

# ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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## POLICY PRIORITIES

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### Long-term Goals

- Promoting development of adequate housing options that meet the varied needs of youth and ensuring all NMDs are appropriately housed
- Supporting needs of TAY, focusing on expectant and parenting youth and youth with disabilities
- Developing systems to create access to higher education and employment opportunities to support successful transitions out of foster care to independence

### Short-term Goals & Strategies

- Finalizing and implementing THPP-NMD regulations and new rate structure to stabilize placements
- Expanding housing options and promoting housing rights for youth to promote transition independence and placement stability
- Advocating to ensure eligible youth are receiving SSI when they age out of foster care
- Addressing technical and administrative barriers to ensure ability to participate in extended foster care
- Coordinating with county agencies to create effective access to college, vocational schools, paid internships and jobs
- Increasing successful linkages to Emergency Child Care Bridge program for EPY and transitions to long-term subsidized child care
- Focusing available prevention services to meet EPY needs

*Ensuring that all transition age youth who elect to participate in Extended Foster Care or are aging out of foster care are appropriately and safely housed and have access to appropriate supports and services*