



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AN OPEN CONCILIATION ORDER AND A CLOSED DHS CONTRACT?

### Conciliation Consent Order – Commuter Order or Campus Order

- Your CYF case remains open. You continue to have a CYF caseworker, Judge/Hearing Officer, regular hearings and a KidsVoice case team.
- You are expected to abide by the expectations in your order (grades, full time attendance, maintain contact, follow the rules of placement and the school, no new criminal guilty pleas or convictions, no substance abuse).
- If you are a commuter student, your foster home or group home will be provided for you while you are in school, and you will receive transportation assistance to get to school. (Ex., bus pass).
- If you are a campus student, you will receive a stipend monthly on your PNC EBT card while in school and your foster home or group home placement will be provided for you and paid for when you return on breaks (ex., winter break, spring break, summer break.)
- If you are in a program where the books/supplies are not covered by the tuition or refund, you may get reimbursement with an original receipt.
- This support continues until you complete your education program or turn 21, *whichever happens first*. You cannot reside with a parent/legal guardian or intimate partner (boyfriend or girlfriend.)
- You continue to have health care provided to you through CYF while your case remains open.

### DHS Contract

- Your CYF case closes. No more court hearings, CYF CW or KidsVoice case team. You just need to maintain contact with your ILI worker.
- You are expected to abide by the expectations in your order (grades, full time attendance, maintain contact, follow the rules of placement and the school, no new criminal guilty pleas or convictions, no substance abuse).
- In order to continue getting the DHS Contract Stipend, you need to keep in touch with ILI and provide them with your class schedules. This stipend money continues until you graduate from your program or turn 21, *whichever happens first*.
- Living arrangements?
  - o You may be residing on a campus, with an identified place to return to on breaks that *does not want foster care payment*, and getting the daily stipend; OR.
  - o You may be residing in your own apartment or identified housing arrangement (ex., Action Housing or remaining with a kinship caregiver who does not want foster care payment) where you are commuting to school.
  - o Just like the Conciliation Order, you cannot reside with a parent/legal guardian or intimate partner (boyfriend or girlfriend).



- You DO NOT receive transportation assistance. You are responsible for paying for your own housing, cell phone, food, transportation, clothes, etc.... While the stipend money is meant to help make things easier when you go to school, you may need to work to support yourself as well. If you are a program where books are not covered by the tuition or refund, you may get book reimbursement with an original receipt and class schedule.
- You are eligible to receive health care under the new provision of the Affordable Healthcare Act as a former foster child but you need to make sure people have an address for you where you can be reached.