


## Quick Facts

- 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.
- Young adults have the choice to exit foster care at age 18 or anytime before they turn 21.
- Young adults have the option to re-enter foster care before they turn 21 by completing a Voluntary Re-entry Agreement.



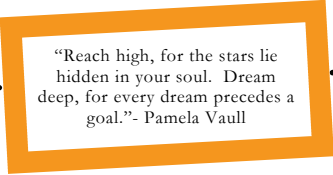
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[www.cachildlaw.org/Misc/AB12FactSheet-02.13.09.pdf](http://www.cachildlaw.org/Misc/AB12FactSheet-02.13.09.pdf)

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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



## Contra Costa County

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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
- Continue to 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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