

How to Apply

- Ask your caregiver, PAL staff, or caseworker to help you get the SIL application (form 2605)
- SIL application is online at www.dfps.state.tx.us
- Complete the application
- Give completed application to your caseworker
- You must start the application process before you turn 21 years old. Program ends when you are 21.

Are You Ready?



What Else Should You Know About Supervised Independent Living?

Supervised Independent Living (SIL) is a type of voluntary Extended Foster Care where you receive casework services from the provider and from CPS. However, the focus is on becoming independent and self-sufficient.

In SIL placements, you are not supervised 24 hours a day by an adult and have the responsibility to meet your own day-to-day needs.

Further Information

Learn more about Supervised Independent Living at Texas Youth Connection, www.dfps.state.tx.us/txyouth

Contact SIL Coordinator in State Office at SIL@dfps.state.tx.us

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Are YOU Ready?

To make your own decisions?
To manage your own finances?
For independence?



Supervised Independent Living

Live independently and maintain support while achieving your goals!

Supervised Independent Living Placement Allows You To:

- ✓ Live on your own with continued supports
- ✓ Manage your own time for school, work, and social activities
- ✓ Receive money monthly to budget and purchase food and other agreed-upon items
- ✓ Manage your own bank account
- ✓ Cook your own meals and do your own laundry
- ✓ Learn about and use community resources
- ✓ Address fears and concerns about being on your own
- ✓ Make decisions

Eligibility for Extended Foster Care

- ✓ Sign a Voluntary Foster Care Agreement
- ✓ Meet the education, employment, or employment preparation requirements, or have a documented medical condition that prevents you from meeting these requisites
- ✓ Provide ongoing documentation of education, employment, or employment preparation requirements

Types of Supervised Independent Living Settings

- ✓ Apartments
- ✓ Non-College Dorms
- ✓ College Dorms
- ✓ Shared Housing
- ✓ Host Homes

Eligibility for Supervised Independent Living Placement

- ✓ Can you act responsibly and demonstrate maturity?
- ✓ Can you sign an agreement with a provider to participate in their SIL placements?
- ✓ Can you meet the eligibility requirements for Extended Foster Care?
- ✓ Are you turning 18 while in DFPS care?
- ✓ Are you already participating in Extended Foster Care?
- ✓ Are you returning for Extended Foster Care from trial independence or afterwards?

