

ELIGIBILITY FOR THP-NMD

Because the Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD) is a foster care placement for youth in extended foster care, eligibility for THP-NMD is aligned with eligibility for extended foster care.

YOUTH MUST:

- **Be between the ages of 18 and 21**
- **Have an order for foster care placement on their 18th birthday**
- **Continue under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as a dependent, ward or under transition jurisdiction**
- **Agree to the following by signing the Mutual Agreement:** Meet monthly with their social worker or probation officer and participate in 6-month review hearings.
- **Meet one of the five participation conditions (see below)**

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

- 1) Completing high school or equivalent program (i.e. GED)** (enrollment is defined according to the definition employed by the school or program)
- 2) Enrolled in college or a vocational education program at least half-time** (half-time enrollment as defined by the institution)
- 3) Participating in a program or activity designed to remove barriers to employment** (this is the “safety net” category which is intended to bridge gaps in eligibility)
- 4) Employed at least 80 hours a month** (this must be paid employment)
- 5) Unable to do one of the above requirements because of a documented medical condition**

About fulfilling participation requirements at re-entry:

If a youth is re-entering foster care, signing the Voluntary Re-entry Agreement is sufficient to indicate willingness to meet a participation condition and satisfies that requirement pending completion of the Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP), which documents the youth’s continuing participation.

About gaps in fulfilling participation conditions:

Temporarily not participating in one criteria (i.e. if a youth loses a job) does not make the youth ineligible for extended foster care. As long as the youth continues to work towards the goals set out in their TILP their eligibility is maintained. The “Removing Barriers to Employment” participation criteria is intended to bridge the gaps in eligibility.