

YAB Delinquent & Dependent Youth Resource Hub – JPO Focused Resources

Understanding the Juvenile Justice System

This section helps youth understand how the juvenile justice system works, including probation, court involvement, expectations, responsibilities, and available supports. The goal is to help youth feel informed, prepared, and confident as they navigate the system.

- Know Your rights - <https://jlc.org/resources/know-your-rights-guide-chapter-14-juvenile-and-criminal-justice-system-involvement-and#14download>
- Annie E. Casey Foundation – Juvenile Probation FAQs - <https://www.aecf.org/blog/frequently-asked-questions-about-juvenile-probation>
- Juvenile Law Center - <https://jlc.org>
- Desktop Guide to Good Juvenile Probation Practice - <https://www.goodjuvenileprobationpractice.org/vision>

Understanding the Dependency & Dual-System Process

This section provides information for youth involved in foster care, child welfare, or both the dependency and juvenile justice systems. Resources focus on helping youth understand their case, available services, permanency planning, and successful transitions into adulthood.

- PA Chafee Independent Living Program - <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/child-welfare-providers/chafee-foster-care>
- Child Welfare Information Gateway - <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/permanency/independent-living-and-transitioning-foster-care/>

Family & Support Systems

Positive relationships with family members, caregivers, mentors, and trusted adults can play an important role in a young person's success. This section highlights resources that strengthen family engagement, healthy communication, support networks, and community connections.

- National Runaway Safeline Family Support - <https://www.1800runaway.org/>
- Annie E. Casey Foundation Youth Justice Resources - <https://www.aecf.org/explore/improve-youth-justice/resources>