



## Youth Court Questionnaire

This questionnaire was designed as a way for you to inform the judge handling your case of your specific situation. The information you provide is strictly voluntary. The more details you share, the better the judge is able to make the best decision in your case. However, you are not required to answer every question.

To make sure this questionnaire gets to the proper judge:

1. Give it to your Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer
2. Bring it to your next hearing
3. Mail it to the Clerk of the Court in your city or county

Under current law, the judge, your mother and/or father, Guardian Ad Litem, caseworker and the county attorney are allowed to view your answers.

The judge handling your case may ask questions regarding the information you provide.

**If you have questions or need assistance in completing the questionnaire, contact Cassy Blakely at 402.817.2003 or [cblakely@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:cblakely@nebraskachildren.org)**

# Youth Court Information

## General Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Court Location (City and/or County)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's Name (if known)

List the name(s) of anyone who helped you fill out this form and their connection to you

## Current Situation

Are you satisfied with your current placement?     Yes     No

If no, what do you dislike?

Where would you prefer to live and why?

Do you feel safe at your current placement?     Yes     No

If no, who or what makes you feel unsafe?

Are your basic needs being met (getting enough to eat, etc.)?     Yes     No

If no, explain

Describe any current dental or physical health problems

Are you receiving treatment?     Yes     No

If no, what is preventing you from receiving treatment?

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### Current Situation (continued)

Describe any current mental health problems

Are you in counseling/therapy?  Yes  No

If you are attending therapy, do you find it helpful?  Yes  No

If no, why do you feel therapy is not working for you?

Are you currently attending school?  Yes  No

If no, why are you not in school?

If yes, is your school experience mostly positive or negative? Explain

Are you participating in extracurricular activities?  Yes  No

If no, what is preventing you from participating?

If yes, explain

Are you currently working?  Yes  No

If no, what is preventing you from working?

If yes, explain

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### Case Information

Which of these people/groups have you seen or talked to in the last month:  Mom  Dad  Foster Parents  Sibling(s)  
 CASA Volunteer  GAL  Service Coordinator  Caseworker  Therapist  Counselor  Teacher(s)

Are you being prevented from seeing or talking to someone?  Yes  No

If yes, explain

A **Team Meeting** is a gathering of the foster care agency, the youth and family to discuss services that will be provided.

Do you attend your team meetings?  Yes  No  Sometimes

If no, what is preventing you from attending?

Do you feel comfortable speaking at team meetings?  Yes  No

If no, what makes you uncomfortable?

Do you feel that your concerns are being addressed?  Yes  No  Sometimes

If no, explain

A **Case Plan** is a document that the foster care agency, along with the youth and family, makes and updates regularly. It includes the services provided to the youth and family, and makes clear the expectations and progress made toward reaching the goals for the youth.

Have you received a copy of your most recent case plan?  Yes  No  Sometimes

If yes, who gave you the copy?

Do you have questions about your case plan?  Yes  No

If yes, what questions?

In a **Court Hearing**, the judge makes the major decisions regarding a youth's placement by looking at the progress of the parent(s) and the youth in order to make sure the youth is safe and being provided for.

Have you been to a court hearing before?  Yes  No

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### Case Information (continued)

Did someone explain what would be decided at your court hearing?  Yes  No

If yes, who explained the hearing to you?

Do you want to attend court hearing(s) regarding your placement?  Yes  No

If no, explain

Whom would you like at your next court hearing?  Mom  Dad  Foster Parents  Sibling(s)  GAL  Caseworker

CASA Volunteer  Service Coordinator  Therapist/Counselor  Teacher(s)  Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you uncomfortable with certain people attending your hearing?  Yes  No

If yes, explain

A **Court Report** is a written record of the court hearing which includes the judge's orders in your case.

Have you received a copy of your court report?  Yes  No

If yes, who gave you the copy?

Do you want a copy of your court report?  Yes  No

Would you like the opportunity to speak in court?  Yes  No

An **Independent Living Plan** is a written guide to prepare for living on your own once you have aged out of foster care. The plan may include goals for completing education, securing employment, finding affordable housing, managing finances, etc.

Do you have an Independent Living Plan?  Yes  No

Are you being prepared to live on your own once you age out of foster care?  Yes  No

### Personal Concerns/Goals

What is your biggest concern?

What are your plans for your future?

How can the court help you pursue your goals?

Is there any other information you would like the court to know?

Is there something you would prefer to share with someone in private?  Yes  No