Agreement for Extended Foster Care](#)