



Collaborative Care: The Details



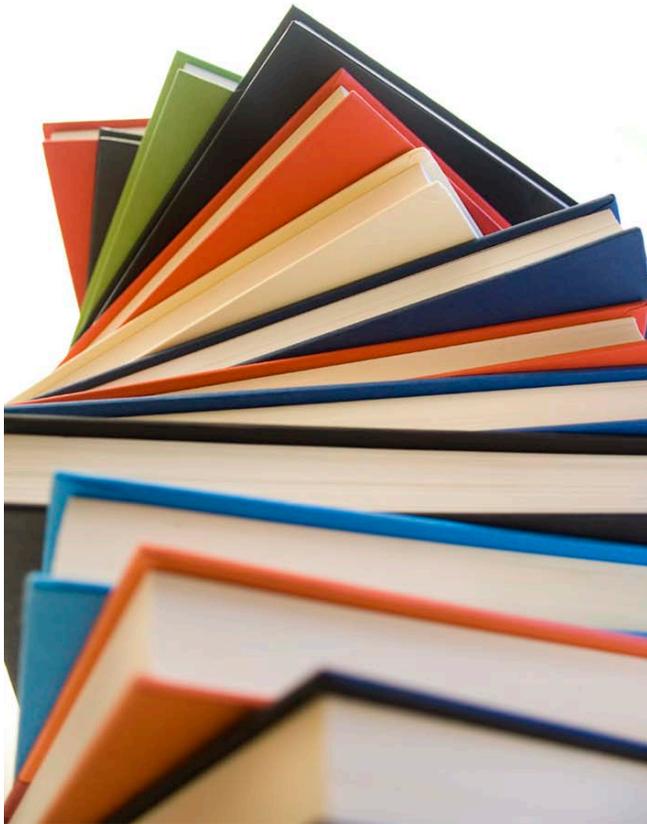
Fostering Connections

- Federal legislation that was written to provide assistance from the federal government to states in order to improve outcomes for children and youth in foster care





Research



- Midwest Study (Courtney, 2007)
- Relational Permanency (Samuels, 2008)
- Benefits and Costs of Extending Foster Care (Peters et al, 2009)
- The Adolescent Brain (Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2011)
- Authentic Youth Engagement (Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2011)
- Social Capital (Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2011)
- Foster Care to 21 (Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, 2011)



Indiana's Program: Collaborative Care

- Extension of Foster Care until the day before the youth turns 20 years of age
- Voluntary IL Services until 21 years of age
- Services designed to:
 - Provide support
 - Foster *interdependence*
- Program designed to:
 - Promote positive brain and emotional development
 - Provide opportunities for youth planning and decision making
 - Building of relational permanency and social capital
- Program Foundations:
 - Youth Voice
 - Relational Permanency



Indiana's Program: Collaborative Care

Candidates for Collaborative Care are youth who are CHINS or probation youth who are at least 18 years of age, that meets at least one of the below listed conditions:

- Enrolled in a secondary education institution or a program leading to an equivalent credential, e.g., a youth age 18 and older is finishing high school or taking classes in preparation for a general equivalency diploma (GED) exam. OR enrolled in an institution which provides post-secondary or vocational education, e.g., a youth could be enrolled full-time or part-time in a university or college, or enrolled in a vocational or trade school.
- Employed for at least 80 hours per month, e.g., a youth could be employed part time or full time, at one or more places of employment.
- Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to employment, e.g., a youth could be in Job Corps or attending classes on resume writing and interview skills or working with a Collaborative Care provider on Independent Living skills.
- Incapable of performing any of the activities described above due to a medical condition documented in the youth's case plan.



Indiana's Program: Collaborative Care

- Re-entry
 - Youth who were in foster care one month prior to turning 18 years of age OR
 - Youth who turned 18 years of age in foster care
 - Must meet eligibility requirements and sign Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement
- Specialized Case Managers
 - Called Collaborative Care Case Managers (3CMs)
 - Receive specialized training and handle a caseload of youth 17.5 years of age and older only



Indiana's Program: Collaborative Care

Candidates for Collaborative Care must sign a Voluntary Collaborative Care Agreement

- DCS Local Office Attorney files the Agreement and a Petition with the local court
 - CASA may be appointed if the youth requests such an appointment
 - This is done after the CHINS/JD case is closed.
 - Court retains jurisdiction over the Collaborative Care case pursuant to IC 31-30-1-1, 31-30-2-1, and 31-30-2-4



Process for CHINS

- Age 17-3CM attends CFTM
 - Complete NYTD survey & introduce CC
- Age 17.5-case transfers to 3CM
- Youth remains in current placement until age 18 or high school graduation/obtains GED unless stepping down from a restrictive placement
- Step down to a CC Supervised IL placement once the youth turns 18 OR graduates HS/obtain GED (if appropriate)
- Youth, 3CM and team will make this decision



Process for Probation

Probation Officers will receive educational material about Collaborative

- If PO identifies interested youth, PO contacts a member of the Older Youth Team
- Youth may enter Collaborative Care at age 18
- Probation case will close and a Collaborative Care will open
- Youth remains in current placement until age 18 or high school graduation/obtains GED unless stepping down from a restrictive placement
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Placement

New Placement Types for Collaborative Care:
Supervised Independent Living

-All unlicensed

Placements: DCS/Provider Responsibilities



CHINS/Probation Placement		Agency Responsibilities		
		DCS FCM	Older Youth Service Provider	Other Contractor
Traditional Foster Care	Foster Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCS • Relative • Unlicensed Court Approved Placement 	DCS case management Placement supervision Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (starting at age 16 years)	Other services as referred
	Foster Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) 	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (starting at six months before placement transition)	Other services as referred LCPA provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Living Services (starting at age 16) • Placement supervision • Case management to LCPA foster home
	Group Home	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (starting at six months before placement transition)	Other services as referred Group Home provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Living Services (starting at age 16) • Placement supervision • Internal case management
	Residential/Child Caring Institution (CCI)	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (starting at six months before placement transition)	Other services as referred CCI provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Living Services (starting at age 16) • Placement supervision • Internal case management

Collaborative Care CC Program Placement (youth age 17.5 or older with a CC agreement)		Agency Responsibilities		
		DCS 3CM	Older Youth Service Provider	Other Contractor
Traditional Foster Care	Foster Home • County • Relative • Unlicensed Court Approved Placement	DCS case management Placement supervision Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services	Other services as referred
	Foster Home • Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA)	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services	Other services as referred LCPA provides: • Placement supervision • Case management to LCPA foster home
	Group Home	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services	Other services as referred Group Home provides: • Placement supervision • Internal case management
	Residential/Child Caring Institution (CCI)	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services	Other services as referred CCI provides: • Independent Living Services (starting at age 16) • Placement supervision • Internal case management
Older Youth Placements	Host Home	DCS case management Placement supervision Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (only as referred)	Other services as referred Host Home Adult provides: • Independent Living Services (Teachable Moments) • Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA)
	Shared Apartment/Housing	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services Placement supervision and fiscal responsibility	Other services as referred
	College Dorm	DCS case management Placement supervision Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (only as referred)	Other services as referred
	Own Apartment/Housing	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services Placement supervision and fiscal responsibility	Other services as referred
	Staff Supported Housing-	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Staff Supported Housing provider will provide: • Independent Living Services • Placement supervision • Internal case management	Other services as referred

	Agency Responsibilities		
	DCS IL Specialist or 3CM	Older Youth Service Provider	Other Contractor
Voluntary IL Services	VSA referral IL service monitoring Approval of Chafee funding for Room and Board and Emancipation Goods and Services	Independent Living Services Connect youth to community services as needed	N/A
	Agency Responsibilities		
	DCS 3CM	Older Youth Service Provider	Other Contractor
Specialized Vocation Education	DCS case placement Service referral and oversight	Services dependent upon individual program	Other services as referred



Possible Pathways to Interdependence

Older Youth Services Continuum

Visual

Examples



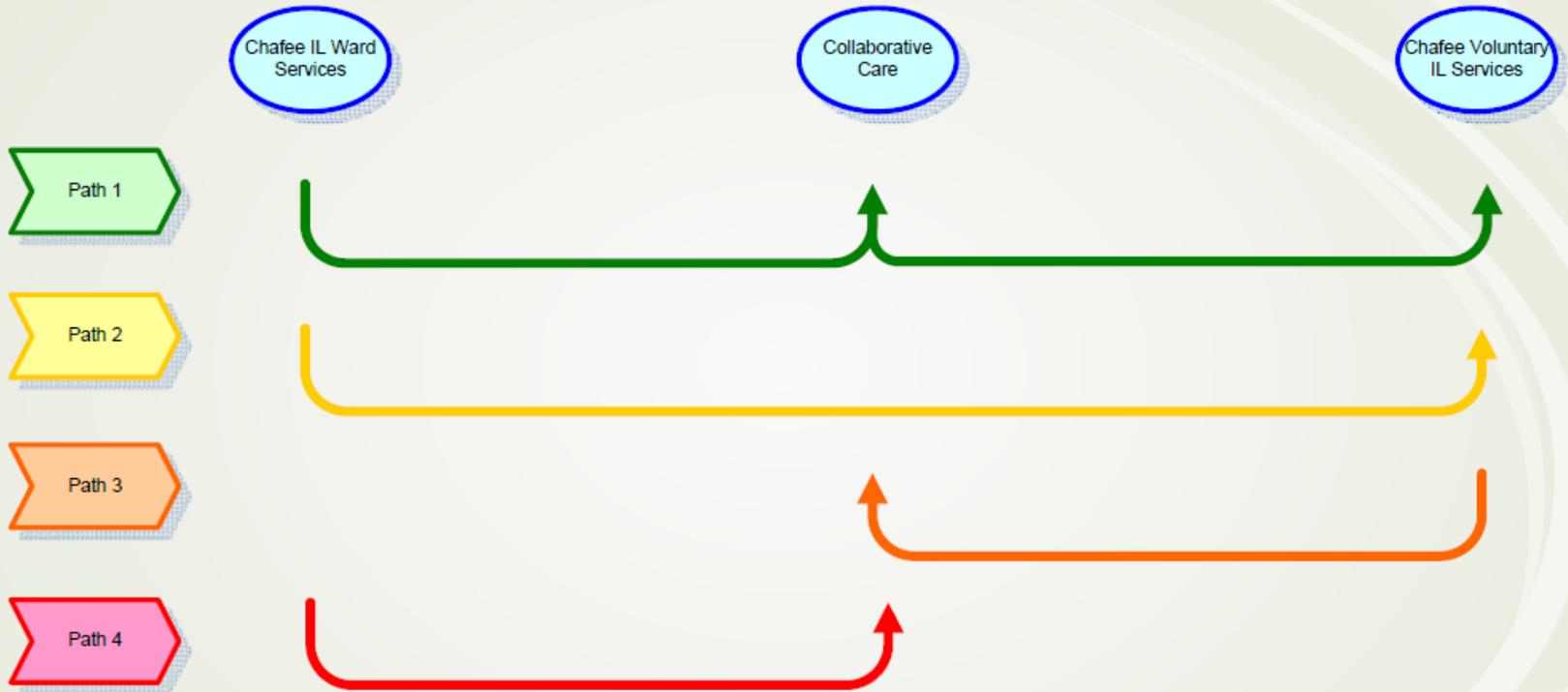
Service Continuum: Pathways to Interdependence

Older youth services exist on a continuum comprised of:

- Chafee Independent Living Services;
- Collaborative Care Services, and,
- Chafee Voluntary Independent Living Services

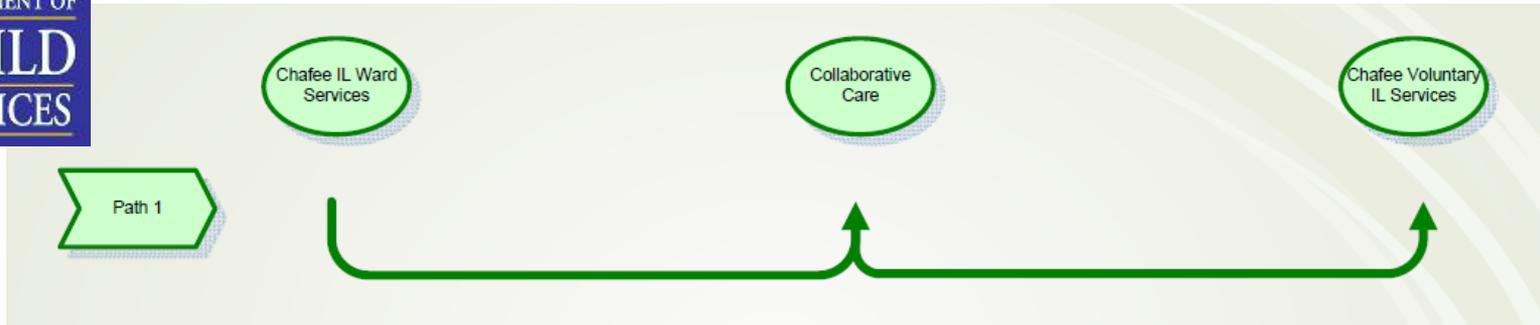
Where a youth falls on the service continuum depends on a variety of factors which may include: the youth's current age, the youth's age when the youth entered foster care, the youth's placement, and/or how the youth chooses to engage in offered services. The service continuum may be organized into four possible service pathways.

Possible Pathways to Interdependence





Examples: Path 1

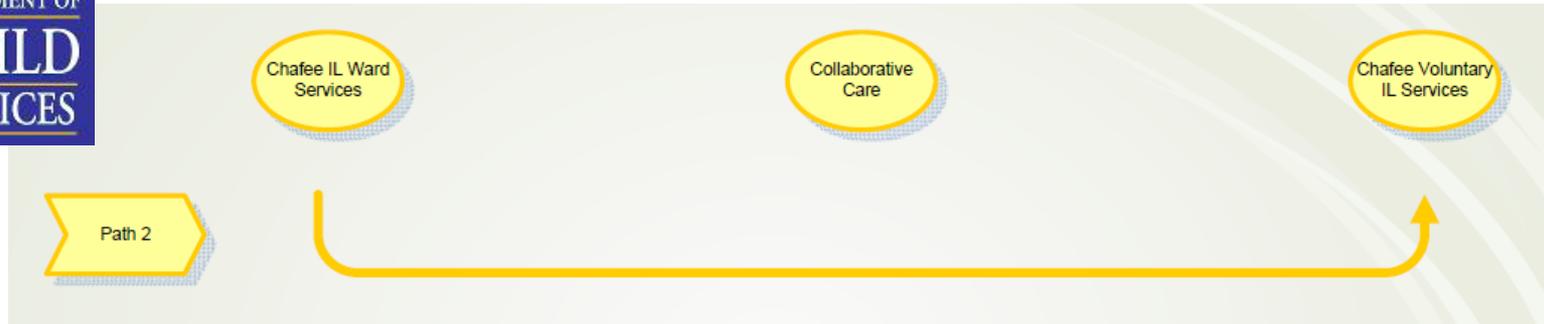


This is the pathway of a youth who receives all three older youth services offered. The youth begins by participating in Chafee IL Ward Services and opts into the Collaborative Care program. After the CC case closes, the youth chooses to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services.

Example: Christine enters care at age 16.5 and is referred to Chafee IL Ward Services by her FCM. Christine remains in a foster care until she turns 17.5 years of age and has a case plan goal of APPLA. Christine chooses to participate in the CC program and her case is transferred from her FCM to a 3CM. Christine then remains in the Collaborative Care program until she reaches 19.5 years of age, at which time her CHINS case is dismissed and she signs up to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services.



Examples: Path 2

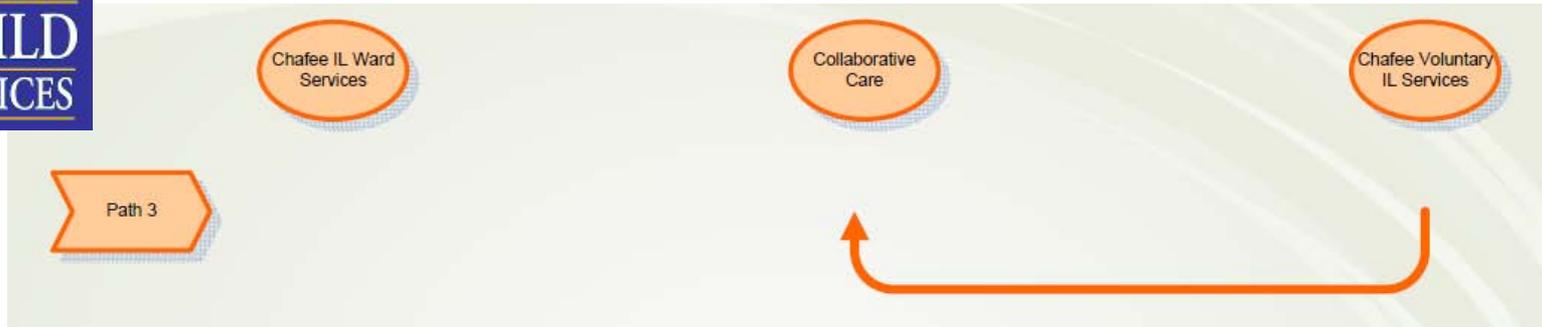


A youth may choose to opt out of the Collaborative Care program. In this instance, a youth participates in Chafee IL Ward Services during their open CHINS/JD/JS case. After case dismissal the youth chooses to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services.

Example: Scott enters foster care at age 15 and begins Chafee IL Ward Services at age 16. Scott turns 17.5 years in care and at this time has case plan goal of adoption and is living in a pre-adoptive placement. Scott chooses to not participate in the CC program. He then turns 18 in the pre-adoptive placement and is adopted shortly afterward. After case dismissal, Scott chooses to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services.



Examples: Path 3



A youth may choose to re-enter foster care after their CHINS/JD/JS case has been dismissed. A youth may be over the age of 18 when they re-enter foster care into the CC program. The illustration shows the youth re-entering foster care from Chafee Voluntary IL Services, but enrollment in Chafee Voluntary IL Services is not an eligibility requirement.

Example: Skye enters foster care at age 17 years and 11 months and turns 18 years of age in placement. Skye chooses to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services after her CHINS case closed on her 18th birthday. While in Chafee Voluntary IL Services Skye begins the foster care re-entry process for the CC program.



Examples: Path 4



A youth may choose move from Chafee IL services into the CC program, but opt out of Chafee Voluntary IL services.

Example: Jason enters foster care at 14.5 years of age and is placed with a relative. Jason is referred to Chafee IL Ward Services when he turns 16 years of age and chooses to participate in the CC program when he turns 17.5 years of age. Jason continues to live with the relative who he was initially placed with at 14.5 years. Jason participates in the CC program until he reaches 20 years of age and chooses to not participate in Chafee Voluntary IL services.



Questions?

Thank you!