



Independent Living Program Activity Card **Category: EDUCATION**

Activity: Get a Dependency Verification (If Under 18) or Ward of the Court (Non-Minor Dependent) Letter

Description: The objective of this assignment is to help you get your Dependency Letter/Ward of the Court Letter. If you are a under 18 the form will be called a Dependency Verification Letter. If you are a Non-Minor Dependent, you would receive a Ward of the Court Letter. The purpose of these letters is to prove that you are/were in the foster care system. This letter will especially come in handy when applying for Federal and State financial aid for college. To request this letter contact your social worker/probation officer or the Officer of the Day in Transitional Planning Services Program at (714) 704-8000.

You may earn up to \$7.00 ILP dollars for turning in a copy of your Dependency Letter of Verification or Ward of the Court Letter.

Total Dollars Earned:

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| \$ |
| (ILP Use Only) |

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| Notes: |
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Date: _____

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| Youth Signature | Date of Birth |
| Print Name (Youth) | Group Home (If Applicable) |

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| Receipt |
| (ILP Use Only) |



Independent Living Program
Take Home Activity

SAMPLE Dependency Verification Letter



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(Youth's Name)

(Youth's Street Address)

(Youth's City, State, Zip Code)

Re: _____
(Youth's Name)

DOB: _____
(Youth's Date of Birth)

Prior State #: _____
(Youth's Prior State/Medi-Cal #)

This letter is to confirm that you were a Dependent Child of the Orange County Juvenile Court and placed in foster care from _____ through _____. Your prior foster home, group home or kinship care placement(s) were funded by Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care funding.

Your prior status as a foster child qualifies you for some or all of the following benefits:

- Certain educational and vocational grants and loans
- Community College tuition waiver
- Extension of your Medi-Cal coverage until age 21
- Financial assistance for emancipation-related living expenses
- Job and training-related expenses

You may contact the Orangewood Foundation toll free at (714) 619-0200 if you have any questions about your eligibility to benefits or have need of assistance.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact the Transitional Planning Services Program of the Orange County Social Services Agency at (714) 704-8000.

Sincerely,

Orange County Social Services Agency
Emancipation Services Program