

SECOND LEVEL REVIEW

CASE PLAN REQUIREMENTS AND EXTENSION CASE PLAN CRITERIA IN AN SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP) OR GROUP HOME WHEN A CHILD IS 12 YEARS AND UNDER

Age	Case Plan Requirements	Extensions Case Plan Criteria	
0-6	Placements for children under the age of six should be extremely rare and limited in a length of time not to exceed 120 days, and these placements must comply with the requirements set forth in WIC section 361.2(e)(9)(A) .	Placements for children under the age of six should be extremely rare and limited in a length of time not to exceed 120 days, and these placements must comply with the requirements set forth in WIC section 361.2(e)(9)(A) .	
6-12	The case plan indicates that the placement is for purposes of providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ short-term, specialized and intensive treatment and ▪ specifies the need for, nature of, and anticipated duration of this treatment; and ▪ a plan for transitioning the child to a less restrictive environment; and ▪ the projected timeline the child will be transitioned to a less restrictive environment 	Case plan indicates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The county has made progress toward or is actively working toward implementing the case plan that identifies the services and supports necessary to transition the child to a family setting; ▪ circumstances beyond the county's control have prevented the county from obtaining those services or supports within the timeline documented in the case plan; ▪ and the need for additional time consistent with the case plan is documented by the caseworker and: ▪ has been approved by the Child Welfare Deputy Director or Director⁴, who shall approve the continued placement every 60 days thereafter for their respective dependents or wards.⁵ 	For children, ages 6-12, the placement shall not exceed six months unless extended.
6-12	Same requirements as above.	Same requirements as above.	

¹ Consistent with [ACL NO. 13-87](#)

² Although it is highly unlikely that a child 12 years of age or younger will be a ward of the juvenile court placed in a STRTP or group home, if such placement occurs, the case plan and secondary review requirements described in this letter must be followed.

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EXTENSION CASE PLAN CRITERIA IN AN STRTP OR GROUP HOME
WHEN A YOUTH AND NONMINOR DEPENDENT IS 13 YEARS AND OLDER**

Age	County Placing Agency	Facility Type	Extension Criteria
13+	Child Welfare Dependents	STRTP or Group Home	The Child Welfare Deputy Director or Director has approved the case plan consistent with WIC section 16501.1(a)(3) every six months thereafter, pursuant to WIC section 361.2(e)(9) .
13+	Probation Foster Youth	STRTP or Group Home	The Chief Probation Officer of the county probation department or his/her designee has approved the case plan consistent with WIC section 16501.1(a)(3) every 12 months thereafter, pursuant to WIC section 727(a)(4)(E) .