

COMPLETING THE PPS 7000 SELF SUFFICIENCY PLAN

Best Practice Statement: The purpose of this form serves as the initial and all subsequent case plans for youth requesting services and/or support related to Self Sufficiency/Independent Living from DCF. Case planning insures that the youth, DCF, and Case Management Provider staff understand the plan and resources identified to help the young person achieve Self Sufficiency

The Self Sufficiency Plan PPS 7000 shall be completed, signed and dated for all youth receiving either financial and/or support type of services from DCF.

If youth has an open foster care case and is still served by a CWCMP, use the current FACTS case # assigned to that case. If youth is not in custody or currently served by a CWCMP, use FACTS case # that is assigned to the youth's Self Sufficiency case, with the youth as the case head.

Section A.

Indicate all services youth requested or (s)he will receive for the time frame of this case plan. Check all that apply. If youth is still served by a CWCMP, is eligible and has requested ETV/Tuition Waiver Services, indicate by checking the ETV and/or Tuition Waiver (still under CWCMP) box only. Youth still served by a CWCMP are not eligible for IL Subsidy or Case Management from DCF.

Indicate date of last completed Self-Sufficiency Matrix (SSM). SSM shall be completed at a minimum once every 170 days. This tool shall be used to help direct the individual case planning and services provided. Any needs identified by the assessment shall be addressed by DCF and the youth and included as tasks on the Self Sufficiency Plan.

Section B.

This section refers to Independent Living Subsidy for eligible youth. All youth who will receive IL Subsidy are required to complete PPS 7000A Monthly Budget Plan.

Section C.

This section shall be completed for all youth who are eligible and requesting ETV services. The ETV plan is a working document which may change throughout the period of the plan due to changes in educational needs, etc.

ETV plan date is for one year. This is not specifically a calendar year, but year that coincides with the youth's post-secondary education/training program/plan.

Estimated Costs Associated with Education and/or Training Plan per year shall include all costs that are identified by the youth and school. Include tuition costs even if tuition will be waived through the Foster Child Educational Assistance Act/Tuition Waiver program.

Estimated Financial Awards associated with Education and/or Training Plan per year shall include all federal and state grants, scholarships, loans, and tuition waiver.

If youth is receiving the Foster Child Educational Assistance Act, where the tuition is completely waived by the school, indicate the amount of tuition as a financial award.

ETV funds may be used for costs associated with post-secondary education and/or training only. ETV funds cannot exceed \$6,250 or the cost of attendance per youth per plan year remaining after all other financial awards and assistance are applied, whichever is less. If the total cost of attendance in the first year for a specified educational plan is \$10,000 and the youth is receiving \$8,000 in other assistance, like Tuition Waiver, scholarships, Pell grant, the youth is only eligible for up to \$2,000 of ETV assistance per plan year.

The PPS 7000 shall be signed by the youth and IL Coordinator on page 3 of the form. If there is an identified mentor, his/her participation shall be encouraged.

