

Advocating for Resources and Supports for Youth Aging Out of Care

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Jayden's Story

Future Anxiety

Jayden, age 15, is living with an aunt who cannot adopt him, and there is no chance that Jayden will be reunified with his biological parents. Jayden has begun to express anxiety about the future. Jayden's caseworker has explained that he will need to prepare for independent living when he turns 18.



Hayden's Situation

Mental Health Crisis

Hayden was discharged from her foster home after a suicidal attempt and is currently in the psychiatric hospital. She will be 18 in 2 weeks.



Cameron's Health Needs

Navigating Healthcare

Cameron has a chronic health condition—moderate asthma requiring regular inhaler use and specialist visits. Only about half of young people maintain health insurance after leaving foster care, and many struggle with accessing medication and appointments. They have never scheduled their own appointments and don't understand how to refill prescriptions or advocate for accommodations at school or work.



Blake's Educational Barriers

Pursuing Higher Education

Because Blake has changed schools several times, he is behind in credits. Jayden wants to pursue digital design but worries he won't be academically prepared enough to enroll in a training program.



Jackie's Employment Goals

Balancing Work and School

Jackie hopes to get a parttime job when she turns 16, but balancing work with school instability and placement moves is difficult. Jackie is also concerned about being able to find and keep a job while attending school after high school.



Thank You

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