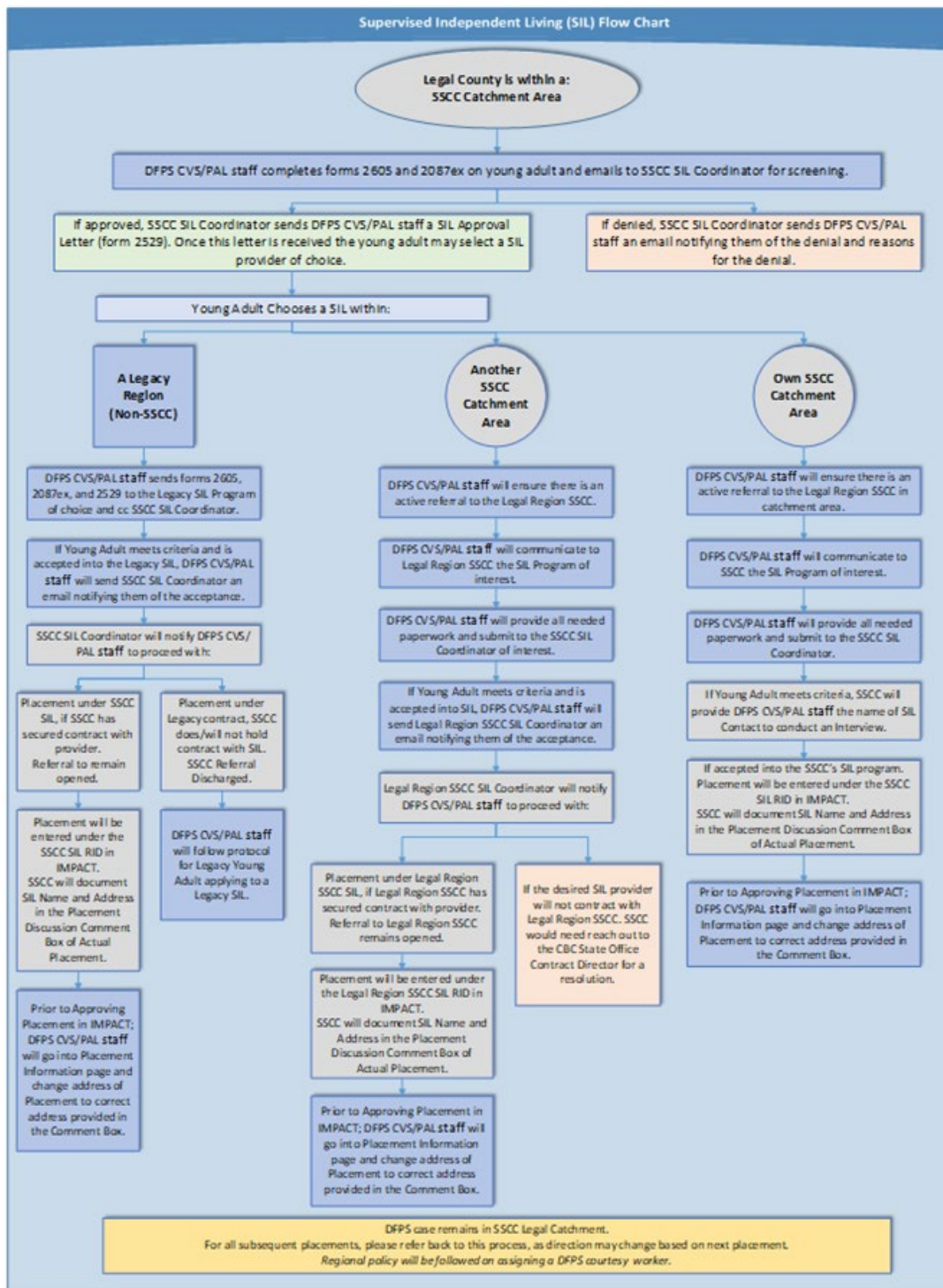


## Supervised Independent Living (SIL) Flow Chart

(Child's Legal County is within a SSCC catchment area)



## **Supervised Independent Living (SIL) Process**

### **(Child's Legal County is within a SSCC Catchment Area)**

Supervised Independent Living (SIL) is a type of voluntary Extended Foster Care Placement where young adults can live on their own, while still getting caseworker and support services to help them become independent and self-sufficient. The SIL program allows young adults to live independently under a supervised living arrangement provided by a contracted provider. A young adult in SIL is not supervised 24-hours a day by an adult and has increased responsibilities.

### **Young Adult Aging Out/Return to Care**

Trail independence (TI) permits a young adult aged 18 or older to voluntarily leave Extended Foster Care for up to 6 months (or up to 12 months with a court order) and live independently without losing foster care eligibility. [CPS Handbook §10500](#)

### **Young Adult Returns DURING a Trial Independence Period**

The Legal Region is where DFPS was granted conservatorship. [CPS Handbook §10532](#)

Courts retain jurisdiction while young adult remains in extended foster care. The caseworker must request a review hearing by the court every six months, as required by Texas Family Code §263.602.

### **Legal County is within a SSCC Catchment Area**

DFPS CVS/PAL staff completes forms 2605 and 2087ex on young adult and emails to SSCC SIL Coordinator for screening.

- If approved, SSCC SIL Coordinator sends DFPS CVS/PAL staff a SIL Approval Letter (form 2529). Once this letter is received, the young adult may select a SIL provider of choice.
- If denied, SSCC SIL Coordinator sends DFPS CVS/PAL staff an email notifying them of the denial and reasons for the denial.

### **If Young Adult chooses a SIL within a LEGACY Region (Non-SSCC):**

1. DFPS CVS/PAL staff sends form 2605, 2087ex and 2529 to the Legacy SIL Program of choice and cc SSCC SIL Coordinator

2. If young adult meets criteria and is accepted into the Legacy SIL, DFPS CVS/PAL staff will send SSCC SIL Coordinator an email notifying them of acceptance.
3. SSCC SIL Coordinator will notify DFPS CVS/PAL staff to proceed with:
  - a. Placement under SSCC SIL, if SSCC has secured contract with provider. Referral to remain opened.
    - i. Placement will be entered under the SSCC SIL RID in IMPACT. SSCC will document SIL Name and Address in the Placement Discussion Comment Box of Actual Placement.
    - ii. Prior to Approving Placement in IMPACT; DFPS CVS/PAL staff will go into Placement Information page and change address of Placement to correct address provided in Comment Box.
  - b. Placement under Legacy contract, SSCC does/will not hold contract with SIL. SSCC Referral Discharged.
    - i. DFPS CVS/PAL Staff will follow protocol for Legacy Young Adult applying to Legacy SIL.

**If Young Adult chooses a SIL within Another SSCC Catchment Area:**

1. DFPS CVS/PAL Staff will ensure there is an active referral to the Legal Region SSCC
2. DFPS CVS/PAL staff will communicate to Legal Region SSCC the SIL Program of interest.
3. DFPS CVS/PAL staff will provide all needed paperwork and submit to the SSCC SIL Coordinator of interest.
4. If young adult meets criteria and is accepted into SIL, DFPS CVS/PAL staff will send Legal Region SSCC SIL Coordinator an email notifying them of the acceptance.
5. Legal Region SSCC SIL Coordinator will notify DFPS CVS/PAL staff to proceed with:
  - a. Placement under Legal Region SSCC SIL, if Legal Region SSCC has secured contract with provider. Referral to Legal Region SSCC remains opened.
    - i. Placement will be entered under the Legal Region SSCC SIL RID in IMPACT. SSCC will document SIL Name and Address in the Placement Discussion Comment Box of Actual Placement.
    - ii. Prior to Approving Placement in IMPACT, DFPS CVS/PAL staff will go into Placement Information page and change address of Placement to correct address provided in the Comment Box.
  - b. If desired SIL provider will not contract with Legal Region SSCC, SSCC would need to reach out to CBC State Office Contract Director for resolution.

**If Young Adult chooses a SIL within Own SSCC Catchment Area:**

1. DFPS CVS/PAL staff will ensure there is an active referral to the Legal Region SSCC in catchment area.
2. DFPS CVS/PAL staff will communicate to SSCC the SIL Program of interest.
3. DFPS CVS/PAL staff will provide all needed paperwork and submit to the SSCC SIL Coordinator.
4. If young adult meets criteria, SSCC will provide DFPS CVS/PAL staff the name of SIL contact to conduct an interview.
5. If accepted into the SSCC's SIL program, Placement will be entered under the SSCC SIL RID in IMPACT. SSCC will document SIL Name and Address in the Placement Discussion Comment Box of Actual Placement.
6. Prior to Approving Placement in IMPACT, DFPS CVS/PAL staff will go into Placement Information page and change address of Placement to correct address provided in the Comment Box.

**DFPS case remains in SSCC Legal Catchment.**

**For all subsequent placements, please refer back to this process, as direction may change based on next placement.**

*Regional policy will be followed on assigning a courtesy worker.*