



Older Youth Services: RFP Bidders Conference

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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, 2005-2011)
- 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)

Collaborative Care

- Extension of Foster Care until 20 years of age
- Voluntary IL Services until 21 years of age
- Specialized Case Managers (3CM)
- Re-entry into foster care
- Services designed to:
 - Provide support
 - Foster *interdependence*
 - Provide stable long term living arrangements
- Program designed to:
 - Promote positive brain and emotional development
 - Provide opportunities for youth planning and decision making
 - Building of relational permanency and social capital

Collaborative Care

Candidates for Collaborative Care are youth who are CHINS age 17.5 years or older or probation youth over the age of 18, that meets or is expected by age 18 to meet 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.

Process to Enter Collaborative Care

- 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 turn 18 OR graduate HS/obtain GED (if appropriate)
- Youth, 3CM and team will make this decision

Request For Proposals

1. Older Youth Services—MAIN FOCUS

Statewide coverage

Providers must cover an entire service area

- Chafee Independent Living Services
- Collaborative Care Placement Supervision and Services
- Chafee Voluntary IL Services

2. Staff Supported Housing

3. Specialized Vocational Education Programs

1. Older Youth Services

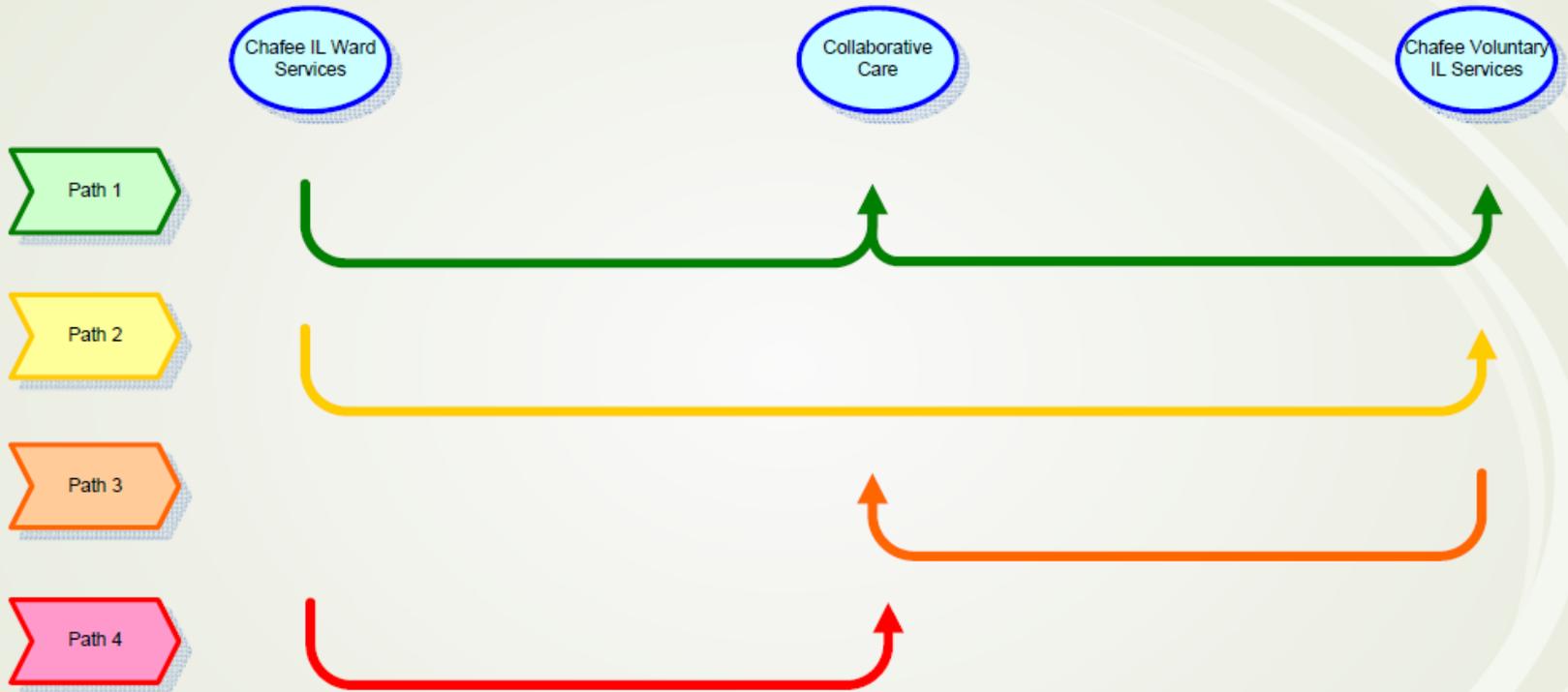
Possible Pathways to Interdependence

Older youth services exist on a continuum comprised of:

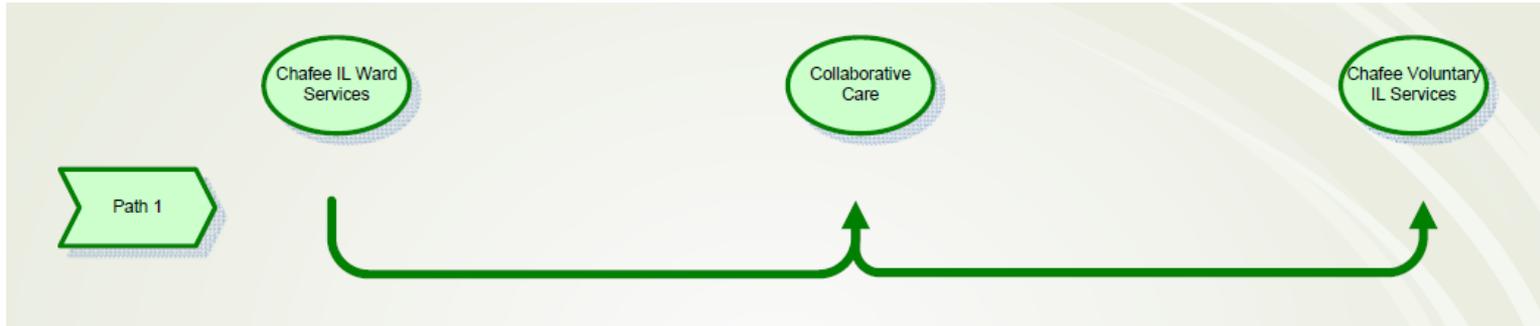
- Chafee Independent Living Services;
- Collaborative Care Services, and,
- Chafee Voluntary Independent Living Services

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 five possible service pathways.

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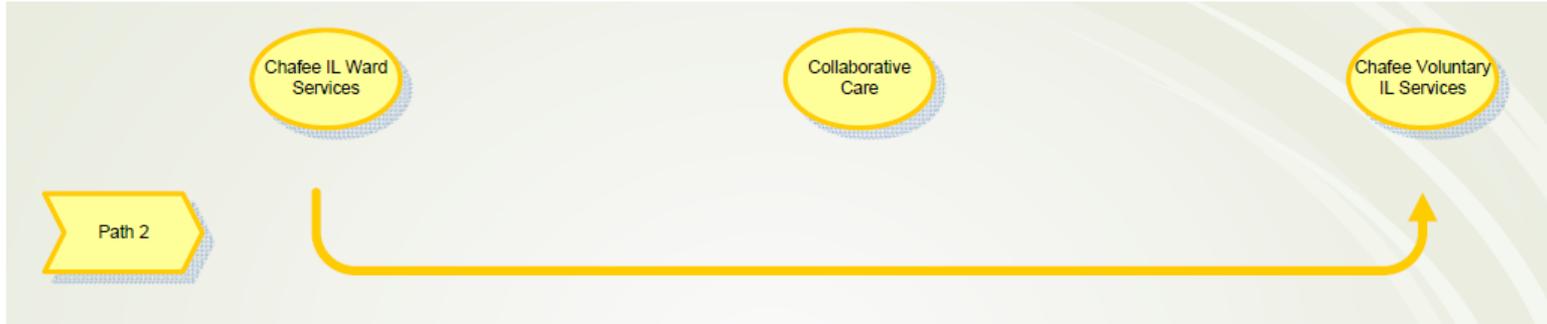
Examples: Path 1



This is the pathway of a youth who receives all three older youth services offered. The youth begins by participating in Chafee IL 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 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 foster care case is dismissed and she signs up to participate in Chafee Voluntary IL Services.

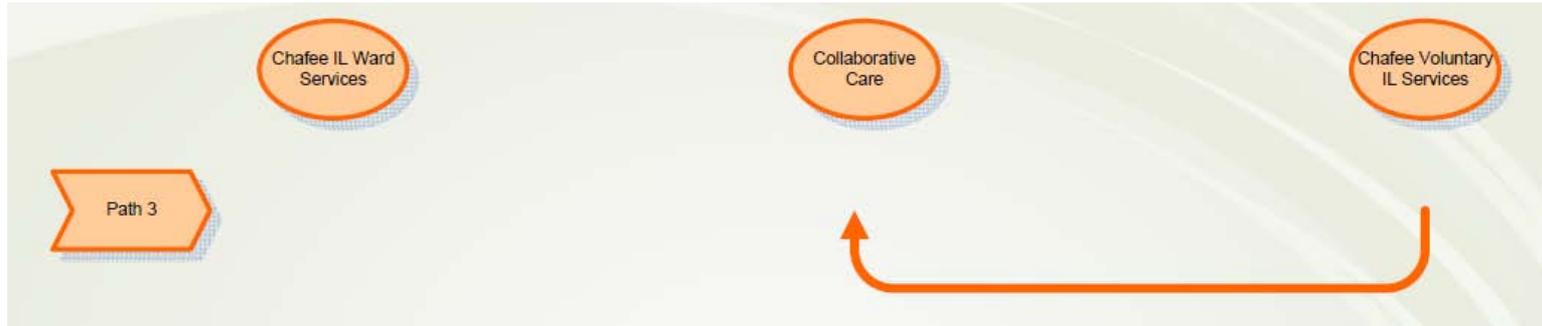
Examples: Path 2



A youth may choose to opt out of the Collaborative Care program. In this instance, a youth participates in Chafee IL 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 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.

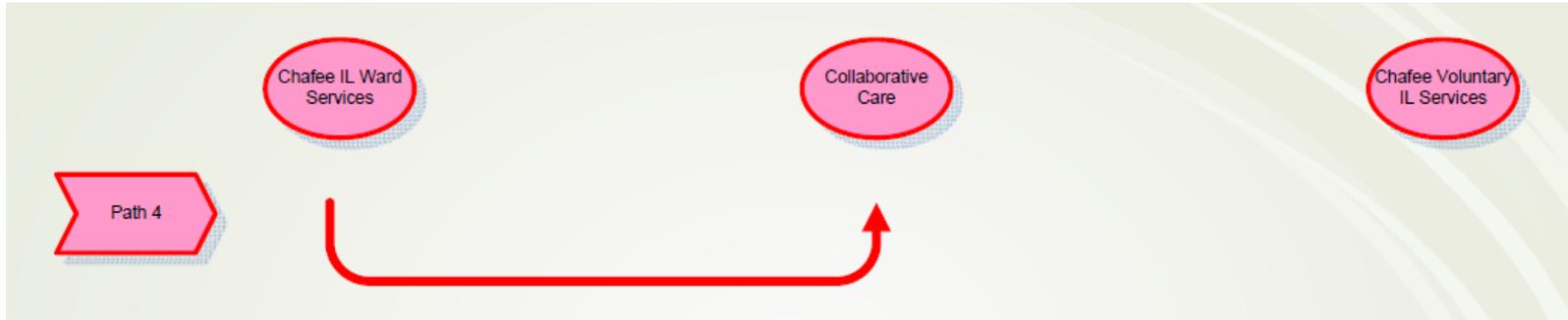
Examples: Path 3



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 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.

Chart 1: DCS/Provider Responsibilities

CHINS/Probation Placement		Agency Responsibilities			
		DCS FCM	Older Youth Service Provider	Budget	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)	1	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)	1	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)	1	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)	1	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	Budget	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	1	Other services as referred
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	Residential/Child Caring Institution (CCI)	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services	1	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)	1	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	2	Other services as referred
	College Dorm	DCS case management Placement supervision Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services (only as referred)	1	Other services as referred
	Own Apartment/Housing	DCS case management Service referral and oversight	Independent Living Services Placement supervision and fiscal responsibility	2	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	3	Other services as referred

	Agency Responsibilities			
	DCS IL Specialist or 3CM	Older Youth Service Provider	Budget	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	4	N/A
	Agency Responsibilities			
	DCS 3CM	Older Youth Service Provider	Budget	Other Contractor
Specialized Vocation Education	DCS case placement Service referral and oversight	Services dependent upon individual program	5	Other services as referred

Program Budgets:

Budget 1: Chafee IL services ONLY

Independent Living Services as defined and provided to those youth in placements identified as Budget 1 in Chart 1.

*While the number of referrals for 16 and 17 year olds is approx 30% currently, we anticipate that increasing to 50%.

Budget 2: Collaborative Care-services and placement supervision

Includes placement costs and supervision for youth for whom DCS has placement and care. Supervision for older youth includes preparing the youth to live independently by serving as a broker of services to connect youth to community service providers as defined in the service standards.

*The estimated percentage of CHINS youth entering Collaborative Care at age 17.5 or older is projected to be 70%

*The estimated percentage of probation youth entering Collaborative Care at age of 18 or older is projected to be 50%.

Budget 3: Staff Supported Housing

Includes placement cost and supervision, for youth for whom DCS has placement and care. Supervision for older youth includes preparing the youth to live independently by serving as a broker of services to connect youth to community service providers as defined in the service standards.

Program Budgets (cont.)

Budget 4: Chafee IL Services-Voluntary ONLY

- Independent Living Services (including case management and limited financial assistance to support rent, utilities, and items to support independent living, i.e., Room & Board) as defined in the service standards and provided to those youth in placements identified as Budget 4 in Chart 1.

Budget 5: Specialized Vocational Education Program:

- Includes placement supervision and full room and board for youth for whom DCS has placement and care. Supervision for older youth includes preparing the youth to live independently by providing vocational training.

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