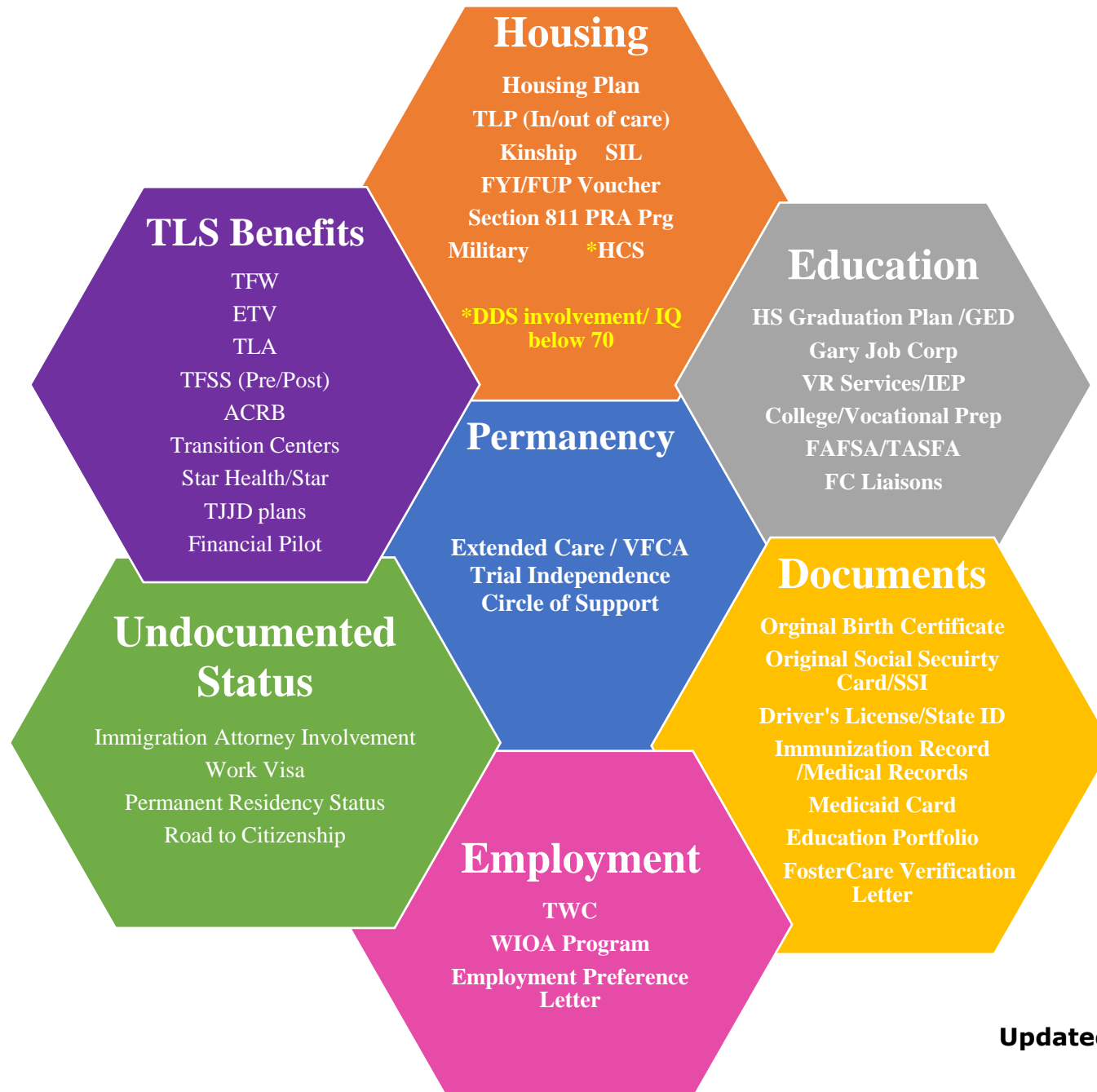


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Permanency

Extended Care/Voluntary Foster Care Agreement & Trial Independence

DFPS - [DFPS - Extended Foster Care \(texas.gov\)](#)

Circle of Support- [Updates to Permanency Planning Meetings, Circles of Support, & Child's Plan of Service \(texas.gov\)](#)

Housing

[DFPS Housing Programs/Housing Plan](#)

TLP

(In care)- Refer to CPU.

(Out of care)- [DFPS Housing Programs](#)

SIL

[DFPS - Supervised Independent Living \(texas.gov\)](#)

HCS/SSI

When IQ is below 70, contact your DDS and SSI Coordinator for additional information, immediately.

CPS Policy Section 10341.2

https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/cps/well-being/developmental_disability/default.asp

Kinship

Licensed Home- Youth can transition to extended care.

Non-licensed Home- Youth will transition to trial independence.

[DFPS - Kinship Care](#)

[FYI/FUP Housing Vouchers & 811 PRA Prg DFPS Housing Programs](#)

Military

*Contact your local branch.
CPS Policy Section 6455*

[SSI Coordinators \(texas.gov\)](#)

Education

[DFPS - Education Specialists \(texas.gov\)](#)

HS Graduation Plan

Communicate with the high school counselor and/or DFPS Education Specialist

Gary Job Corp

Earn HS diploma or GED and Vocational certification

Housing on campus in- R3, R7, R10, & R11

<https://gary.jobcorps.gov/>

FAFSA

[Home | Federal Student Aid](#)

TAFSA

Undocumented students

[TASFA - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#)

GED

https://ged.com/study/ged_classes/

<https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/certificate-of-high-school-equivalency/ged-information>

VR Services/IEP

VR services can be added to an IEP

[Introduction to Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Services - YouTube](#)

<https://webp.twc.state.tx.us/services/VRLookup/>

Foster Care Liaisons

College Advisors

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/roster/crs-cfat-foster-care-liaison-listing/>

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Documents

**** By DFPS policy (Section 6452) and by law (Texas Family Codes §264.121 & §266.008), all youth will be given the below documents****
https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Transitional_Living/documents/foster-care-handbook.pdf

Original Birth Certificate

CPS Policy Section 1521

Foster Care Eligibility Specialists
texas.gov

Original Social Security Card

SSI Coordinators texas.gov

Texas Workforce Commission Driver

Education Program

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/driver-education-funding-program>

Driver's License/State ID

DFPS - Personal Documents

Immunization/Medical Records

Documents should be printed and provided as health passport does not possess all records

DFPS - Health Passport - A Guide to Medical Services at CPS texas.gov

Medicaid Card

Your Texas Benefits - Learn

Call 800-252-8263

Education Portfolio

Caseworkers/Caregivers must update and provide to youth

Education Matters texas.gov

Foster Care Verification Letter

Form K-908-4200

DFPS Safety Net

Employment

****Communicate with your regional PAL Coordinators for additional information****

TWC

Foster Youth Programs - Texas Workforce Commission

WIOA Programs

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program - Texas Workforce Commission

Employment Preference Letter

<https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/application/Forms/showFile.aspx?NAME=1013.doc>

Undocumented Status

CPS Immigration Specialists texas.gov

Legal Services Regional Staff

Immigration Attorney Involvement

Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding services once youth leaves care

Work Visa & Permanent Residency Status

Communicate with regional immigration attorney regarding status

Road to Citizenship

Explain how to become a citizen once permanent residency status is obtained

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PAL Benefits

DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Program (texas.gov)

Brief Overview of Transitional Living Services (texas.gov)

TFW

DFPS - State College Tuition Waiver
(texas.gov)

ETV

DFPS - Education and Training Voucher
Program (ETV) (texas.gov)

<https://texasetv.com/>

Financial Pilot

DFPS - Youth and Young Adults -
Financial Pilot (texas.gov)

TLA

DFPS - Preparation for Adult Living
(PAL) Program (texas.gov)

TFSS (Pre/Post)

*Communicate with your regional PAL
Coordinators*

Transition Centers

DFPS - Transition Centers (texas.gov)

Star Health/Star

DFPS - Medical Benefits (texas.gov)

Your Texas Benefits - Learn

TJJJ/Juvenile Detention Plans

*Youth should receive transition planning
regardless of their juvenile justice setting
CPS Policy Section 6822.6 & 10120*

**Juvenile Detention Center Placement
Coordinators:**

[https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile Justice/coordinators.asp](https://intranet.dfps.texas.gov/CPS/Well-Being/Juvenile_Justice/coordinators.asp)

**CPS Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice
Department:**

DFPS - Child Protective Services (CPS)
Liaisons to the Texas Juvenile Justice
Department (TJJJ)

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Abbreviations

ACRB- Aftercare Room and Board
COS- Circle of Support
CPU- Child Placement Unit
DDS- Developmental Disability Specialist
ETV- Education and Training Voucher
FAFSA-Free Application for Student Aid
FC Liaison- Foster Care Liaison
FUP Voucher- Family Unification Program Voucher
FYI Voucher- Foster Youth to Independence Voucher
HCS- Home and Community-Based Services
IEP- Individual Education Plan
Section 811 PRA Prg- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program
SIL- Supervised Independent Living
SSI- Social Security Income
TASFA- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
TAY- Transition Age Youth
TFSS (Pre/Post)- Transition and Financial Support Services
 ➤ Pre- Transition Center services for youth starting at age 17 ½ (In care)
 ➤ Post- Transition Center services for youth aged 18 & older (Out of care)
TFW- Tuition and Fee Waiver
TJJD- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
TLA- Transitional Living Allowance
TLP- Transitional Living Placement/Program
TLS- Transitional Living Services
TWC- Texas Workforce Commission
VFCA- Voluntary Foster Care Agreement
VR Services- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
WIOA- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act

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