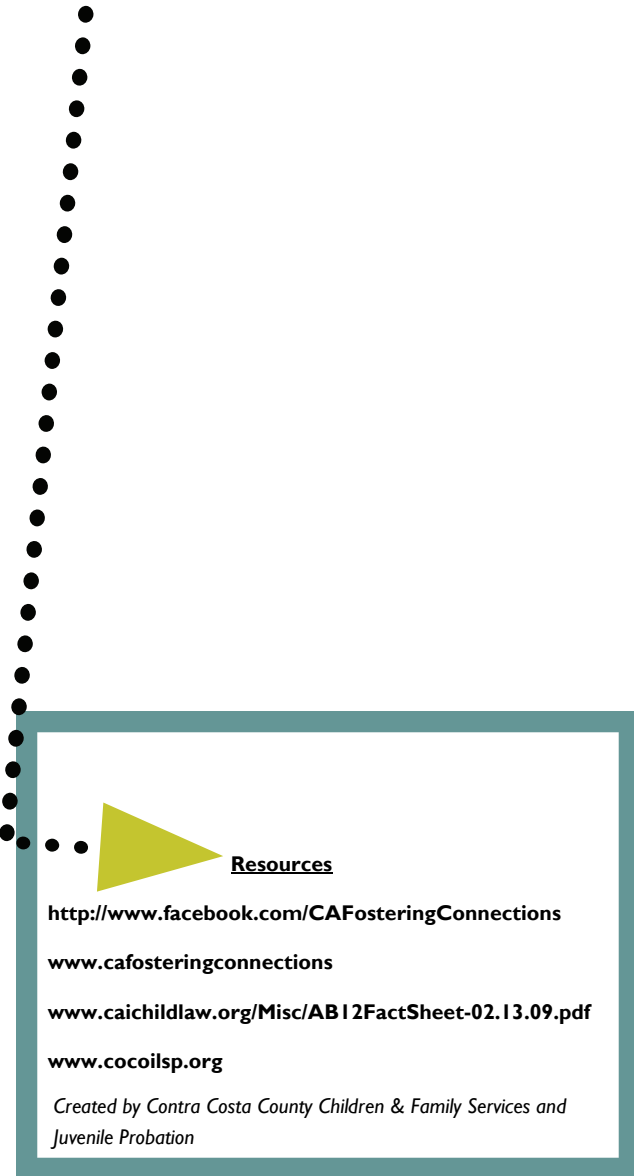


Quick Facts

- Youth in a Probation placement are in Foster Care.
- The California Fostering Connections to Success Act, also known as AB 12, is a new law that will be in effect on January 1, 2012.
- AB 12 will extend foster care beyond 18, up until age 21 (pending funding).
- Participation is voluntary when terms of probation are fulfilled.
- Young adults have the choice to exit foster care at age 18 or anytime before they turn 21 (pending funding) as long as their probation requirements are fulfilled.
- Young adults have the option to re-enter foster care before they turn 21 (pending funding) and have placement by completing a Voluntary Re-entry Agreement.



Resources

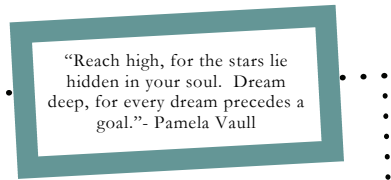
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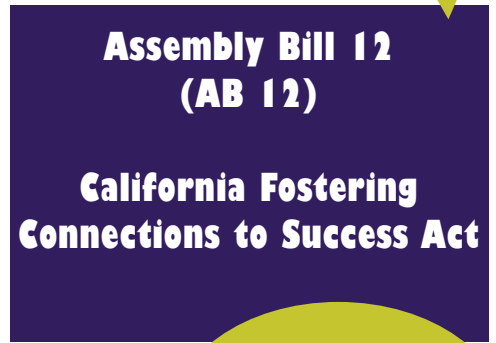
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“Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes a goal.”- Pamela Vaull



Assembly Bill 12 (AB 12)

California Fostering Connections to Success Act



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Overview of Assembly Bill 12

Did you know that...

- Young adults who exit foster care are more likely than their peers in the general population to experience:

Homelessness

Poverty

Unemployment

Incarceration

- 50% of former foster youth are likely to be homeless during their first two years of exiting foster care

So what is California going to do about the issue?

Eligibility Requirements



Turn 18 years old on
or after
January 1, 2012

- Sign an agreement for continued supervision and support.
- Agree to be a “Non-minor Dependent” of the Juvenile Court
- Must reside in an eligible, supervised foster care placement **AND**
- Completing High School or GED **OR**
- Enrolled in college or vocational education **OR**
- Participating in a program to remove barriers to employment **OR**
- Working at least 80 hours per month **OR**
- Incapable to do any of the above due to a medical / psychological condition

Benefits to extending foster care

- Be able to complete High School
- Be able to enroll in College
- Be able to secure housing
- Will receive a clothing allowance and case management services
- Have extra time to develop solid support systems
- Have the opportunity to develop and reach your independent living goals

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