



Adolescent Health Resources for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow® (TAG) is a national call to action to improve the health and healthy development of adolescents. The following is a list of free health resources from government and nonprofit organizations for youth aging out of foster care. TAG is led by the HHS Office of Adolescent Health.

Health Care Coverage

Health-Care Coverage for Youth in Foster Care—and After. (2015) Child Welfare Information Gateway. https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/health_care_foster.pdf

Medicaid and CHIP FAQs: Coverage of Former Foster Care Children. (2013) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/medicaid-and-chip-faqs-coverage-of-former-foster-care-children.pdf>

Health Information and Needs of Youth in Care

Health Issues and Needs. American Academy of Pediatrics. <https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/healthy-foster-care-america/Pages/Health-Issues.aspx>

Health Care Issues for Children and Adolescents in Foster Care and Kinship Care. (2015) American Academy of Pediatrics. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2015/09/22/peds.2015-2655>

Health Care of Youth Aging Out of Foster Care. (2012) American Academy of Pediatrics. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/130/6/1170>

Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Foster Care

Teen Parents in Foster Care: Risk Factors and Outcomes for Teens and Their Children. (2011) Child Trends. https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Child_Trends-2011_11_01_RB_TeenParentsFC.pdf

Pregnant and Parenting Youth in Foster Care Part I: A Guide to Service Improvement. Center for Study of Social Policy. <http://www.cssp.org/publications/child-welfare/pregnant-and-parenting-youth/Pregnant-and-Parenting-Youth-in-Foster-Care-Service-Recommendations-Guide.pdf>

Health Status of Young Adult Mothers with a History of Child Welfare Involvement. (2017) PolicyLab of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. <http://policylab.chop.edu/research-glance/health-status-young-adult-mothers-history-child-welfare-involvement>

Mental and Behavioral Health Services

Mental Health Issues and Services in Out-of-Home Care. Child Welfare Information Gateway. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/outofhome/casework/children/mental-health-issues-and-services-in-out-of-home-care/>

Making Healthy Choices: A Guide on Psychotropic Medications for Youth in Foster Care. (2012) HHS Administration on Youth and Families, Children’s Bureau. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/makinghealthychoices/>