

## **DID YOU LEAVE CYF AND CHANGE YOUR MIND? DO YOU NEED HELP NOW?**

*If leaving care wasn't the best decision for you the law now allows you to ask the court to reopen your case until you are 21 years old*

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### **Why would anyone want to re-open their CYF case?**

Most young people are not ready to live on their own at 18 and continue to need support and guidance as they become independent adults. Re-entering care gives you a place to live, health insurance and other services you may need until you turn 21 years old or are ready to be on your own. This support can help you with education, employment, saving money and even connecting or reconnecting with your family.

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### **Who is eligible to re-enter care?**

Any youth whose case closed 3 months prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and currently doing or willing to do at least one of the following:

- ✓ Completing high school or a similar program such as credit recovery or a GED
  - ✓ Enrolled in college, community college, trade school or other post-secondary education program
  - ✓ Participating in a program that will help you obtain a job
  - ✓ Working at least 80 hours a month total; OR
  - ✓ You cannot do one of the above because of medical or mental health condition
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### **What are the benefits to being in care?**

- ✓ Having a place to live
  - ✓ Assistance with transportation
  - ✓ Being fed and possibly receiving clothing
  - ✓ Being able to talk to your attorney and a judge about your needs or the problems you are facing
  - ✓ Getting services that help prepare you for success
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### **Who do I talk to about re-entering care?**

- KidsVoice 412-391-3100
- Your Independent Living worker
- Your former CYF caseworker or their supervisor
- CYF intake 412-473-2000

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