

## Case Review → Let's meet Shauna

Shauna is a 17 year old female (dob: 06/28/97) with APPLA status. She maintains some contact with her mother, but it's sporadic. She has lived at the Murphey School since she was 14. Initially, her goal was reunification but at age 16, that changed to APPLA when her mother failed to complete her case plan. She has had two different CASAs, with the most recent one being appointed to her when she turned 16. Her current CASA, Isabella, sees her once a month and is becoming better acquainted with Shauna, as this is Isabella's first case. She only joined the case after APPLA was adopted so she wasn't part of the reunification process, though she knows that Shauna's mother failed to complete her plan. Shauna will graduate in May 2015. She will turn 18 in June of 2015. She has nowhere to go once she graduates and ages out, though she has dreams of living with her current boyfriend since he's no longer in school. She isn't fond of being in DFS custody and "hates the system." She wants out and for everyone to leave her alone. However, Isabella is beginning to break through Shauna's tough exterior and believes that Shauna needs support in her life. Isabella wants Shauna to agree to Extended Jurisdiction so that Shauna has some support as she becomes an adult and ages out of care. Isabella fears what might happen to Shauna if she chooses not to engage in independent living services and agree to Extended Jurisdiction.

- Shauna has a court hearing coming up in two months and before that time, Isabella wants to determine if Shauna A) wants Extended Jurisdiction and B) will agree to Extended Jurisdiction.
- In order to start the discussion, what first steps should Shauna take?

### Additional Questions to ponder...

- How would you handle this situation?
- Who has experienced a case like this?
- Who has a youth 16 or 17 years old who may be interested in Extended Jurisdiction? Let's share...
- What steps will you take to engage your youth in an Extended Jurisdiction discussion?
- What else do you need to prepare for such a discussion?