Policy Statement

Adult & Child Health (A&C) shall provide independent living (IL) services that consist of a series of developmental activities that provide opportunities for young people to gain the skills required to live healthy, productive, and responsible lives as self-sufficient adults. Foster parents are responsible in assisting young people through advocacy, teaching and role modeling new, appropriate skills in order to enhance self-sufficiency.

Procedures:

I. Upon entry into the program, all children 14 years of age and older will have the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) completed.
   
   A. The ACLSA will be completed and shared with the youth, caregiver and referring agency within 10 days of completion.

II. Foster parents must ensure youth receive a minimum of three (3) hours per week of IL instruction.
    A. This shall not include time spent on Activities of Daily Living.
    B. Foster parents will document IL instruction on the Foster Parent/Youth Skills Development Form.
1. Form must be turned into the Therapeutic Care Specialist on a weekly basis.

III. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the allotted IL instruction time per month must be experiential instruction not utilizing classroom or worksheet instruction.

   A. A portion of the IL instruction time must be in the community. Youth need training that is community oriented, outside of a placement facility.

IV. Youth who have approved Medicaid waivers are not required to receive IL services.