



Creating lifelong connections for youth.

Permanency Fact Sheet

What is Permanency?

Permanency is a lifelong permanent connection with at least one adult who provides:

- A safe, stable and secure relationship
- Love
- Unconditional commitment

Developing Lifelong Connections

Think about the following:

- What type of person should youth want as a mentor/support/connection?
- In what environments will these types of people be found?
- How can you help the youth talk to these adults about their continued need for support after they leave?

What is a Permanency Pact?

A permanency pact creates a formalized, facilitated process to connect youth in foster care with a supportive adult.

A Permanency Pact provides:

- Structure and a safety net for the youth
- A defined and verbalized commitment by both parties to a long term supportive relationship
- Clarity regarding the expectations of the relationship

Who can be a permanent lifelong connection?

- Teachers/Guidance Counselor
- Foster Parents
- Coaches
- Faith Based Community
- Adopted/Biological Family Members
- Employers
- ANYONE!

Why is permanency important?

Several foster care alumni studies show that without a lifelong connection to a caring adult, these older youth are often left vulnerable to a host of adverse situations. Nationally, 20,000 young people age out of the foster care system each year.