

WHY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION PLANNING MATTERS

ORS 419B.343 (3): For a ward 14 years of age or older, **the department shall ensure that:** (a) Case planning for the ward addresses the ward's needs and goals for a transition to **successful adulthood**, including needs and goals related to housing, physical and mental health, education, employment, community connections and supportive relationships[.]

ORS 419B.337 (7): A court may dismiss commitment of a ward to the Department of Human Services if:

(a)(A) Dismissal is appropriate because the ward has been safely reunited with a parent or because a safe alternative to reunification has been implemented for the ward; **and**

(B) The ward is at least 14 years of age but less than 21 years of age and the court finds that:

(i) The department has provided case planning pursuant to ORS 419B.343 that addresses the ward's needs and goals for a transition to successful adulthood, including needs and goals relating to housing, physical and mental health, education, employment, community connections and supportive relationships;

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(iv) **The ward has safe and stable housing and is unlikely to become homeless as a result of dismissal of commitment of the ward to the department;** or

(b) The ward has been committed to the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority.

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(4) **The comprehensive transition plan must identify goals and services in each of the following domains:** (a) Education; (b) Employment; (c) Health; (d) Housing; (e) Life skills; (f) Supportive relationships; (g) Cultural and community connections; and (h) Transportation.

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(7) When a child is placed in another state through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), and the Department is unable to complete the comprehensive transition planning process as described in this rule, **the Department remains responsible** for working with the receiving state and with the child in developing a comprehensive transition plan.

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(1) **The caseworker must** monitor the implementation of the comprehensive transition plan and make reasonable efforts to ensure timely and appropriate services identified in the comprehensive transition plan are made available.

(2) **The caseworker is responsible** for regular review of the goals and services of the comprehensive transition plan during the following contacts:

- (a) Monthly face-to-face contacts as required under OAR 413-080-0054; and
- (b) The 90-day case plan review required under OAR 413-040-0016.

(3) Subsequent to the review of the comprehensive transition plan under subsection (2)(b) of this rule, **the caseworker must** document in the Department's information system:

- (a) The progress in achieving the comprehensive transition plan goals;
- (b) Any barriers and plans to address the barriers;
- (c) Any changes in the comprehensive transition plan; and
- (d) Notification to service providers of changes to the comprehensive transition plan.

(4) **The supervisor must** review and approve the documentation of the comprehensive transition plan review as a part of the required case plan review.