



Know the facts!

Your Independent Living worker, CASA, or AGAL will start to tell you about extended jurisdiction when you are 17 years old. Ask them about it if they haven't yet because your judge will ask if you want it before you age out at 18.

Important Phone Numbers

- Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)
302-255-1730
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
New Castle County - 302-255-0071
Kent County - 302-672-1067
Sussex County - 302-855-7415
- Family Court
New Castle County - 302-255-0300
Kent County - 302-672-1000
Sussex County - 302-855-7400
- Independent Living Program Manager
302-633-2638

Independent Living Providers

- West End Neighborhood House
302-658-4171
- People's Place
New Castle County - 302-781-6238
Sussex County - 302-422-8033
- Elizabeth W. Murphey School
302-734-7349

extended
jurisdiction.



You can still receive
Independent Living Services
even if you choose not to
participate in extended
jurisdiction!

“Just because your past didn't turn out like you wanted it to, doesn't mean your future can't be better than you imagined. Even when you feel alone, someone has your back.”

~Antonio "T" Young
Extended Jurisdiction Participant

**Nothing
About Us
Without
Us!**



Extended Jurisdiction.

WHAT IS IT AND IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU?

A legal avenue for youth ages 18-21 to remain involved with Family Court and provides additional support to help youth transition into adulthood.

Ensuring Successful Transitions into Adulthood

The Court will help you with independent living services you need, such as:

- Education
- Vocational Training
- Family Planning
- Money Management
- Employment
- Physical or Mental Health
- Housing
- Obtaining Important Documents

YOUR ROLE

Just before turning 18, if you think you need help from the court, you can file a motion for extended jurisdiction. You can still file a motion at any time after turning 18, up to six months before you turn 21. Just tell your Independent Living (IL) Provider, current or former CASA, or Attorney Guardian Ad Litem (AGAL). You must sign a release and consent to be sent to your judge and then a hearing will be scheduled. You are responsible for coming to all hearings. Don't forget to maintain communication with your IL Provider, CASA, or AGAL so when the court hearing happens, everyone is on the same page!

SPEAK UP!

Your voice is important during this whole process. If you have something to say, the judge wants to hear it. If you don't want extended jurisdiction anymore, then let everyone know. Remember: this is voluntary. Only you can decide if this is right for you. Everyone is working for what is best for you, so tell them what you want!



WHAT IS COURT LIKE?

You are legally an adult in extended jurisdiction cases, so your CASA or AGAL will be representing your wishes. The judge will want to hear from you as well. Many of the same people who were in your past court hearings will be there including:

- CASA/AGAL
- CASA Attorney
- IL Provider
- DFS Representative
- Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
- Anyone else you want to be there!

If you are not comfortable with the court hearing in any way, talk to your CASA/AGAL and your judge and tell them how to make it more comfortable for you.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Must have been in DFS custody on your 18th birthday
- And/or otherwise be eligible for Independent Living services through age 21.



EXTENDED JURISDICTION IS HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU!

Contact your IL provider, CASA, or AGAL to participate and if you would like more information.