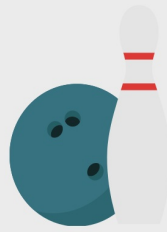
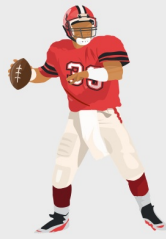


Normalcy



New policies in Maryland empower a foster youth's caregivers to help that young person engage in "normal" childhood activities.



This includes more authority and flexibility for foster parents and other caregivers to help youth secure a part-time job, get their driver's license, participate in extra-curricular activities, and attend social events like prom.



It also includes the ability to permit foster youth to go on field trips, sleep overs, and trips longer than 1 day.

Providing foster youth with "normal" experiences is about giving them age-appropriate freedom and responsibility. These activities help them express their creativity and talents, and help them develop supportive and healthy relationships. Caregivers and foster parents now have greater ability to help the youth in their care enjoy the milestones of maturity that play an important role in bridging the span between childhood and becoming an adult.

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