



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SERVICE MODEL QUARTERLY REPORT MARCH 2025

Pursuant to Laws 2023, First Regular Session, Chapter 141, Section 1, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) established the Extended Foster Care Program (“Program” or “EFC”) for qualified young adults. The program provides a voluntary, intensive, youth-driven, strengths-based case management approach with the long-term goal of preparing young adults for adulthood, and preventing homelessness when they leave foster care. EFC works specifically to improve youth outcomes in the areas of housing, education, employment, health and well-being, and permanent connections

This session law also requires the Department to submit a quarterly report on the extended foster care comprehensive service model to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). This report shall include:

1. The number of young adults served in the Extended Foster Care Comprehensive Model (“EFC Success Coaching”).
2. The young adult’s participation in regular reviews with EFC staff.
3. Other performance measures as updated by the EFC quality review committee.

This EFC Success Coaching must include supportive services and case management provided by contracted community providers. The EFC Success Coaching has been implemented and actively coaching youth since November 2023.

NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS SERVED

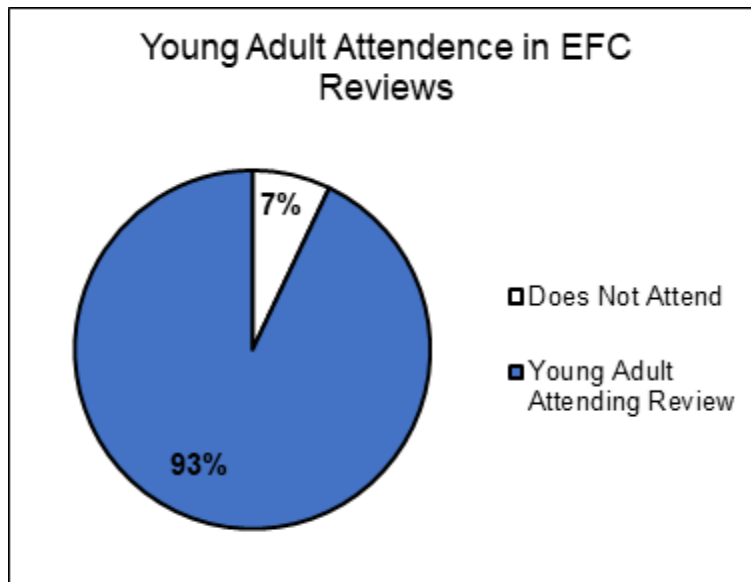
The population of young adults served in the Extended *Foster Care Comprehensive Service Model*: includes youth in out-of-home care age 17-20. On March 22, 2025 there were 1,278 young adults in the program.

Age	Number of Youth
17	292
18	404
19	325
20	257
TOTAL	1,278

PARTICIPATION IN REGULAR REVIEWS WITH EXTENDED FOSTER CARE STAFF DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

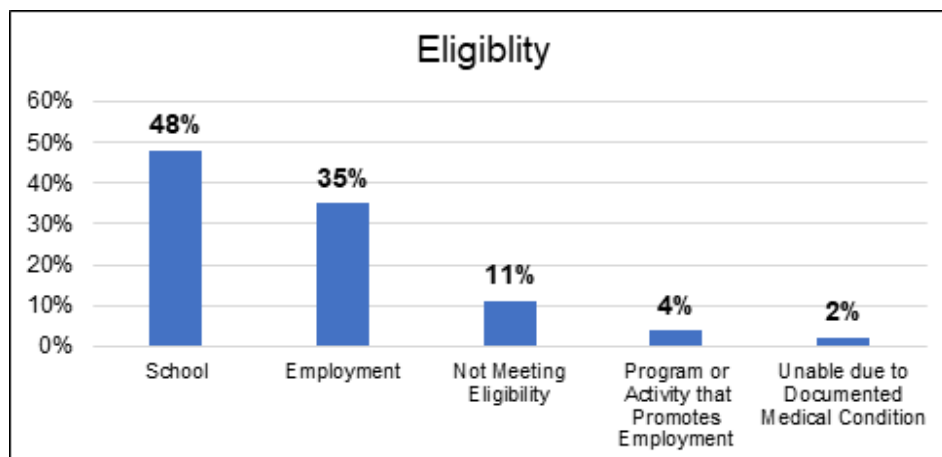
Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 8-201](#), a young adult administrative review means an administrative review of a voluntary extended foster care case plan with the young adult and EFC success coach. Reviews are conducted by an independent party not responsible for case management and occur within 180 days of the young adult signing the Voluntary Extended Foster Care agreement, and no less than every 180 days after the initial review until case closure.

During this reporting period, 93 percent of young adults ages 18 and older attended their Review.



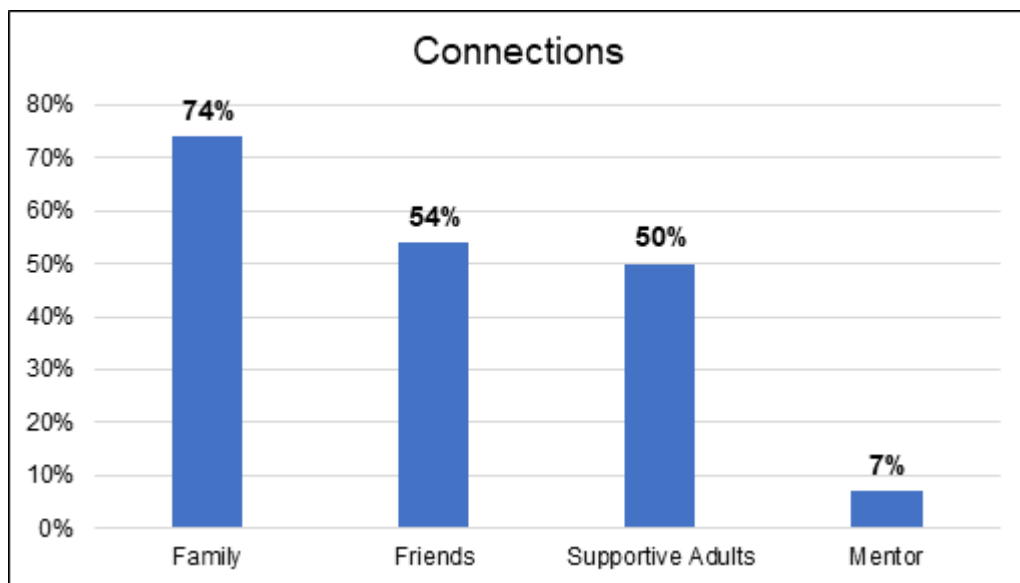
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Eligibility Criteria: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 87 percent met their work/school eligibility requirements or were unable due to a documented medical condition.

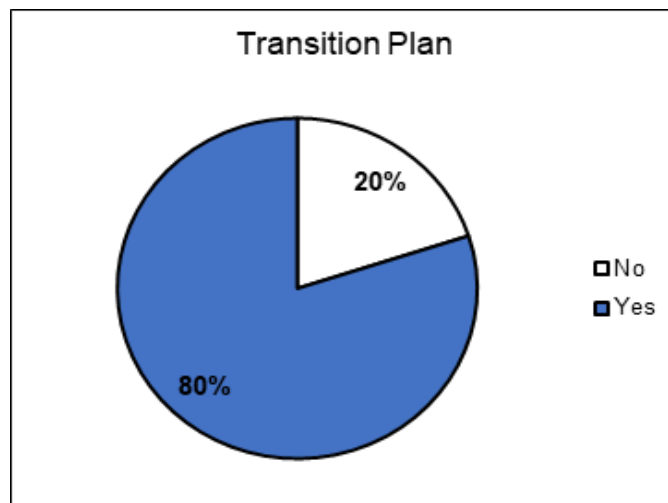


Eligibility for the program requires young adults to meet one or more of the following: completing secondary education, GED programming, or post-secondary or vocational education; employed at least 80 hours a month; participating in a program or activity that promotes employment or removes barriers to employment; or unable to be a full-time student or employed because of a documented medical condition.

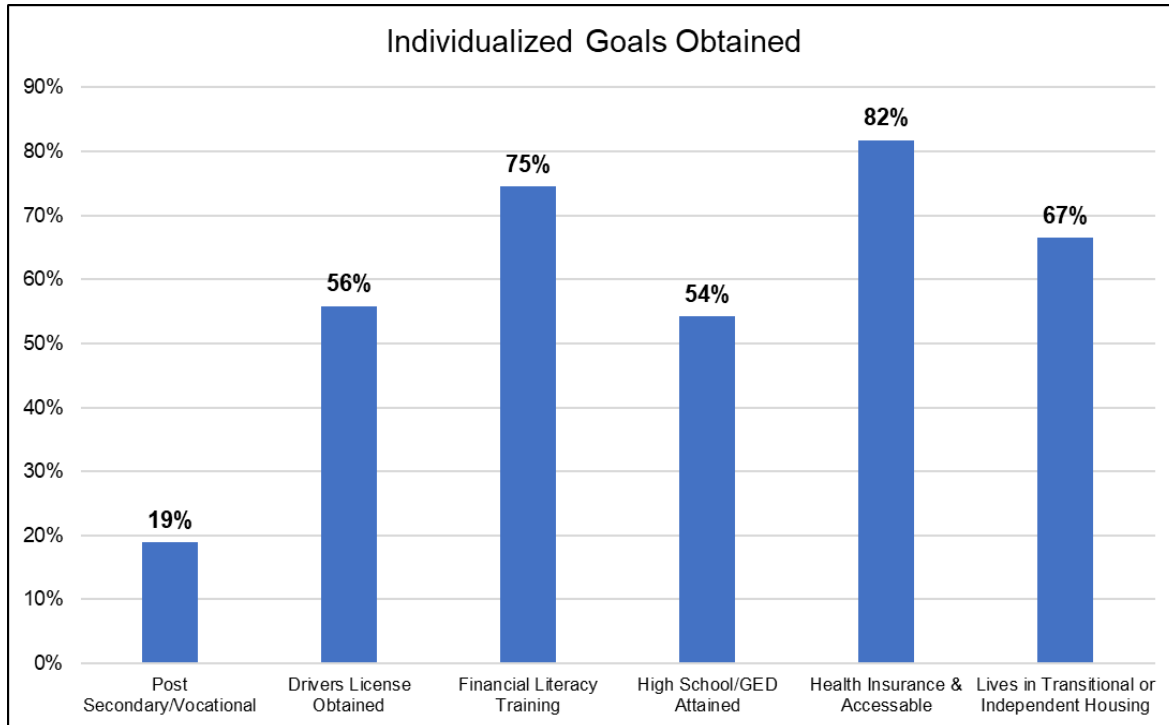
Connections to a Permanent Family and Supportive Adults: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 94 percent identified connections to one or more family members and supportive adults. (“Supportive Adults” include foster parents, coaches, teachers, counselors, pastors, and other community-based supports.)



Person-Centered Transition Plan: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 80 percent had person-centered transition plans.



Acquiring Individualized Skills to Develop the Tools Needed to Thrive Outside of the Foster Care Program: Of the young adults ages 18 and older who had an Extended Foster Care Review, 99 percent have obtained one or more individualized skill:



Data Source: EFC Database 2025

While 54 percent of youth reviewed attained a high school diploma or GED, this does not include those youth who continue to pursue completion of either their diploma or GED. Additionally, it should be noted that “Post-Secondary/Vocation Education” is identified as either completion of their program or current participation in a program.