

Did you leave foster care and now think you could use the support you once had while in care?

Re-entry is an option for you.

What is it?

Legislation was passed (SB205, SB208, and HB1877) that allows youth previously in foster care the option to come back into custody of the Children's Division for placement. Re-entry is intended to give youth once in custody, but no longer in custody, a second chance.

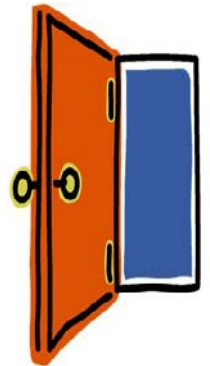
Who is eligible?

If you left foster care in Missouri after age 17 and are under the age of 21, you have the option to come back into care. You must have been in foster care in the last 2 years.

How is this done?

A juvenile officer, Children's Division Worker or you, yourself, may petition the court if you think it is in your best interest. The petition can be filed:

- In the court that you were under jurisdiction while you were in care,
- In the county you live in,
- In a county next to the county you live in.



What services do I receive?

Once you return to the custody of the Children's Division, you will receive the same services you had prior to leaving such as housing, adult support, and clothing allowances. You may request a Guardian Ad Litem. You will have court review hearings every 6 months and as necessary while you are in care.

What is expected of me?

You will be expected to participate in your case plan, meet with your worker, juvenile officer, and Chafee provider, and go to school or work to help you with your independence.

For more information, contact your local Children's Division Office.