

# Leaving care plan (Out-of-Home Care)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**Synonymous names:** Transition from care plan

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**Registration status:** [Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\), Recorded 04/10/2014](#)

**Definition:** A leaving care plan (also called a transition from care plan) is developed in preparation for the young person exiting care into independent living. Leaving care plans are developed in agreement with the child/young person and usually include:

- Goals/objectives;
- Needs assessment including: accommodation, education/training, employment, health and living skills;
- Planned measures/actions;
- Family contact arrangements/relationship connections;
- Income support; and
- Post-care support (counselling, mentoring, ongoing case management).

In some jurisdictions the leaving care plan is a component of the case plan – in these circumstances the leaving care component is counted.

**Context:** The proportion of young people aged 15 years and over who have a current leaving care plan is a measure under the National Standards for Out-of-Home Care. The standards state:

'Young people transitioning to independence are to have practical help to prepare for the future. One of the biggest challenges for all young people is to maintain independent living. Developing these skills and abilities enables them to take their place in society and this requires emotional support and practical assistance. A transition from care plan is to include, details of support to access affordable housing, health services, education and training, and employment and income support and is to be reviewed regularly.' (FaHCSIA 2011).

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** For a leaving care plan to be considered current it must have been approved and/or reviewed within the previous 12 months.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Research, Evaluation and Data Working Group (REDWG).

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012-13. Canberra: AIHW.

**Reference documents:** FaHCSIA (Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) 2011. An outline of national standards for out-of-home care: A priority project under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020. FaHCSIA: Canberra.

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Case, cultural support and leaving care plan cluster](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 04/10/2014

[Child protection client plan code N\[N\]](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/10/2014

[Child—current leaving care plan indicator](#)

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