

## Quality of Life Questions

1. Are the child's/youth's personal rights respected? Is s(he) treated with dignity and respect?
2. Is the child's/youth's clothing the correct size and age appropriate? Does the child have sufficient clothing for special occasions?
3. Does the child/youth have the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities? Are the child's friends allowed to visit? Does the child have visits with siblings, unless prohibited by court order?
4. Does the child/youth receive the sporting equipment, musical equipment, art supplies etc., necessary (within reason) to participate in desired activities?
5. Is the child/youth transported to social events, job, after- school activities, etc.?
6. Are the child's/youth's meals sufficient, nutritious, varied, and appealing?
7. Does the child/youth receive a regular allowance?
8. Does the child's/youth's have reasonable access to a telephone? Does the child/youth have sufficient privacy to converse with his or her attorney, CSW, or Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), as appropriate?
9. Is the home environment physically and emotionally supportive of the child's/youth's educational needs?
10. Are any behavior restrictions and/or assigned chores appropriate to the child's/youth's age, maturity level and emotional development?
11. Is the child/youth given age appropriate instruction, responsibilities and opportunities for establishing independence (such as doing laundry, cooking, etc) – activities that will help prepare the youth for emancipation in a hands-on way?
12. If youth is 16 or older, is the child participating in Independent Living Program classes and activities?
13. Is the youth completing the necessary tasks to successfully transition out of care?
14. If the youth is 18 years of age or nearing 18, has the youth been given responsibilities for their medical care?
  - a. The youth should accompany the caregiver to the pharmacy to have their medication filled. While there, the youth should talk to the pharmacist about their medication and interactions it might have.
  - b. The youth should be engaged in their medical care by making and attending medical appointments.
  - c. If the youth is 18 years of age, the caregiver should be aware that all medical information regarding the youth must be kept confidential unless the youth consents to release the information.