

General Questions and Answers

Questions as of March 2005

Question 1: Pregnant woman left foster care on her own at age 19 and left the county. Should county keep her open? Or how long should the county keep her open?

Answer 1: A person may remain in foster care over the age of 18 only with the consent of the foster child. A foster child over the age of 18 can decide to leave care without the permission of the agency.

The agency should attempt to contact the foster child do determine wither the foster child intends to remain in the foster care system. If the foster child will not cooperate or if she states that she does not want to remain in foster are, then the agency may close the case.

Remember, once she is discharged, she may not re-enter foster care.

Question 2A: Does the parent have to sign the Application for Services?

Answer 2A: No

Question 2B: If they refuse, can a caseworker sign on behalf of the family?

Answer 2B: Yes

Question 2C: If there are no signatures - can a determination be made?

Answer 2 C: Yes. If the application is being used to determine Title XX 200% Below Poverty, it does have to be signed as an attestation to the data used to make the determination.