

Things that would make youths' lives better in foster care

1. Have better Social Workers and GAL's, and just more of them
2. Be able to be more involved in extracurricular activities
3. Different clothing varieties, and more clothing allowance, or just clothing for starters
4. Meet other youth in our age group
5. Access to your file (with discretion) while still in care as opposed to when you are eighteen
6. Be able to visit or love with family and siblings, or old friends.
7. More food and drinks, better quality (let us pick what we want)
8. Being treated the same as bio kids
9. Let us meet the foster family at least once before we move in
10. Allowance
11. More training for foster parents, and possibly drug testing, and house inspections
12. Better foster parents (more caring and compassionate about the youth)
13. Having a say
14. Don't tell others about foster kid problems
15. Give foster parents better training
16. Being where you want to be
17. Freedom. A chance to breathe
18. NO abuse or disrespect
19. Less youth in a house
20. Allowed to work
21. Foster families that are a little more sensitive and understanding.
22. More means of communication
23. Make it easier to report foster homes
24. Being allowed to live a normal life. Don't treat me different because I'm a foster child
25. More trust
26. Privacy
27. ILP dormitories
28. Racial matches for foster children with homes
29. More resources for youth and parents
30. Place siblings with each other