Older Youth Checklist

Education			
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth is enrolled in school.			
Youth has a person to help him or her make decisions.			
Youth has an academic plan with academic-related goals for the future.			
Youth is literate and has the ability to read and write.			
Youth plans to attend college or a vocational school.			
Youth has copies/access to educational records.			
Youth needs tutoring services.			
If needed, youth is receiving tutoring services.			
Youth has knowledge of financial assistance she or he may have access to in order to pursue post-secondary education/training.			
Youth has an individual identified to assist with post-secondary education planning, applications and financial aid assistance.			
Youth has documents needed to apply for financial aid and scholarships, including birth certificate and proof of child welfare involvement.			
Education will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the educational needs of the youth:			

Employment			
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth has participated in a vocational assessment.			
Youth has expressed wanting a job and has established employment goals.			
Youth has developed a resume.			
Youth has at least two people from whom he or she may obtain references for employment.			
Youth has filled out a job application.			
Youth has adequate interviewing skills.			
Youth has appropriate clothing for a job interview.			
Youth has been involved in volunteer service or an internship.			
Youth has a telephone number, email address, library card and personal calendar for appointments.			
Youth has a social security card, birth certificate and other important documentation for employment.			
Employment will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the employment needs of the youth:			

Housing			
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth has been exposed to life skills topics including housing issues, budgeting and independent living.			
Youth understands the concept of independent living.			
Youth has been exposed to information on legal rights and responsibilities regarding housing.			
Youth is able to create and maintain a budget.			
Youth has a plan for permanent housing.			
Youth is connected to a person who can help conduct a housing search.			
Youth has knowledge of financial assistance she or he may have access to in order to pursue housing/independent living.			
Housing will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the housing needs of the youth:			

Life Skills			
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth knows how to make healthy decisions and advocate on her or his own behalf.			
Youth knows the physical, social, emotional and legal risks associated with alcohol, drug and tobacco use and understands the impact of peer pressure.			
Youth can make well thought-out decisions and can problem solve.			
Youth knows how to appropriately respond to prejudice and discrimination.			
Youth understands the importance of good hygiene.			
Youth knows how to stay healthy and care for minor illnesses.			
Youth understands the basic concepts of nutrition and knows how to prepare basic meals.			
Youth understands services provided by a bank such as checking and savings accounts and how to make a basic budget.			
Youth has a checking or savings account.			
Youth has a driver's license.			
Life skills will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the life skills needs of the youth:			

Supportive Relationships/Community Resources	3		
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth has at least one meaningful connection with an adult in whom he or she can trust.			
Youth is connected to at least one adult mentor, not including the youth's attorney, social worker or independent living coordinator.			
Youth has a healthy connection to at least one peer.			
Youth has contact information of community legal resources, attorneys, case workers and mentors.			
Youth has the ability/opportunity to create, maintain and strengthen supportive and sustaining relationships with foster families and significant others.			
Youth has the ability/opportunity to create, maintain and strengthen supportive and sustaining relationships with members of his or her birth and kinship families, including parents and siblings.			
Youth has a healthy sense of ethnicity, cultural identity and personal identity.			
Youth understands civic responsibility and is registered to vote.			
Relationships and resources will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the relationship/resource needs of the youth	:		

Physical/Behavioral Health			
	Yes	No	N/A
Youth has had a comprehensive screening to assess physical health, developmental needs, mental health and substance abuse.			
Youth has been exposed to information about healthy social relationships, home safety and preventing accidents/violence.			
Youth has an understanding of issues related to STIs and HIV.			
Youth has the skills to maintain good emotional and physical health.			
Youth has a copy of all medical, dental and mental health records.			
Youth has information and appropriate understanding of any ongoing medical, dental or mental health conditions.			
Youth knows what medications (if any) she or he is currently taking.			
Youth is covered by Medicaid or another insurance plan (currently).			
Youth will be covered by Medicaid or another insurance plan (once he or she emancipates from the system).			
Youth understand what (if any) SSI benefits she or he is eligible for.			
Youth knows and understands when and how to seek medical attention.			
Youth is connected to a "clinical home" as appropriate.			
Health will be one focus of my work, advocacy and action planning with this youth.			
Comments regarding the health needs of the youth			