


## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Health & Human Services Committee to adopt and implement the attached policy and procedures to be followed by the CFS Program.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Colville Business Council, meeting in a **SPECIAL SESSION** this **6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018** acting for and in behalf of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem Washington, do hereby approve the above recommendation of the Health & Human Services Committee.

The foregoing was duly enacted by the Colville Business Council by a vote of **10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED**, under authority contained in Article V, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, ratified by the Colville Indians February 26, 1938, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on April 19, 1938.

ATTEST:

  
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**Rodney Cawston, Chairman**  
**Colville Business Council**

cc: Andy Joseph Jr., Committee Chair  
Rhandi Morin, Committee Secretary  
Francis Somday, Executive Director  
William Nicholson II, Chief Financial Officer  
Dept. or Program: Debra Wulff, Public Safety Director  
Kathy Picard, Children Family Services



**Colville Confederated Tribes  
Children and Family Services  
Transition to Adulthood**

**Purpose**

This policy is intended to inform the youth of their rights as Minor In Need of Care, as they are outlined and protected under Colville Tribal Court of the Tribal Court and 25 CFR 115.430, BIA continue to supervise the youth's IIM account beyond the age of 18. Also, it is the responsibility of the CFS social worker to inform the youth of their rights when transitioning from out of placement to adulthood.

**Scope**

This policy applies to youth ranging from 15 thru 21, including youth who are in a group care facilities.

**Policy**

A youth is in foster care if he or she is in the custody of the Colville Tribal Court and Children & Family Services (CFS) and has been placed away from his or her parents or guardians care. This includes placement in a foster family home, a relative's home, a suitable adult's home, or a group home. Sometimes a youth may be placed away from his or her parents or guardians at the request of someone other than the tribe for example; a youth's parent may choose to place him or her with family members. Youth residing in this kind of living arrangement are generally considered to be living in "informal kinship care," not foster care.

**Youth who are over the age 15, who are in foster or relative care, are eligible for many services that will support the transition to adulthood. The CFS Social Worker will:**

- Complete the Independent Living Services application with the youth.
- The youth will be required to successfully complete Independent Life Skills class thru their High School. If there is no such class for the youth to attend they must complete this type of program or similar program.
- Create a transition plan with the youth prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday; this plan will be updated every year thereafter.
- What steps they can take to get their state identification card, driver education and a Driver license.
- Continue receiving foster care and support services beyond age 18, if the youth remains in foster care on their 18th birthday and is:
- Enrolled in high school or a high school equivalency program;

- Enrolled, applied for, or can show intent to enroll in a post-secondary academic or post-secondary vocational certification program;
- Participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment;
- Discuss what steps the youth can take to get a job.
- Employed 80 hours or more a month; or unable to engage in any of the above activities due to a documented medical condition.
- Assist youth with applying for housing vouchers or other type of housing. (Vouchers are only available in certain areas of the state.)

**The youth's education is important for their future. The CFS Social Worker will:**

- Refer youth to an Education Advocate Program (if one is in the area),
- If the youth is in special education, youth should have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 plan. The CFS Social Worker will answer questions the youth may have regarding his/her IEP. The CFS Social Worker will participate in your IEP/504 meetings.
- If the youth becomes suspended or expelled, assist the youth getting back into school.
- Obtain copies of the youth's education records and transcript and stay informed about their credits progress. Assist youth talking with school counselor to make up work, if he/she does not have the credits to graduate.
- Explain the many programs/scholarships available to help pay for continuing the youth's education (college or other post-secondary educational programs).

**It is important that the youth understand their medical information. The CFS Social Worker will:**

- Be informed of the youths health needs, medications and medical history.
- Confirm the youth obtains annual well-check exams.
- Confirm the youth obtains dental exams every six months through age 18 and annually from ages 19 to 26.
- Be informed about all the benefits and risks associated with all medicines, vitamins, and herbs that have been prescribed or recommended for the youth.
- Inform the youth will receive medical coverage through Washington State's health insurance (Medicaid) until age 26, if the youth is in foster care on their 18th birthday.
- If the youth has been prescribed medication(s) by a medical professional or been asked by someone else to take medications and the youth does not want to take them, talk to their doctor about what options might be available.
- If the youth is prescribed an anti-psychotic medication, the CFS Social Worker must inform the parents. The parents have the right to approve and/or deny the

prescription for their youth, unless the parental rights have been suspended. If the parent does not agree to the prescription the CFS Social Worker will request a court hearing, unless the youth is 18 years or older. The CFS Social Worker does not have the authority to approve anti-psychotic medication. The CFS Social Worker must tell the foster or relative caretaker they do not have the authority to make that type of decision.

**At age 17.5 the youth will be exiting out of foster care, the CFS Social Worker will be responsible transitioning the youth when he/she exits foster/relative care:**

•The CFS Social Worker will schedule a meeting and collaborate with the youth, youth's caregiver and support systems in finalizing a transition plan for moving out of foster care. The CFS Social Worker must know and understand the process for the Extended Foster Care Program and inform the youth he/she can request to continuing foster care and support services beyond age 18.

•The CFS Social Worker will provide the youth with personal documents when needed and upon their exit from foster care, including birth certificate, social security card, State Ident card, immunization records, medical insurance information and a copy of their health and education records. Explain to the youth he/she can also request your records after leaving foster care.

Inform the youth he/she will continue to be eligible for medical insurance until he/she are 26 years old. Be sure to explain to the youth about how Medicaid coverage works. Additionally, to ensure the youth understands he/she will continue receiving medical coverage after leaving foster care, he/she will need to contact the Foster Care MEDS Team at 1-800-547-3109 and provide a mailing address.

**At age 17.5 the CFS Social Worker must assess whether or not the youth's IIM Trust Fund Monies can be release to the youth:**

- The youth's trust fund monies will no longer be supervised when youth reaches the age of 18, unless statutory language or a tribal resolution specifies an age other than 18 years of age for access to specific trust funds. However, if a court of competent jurisdiction has found the youth to be non-compos mentis, under legal disability, or the BIA has determined the youth to be an adult in need of assistance, their trust fund monies will remain supervised and CFS and the youth will be notified in accordance with subpart E.
- If the youth meets the above conditions, initiate the Kennerly Letter process and inform your Program Manager or your immediate supervisor you will be seeking a court order for BIA to continue supervising the youth's IIM Trust Monies.
- Future Tribal Per Capita Funds access to these funds will be determined by tribal resolution. CFS Social Worker will provide a copy of the approved resolution to the Enrollment Department Program Manager.
- IIM Estate Accounts will be established for the youth when BIA receives notice of the youth's biological parent(s). These funds will remain in the decedents IIM

account until released thru probate and will be placed in the heirs (youth) IIM Trust Funds Monies Account. These funds will not be distributed to the youth.

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Inform the youth he/she will continue to be eligible for medical insurance until he/she is 28 years old. Be sure to explain to the youth about how Medicaid coverage works. Additionally, to ensure the youth understands he/she will continue receiving medical coverage after leaving foster care, he/she will need to contact the Foster Care MEDS Team at 1-800-547-3109 and provide a mailing address.

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