**Referral Process**

1. Contact PYA Manager directly or during court hearing ask the Judge to appoint a PYA CASA
2. Receive the CASA Match Form from the PYA Manager and have the youth fill it out with their preferences
3. Return CASA Match Form to PYA Manager
4. PYA Manager will assign a CASA and notify the team upon appointment

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**Who can be involved?**

- Young adults between ages 14-20
- Any permanency goal
- Willing to engage with a CASA and participate in hearings and meetings

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**Our Mission**

The Preparing Youth for Adulthood initiative helps empower youth to reach their full potential while in care, and more importantly be fully independent once they leave the system.

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**PYA at a Glance**

**Preparation Meetings**

Biannual meeting with their Judge, CASA, CASA Supervisor and whomever else the youth wants to invite. These meetings are an opportunity for the youth to develop self-advocacy skills through talking with their Judge without robes, off the bench, and off the record about their transition to adulthood.

**Quarterly Life Skills Workshops**

Quarterly hands-on workshops will focus in the five characteristic Team Work, Self-Advocacy, Passion, Goal Oriented, and Follow Through empowering youth with practical skills needed for independence.

**21st Commemorative Event**

Each youth's 21st birthday will be celebrated with a commemorative event acknowledging their success and new chapter of adulthood as they age out of care.

- Incentive Program for participation-
  - Gift Cards
  - Food & Drink
  - Personalized Rewards

**For more Info**

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