Leaving Care Document Checklist

*Before you leave care, you'll need a transition plan, which should contain as much detail as you want to ensure that you're prepared when you leave care. It's also a good idea for your transition plan to include assurances that you'll have the following before you leave care. Talk to your caseworker or attorney for more information about transition plans and documentation needs.*

\_\_\_\_ Copy of your credit report, if you are over 18

\_\_\_\_ Your Social Security card (see additional resources for help!)

\_\_\_\_ Information about the process for accessing your child welfare file

\_\_\_\_ Original or certified copy of your birth certificate (see additional resources for help!)

\_\_\_\_ Driver's license or state ID card (see additional resources for help!)

\_\_\_\_ Documentation of the dates that you were in care (This will be needed to determine your eligibility for federal financial aid for college or training.)

\_\_\_\_ Your educational records

\_\_\_\_ Your health and mental health records and any information about treatment that will continue after you leave care

\_\_\_\_ Proof of your citizenship (if you were born in another country) or legal residence

\_\_\_\_ Information about how to get health insurance and local health care centers for the uninsured

\_\_\_\_ Termination of Parental Rights orders, if applicable

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