



Minor Living Arrangement: Assessment

Minor seeking independent living assessed by:

Circumstances for adult supervision by non-relatives:

State	TANF agency	Child welfare agency	Community non-profit	Other:	No relative willing to be responsible	Reported abuse/neglect	Concern about abuse/neglect	Caretaker abuses drugs/alcohol	Housing problem/Other
	31 Yes								
Totals	14 No	9	3	8	34	29	29	17	14 Housing
	5 No Answer				State policy does not specify: 8				30 Other
Alabama	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					State policy does not specify.				
Arizona	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					State policy does not specify.				
Arkansas	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Minor parent's current living situation (if other than with parent/guardian/relative) is determined to be appropriate; it is otherwise determined in best interest of minor parent's child to waive the living arrangement rule.				
California	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		When the teen alleges risk of abuse or neglect in the senior parent's home, a referral is made to Child Protective Services.							
Colorado	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Child welfare is part of the TANF agency			County discretion				
Connecticut	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Minor teen parent is a runaway				

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Delaware	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					State policy does not specify.				
Dist of Columbia	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		The Family Services Administration assesses teens who have not been involved with Child Welfare.			Teen parent is a runaway. Teen parent and parent/relative don't get along and teen cannot live at home.				
Florida	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Minor parent must live with parent or in another adult supervised setting except when living with that parent or adult would jeopardize the physical or emotional health or safety of the minor parent, it is not in the teen's best interest, or the teen has been living independently for at least 1 year.				
Georgia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Teen parent is a runaway. Return of minor parent & child would be in violation of local health and safety standards.				
Hawaii	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					State policy does not specify.				
Idaho	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Rape or incest; safety threatened; parents refuse to take the teen back into the home; no alternative care is available				
Illinois	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					The teen chooses the living arrangement (parent, relative, guardian, supervised arrangement), and the caseworker is forbidden to ask her to justify it.				

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Indiana	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TANF and Child Welfare are in the same office. Where appropriate, cases are referred to the Child Welfare staff.					Minor has lived apart from parent or guardian for at least one year before birth of baby or application for assistance.				
Iowa	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The minor parent's assessment of his/her need for independent living is accepted by the TANF agency.									
Kansas	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Documentation of jeopardy to the teen's health & safety if s/he remains in the home is accepted from: law enforcement personnel; domestic violence counselors; ministers and priests.					Child welfare regulations stipulate reasons				
Kentucky	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisiana	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Minor lived independently for at least one year before birth of child or before applying for TANF; minor's physical or emotional health or safety would be jeopardized; minor's parent is absent, out of state, or has failed to provide adequate necessities for the minor; or living with the parent would violate a lease or court order or result in the loss of substance abuse treatment services				
Maine	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Maryland	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					The minor parent would be subject to physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or neglect in the home of any available adult relative; the minor unmarried parent lived apart from the parent or legal guardian for at least one year before the birth of the dependent child or the application for assistance				
Massachusetts	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Welfare Reform Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					"Extraordinary circumstances."				
Michigan	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Teen parent is a runaway. Exceptions are made when a teen is age 17 or older.				
Minnesota	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation may be joint effort of TANF and Child Welfare Agency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Determined on a case-by-case basis				
Missouri	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Welfare Reform Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nebraska	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Nevada	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Provided good cause not to reside with parents is approved by Welfare Division social worker (not eligibility staff).				
New Hampshire	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Threat to emotional health or physical safety; caretaker has exhibited neglect; caretaker has abused minor or minor's child or poses risk of doing so; or caretaker allows others to live there who have abused or neglected minor or her child or pose risk of doing so.				
New Mexico	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					There is good cause.				
New York	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Child welfare agency involved as appropriate.				
					There is no living parent or the parents' whereabouts are unknown. General "best interest" provision. Note: Once there has been an allegation of imminent or serious physical or emotional harm, the minor cannot be denied assistance until there has been a child protective investigation. Pending the investigation, the minor parent may be required to live an alternative adult supervised supportive living arrangement. If the allegation is unfounded the minor parent will be required to return to the home that was the subject of the investigation. If the minor refuses, the minor parent, but not the child, will be denied assistance.				
North Carolina	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Dakota	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ohio	--	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Whereabouts of parent/guardian/relative unknown; agency determines that it is in the best interest of the pregnant minor, minor parent, or minor parent's child to waive requirement.				
Oklahoma	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Parents are not living and no legal guardian exists; the minor has lived apart from parents for at least one year; the minor has been legally emancipated				
Oregon	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Caseworker/manager discretion				
Pennsylvania	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rhode Island	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Adolescent Self-Sufficiency Collaborative assesses minors seeking independent living.				
					The requirement that teen parent live with parent or relative applies only to the never married. Requirement does not apply if: no parent/relative living whose whereabouts are known; DHS determines that physical or emotional health or safety of mother or child would be jeopardized; minor lived apart from parent/guardian at least one year from pregnancy/birth, or other good cause not yet defined by DHS regulation. Note also that supervised supportive living arrangements can be required only "to extent available".				
South Carolina	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Dakota	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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					No parent, and other relative or legal guardian's whereabouts are unknown; the Department determines after investigation that there is good cause for the separate living arrangement and the health or safety of the applicant or the dependent children would be jeopardized.				
Texas	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					State policy provides guidance on a good deal of discretion on the part of caseworkers in providing exemptions for minor teen parents. The handbook states: "the worker, using the prudent person principle, determines if the unmarried minor parent's current living arrangement is in their best interest."				
Utah	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Whereabouts of parent/guardian/adult unknown; minor parent lived independently from parent/guardian/adult for at least one year prior to application for assistance and was self-supporting during that time				
Vermont	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Through contracted agreement							
Virginia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
					State policy does not specify.				
Washington	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					There is a "best interest of the teen parent's child or the pregnant teen" to waive the requirement of living in the home of a parent, legal guardian or other adult relative. This requires administrator approval and is the rare exception.				

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West Virginia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					There is no parent whose whereabouts are known, the minor parent lived apart from the parent for at least one year before the birth of the child or the TANF application. Other circumstances could be argued to fall within the "good cause" exception.				
Wisconsin	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County social or human services agencies assess minors seeking independent living.					The W-2 agency must report child abuse/neglect to the child welfare agency which, in turn, investigates the report and makes a determination in accordance with state standards. However, in order for the child welfare agency to place the minor in an alternative living arrangement, the juvenile court must find the child in need of protection or services, and that certain conditions exist.				
Wyoming	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					The only available household contains a person convicted of incest or charges of incest are pending; "protective custody" is needed for any minor child, including a minor parent.				