

# Permanency Planning

## For YOU

Do you know about your permanency planning goal options? If you don't understand or know your goal, talk to your case worker or reach out to us at Youth in Progress using the info below. Your input is important! Here are the goals you and your caseworker can work on:

### 1 Returning to Birth Parents

This will usually be the first goal your caseworker and agency will try to achieve. However, it's not always possible, whether for safety concerns or other reasons.

### 2 Placement with a Relative

If you're unable to return to living with your birth parents, you may be able to live with a willing relative. If you have a relative who may invite you into their home, your caseworker will help you with locating and reaching out to them.

### 3 Referral for Legal Guardianship

This means you have a legal guardian who is responsible for your well-being but is not legally adopting you into their family and you would still have legal ties to your birth family. If you're 14 or older, the court must talk to you about this option to see who you may think would be a suitable guardian.

### 4 Adoption

A person/people other than your birth parents makes a commitment by legally adopting you into their family. If you're over age 14, you must consent to be adopted and may also discuss what is called a "conditional surrender," where you are able to maintain a relationship with your birth family.

### 5 APPLA - Only for youth age 16 and up

APPLA stands for Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement. This means you will remain in the care of your agency, but you will be set-up with an agreed upon living arrangement that you will remain in until you are an adult. This is usually only an option after all the above options have been tried first.



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