Life skills for success

Pathway guide







Instructions

Scoring

In order to accurately complete this assessment the views of the young person and any other significant party should be obtained and included.

All young people will complete the Independent Living Assessment (ILA) prior to moving onto their individual Independent Living Programme (ILP). Young people should be reassessed at regular intervals to ensure progress and support care planning.

The aim of the course is not to make everyone exceptional but to ensure all care leavers have at least a basic overall knowledge and understanding of how to live independently.

If an answer falls between 2 categories always underscore rather than over so to ensure a clear reflection of the young person's capabilities.

Name of	Young Person		Date		
Date of B			t Number		
Names o	f Person (s) involved in the ILA				
	Category	Basic	Intermediate	Advanced	Exceptional
Α.	Money Management				
В.	Food Management				
С	Home Management				
D.	Personal Care				
E.	Health				
F.	Safety Awareness				
G.	Communication Skills				
Н.	Housing				
I.	Transport				
J.	EET				
Κ.	Job Seeking				
L	Job Maintenance Skills				
М.	Community Knowledge				
N.	Time Management				
0.	Parenting Skills – Young Parent	S			
Ρ.	Other (e.g. understanding risk)				





Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No
 □ Can find □ Underst □ To know 	ands individual notes and coins. I the total of items on a shopping list. ands what are essentials and luxury items w where the local banks and cash points in their town is; own spending habits
Intermed	liate Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/Ne
□ Can plan □ Make de □ Can con □ Underst □ Underst	en an account n a budget of their weekly money. ecisions about spending and saving from a given budget npare comparative costs of products. and how to use a cash point and safety and security issues when using a cash machine and the existence of economy brands
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□ Can use □ Can con □ Plan buo □ Compar	derstand / read a bank statement. e a chequebook npare prices in shops and choose the best option. dgets showing expenses incurred by teenage parents re prices of articles for possible cash or credit purchases within a given budget ep a record of personal and household money management 3 different banking facilities
Identify	J
Identify Exception	nal Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□ Identify Exception □ Understa □ Can inte □ Understa support. □ Name at	





Basic Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No		have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No
 □ Has an u □ Can iden □ Can expl 	understa htify indi lain wha	efore eating / preparing food, understands personal hygiene rules. nding of what 'Health Eating' is. vidual cooking utensils. t different utensils are used for. priately whilst cooking.
Intermedia	ate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 9 of 11: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□ Can iden □ Can use □ Can prep □ Can expl □ Has an a □ Can use □ Knows h	ke a suit atify and kitchen bare a m lain how age appr cutlery ow to p	able lunch. able dinner. write a suitable shopping list. equipment appropriately. heal safely and leave the kitchen in a safe condition. to use appliances safely and correctly. opriate table manner. appropriately. revent fires. e how to boil, bake, stew, fry, roast, oven bake and microwave.
Advanced	Mu	st have knowledge / understanding of 8 of 10: Level Achieved: Yes/No
Can iderKnows hCan plar	ntify foo now to p n a weel	v food should be stored. d spoilage and understands the 'use by' and 'sell by' dates. prevent food contamination. kly, nutritious menu. e menu on a budget.
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C - Home	Manag	ement
Basic	Must	have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Can wasł □Can mak □Can dispo □ Can cha	e a bed. ose of ru	ubbish.
Intermedia	ate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Can chan □Can dem furniture, c □Can iden □Knows w □Can hang	ige bed onstrate clean toil tify the o hat day g up tow	m cleaner and empty when full / change bag. linen and make the bed. e how to brush and mop floors, wash woodwork and windows, dust, polish let, sink and bath. different cleaning products for different jobs. the waste is collected. rels to dry after bathing. dder safely.
Advanced	М	ust have knowledge / understanding of 8 of 10: Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Understa □Can defro □Can clear □Understa □Uses stor □Understa □Can dem □Knows w	nds how ost a fre n a cook nds how age faci nds wha onstrate hat day	v to conserve energy / water. ilities appropriately. at recycling is.
Exception	nal	Must have knowledge / understanding of 7 of 9 Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Can car □Is able t □Can ide □Can res □Can me □Underst □Can wir	ry out m to conta ntify wh et circuit asure fo ands ho e a plug	r curtains/blind. w to prevent pest infestation.





D - Personal Care		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Knows how to use □Understands the n □Cleans teeth twice	ely for occasion/ time of year. soap, shampoo, deodorant etc. eed to shave.	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can read clothing washed □Can sort wash loa	aundry in a designated area. g labels and understand basic labelling i.e. hand wash, dry clean and machine- ads into colours temperatures clothes have to be washed at.	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can iron clothes. □Can load a washi	 Can sew on buttons and complete basic repairs. Can iron clothes. Can load a washing machine and use correct products and select appropriate settings. Can identify what clothes they would wear for different situations. E.g. interview, party etc 	
Exceptional Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4 Level Achieved: Yes/No		
 Can hand wash clothes. Can fold clothes and put away neatly. Can hang clothes up on coat hangers and put away. Can identify appropriate clothing for different occasions. 		





E – Health Basic		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Understands tha □Understands abo	dproof container. dangers of taking other people's medication at drugs, alcohol and tobacco are harmful to your health. but how pregnancy occurs. of where to gain medical help / emergency help.	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Knows what to a □Understands the □Understands wh	nd describe symptoms of flu, colds and other common health problems. do for a minor cut, burn and a splinter. e risks of not using contraception. at sexually Transmitted Infections are. e risks of drug and alcohol abuse.	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 7 of 9 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can recognise the appropriate. □Can make a den □Is on the register □Can read and fo □Can take medicater □Knows how to u □Has knowledge of	thermometer and take own temperature. The uses of 'over the counter' drugs and has the ability to self medicate when tist / doctor's appointment. er of a doctor / dentist. Ilow directions of a prescription. Ation without supervision. se a First Aid Kit. of birth control and knows how to obtain it. revent the spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections.	
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Is aware of the importance of having a balanced diet. Is aware of the benefits of a good, balanced, diet and how it affects your health. Can determine the need to see a doctor. Can determine the need to go to Accident and emergency. 		





F – Safety Awareness		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Knows how / wh □Understands the □Knows how to di	Functions of the Emergency Services. I en to contact the Emergency Services. Importance of evacuation in an emergency. spose of cigarettes etc. ck / unlock windows / doors.	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Understands how □Can recognise a g □Is aware of whom □Knows the legal a	 Understands basic fire prevention – e.g. dangers of smoking within the home. Understands how to use a fire extinguisher. Can recognise a gas leak. Is aware of whom to contact in the event of a gas leak. Knows the legal age to buy alcohol. Knows the legal age to buy cigarettes. 	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 3 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Understands how to extinguish different types of fires. Knows how to store cleaning products. Can determine when to seek help in emergencies. 		
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 2 of 3 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Has knowledge of basic First Aid Understands the importance of security on the internet Understand the importance of checking ID from callers 		





G - Communication Skills		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can make eye cont □Has at least 1 frien □Can have `small tal	a café / fast food establishment.	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can make a teleph □Can speak to a str □Can arrange to me	ommunicate via telephone. none call. ranger and ask a question to gain information. eet a friend at a certain place and time. onsequences of making the 'wrong' decision'.	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can express their □Can ask for help a □Can identify perso	nd support when needed.	
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can say `no' when □Understands `pers □Can greet people □Can avoid danger	and say goodbye in an appropriate way according to the given situation.	





H – Housing	
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 2 of 2 Level Achieved: Yes/No
	nat it means to rent. Anding of different housing options.
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 3 Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Can budget and	nere to look for accommodation to rent. I understand cost implications to renting. o's and con's of having a flat mate.
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No
 Can calculate start up costs i.e. deposit. Bond, first month's rent etc Can identify properties in the area of their choice and within their budget. Can ask a landlord relevant questions regarding the property to determine if it suits in needs. Knows what to inspect in a property to determine that everything is in working order Can speak to a landlord to inform them of any problems prior to moving in. 	
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 6 Level Achieved: Yes/No
□Ability to build □Understand the □Understands w □Can gain the in	ong with other residents a positive relationship with the landlord. e process for complaining if unhappy with the property. hom to contact in an emergency for utilities. I.e. gas leak, water leak et formation they receive from a Registered Social Landlord. he role and responsibilities of the landlord.
I - Transport	
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No
 Can safely ride a bicycle. Must be aware of where the nearest bus stop is. Aware of other forms of transport available in the local area. Knows how much fare is required to travel for one destination to another. Understands the use of seat belts. 	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No
Understands the	axi companies' details. e cost implication of taking a taxi rather than a bus. ort plan a journey.





Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 2 of 2 Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can read a map. □Can plan a daily t	travel plan to school / work etc.	
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 3: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
able to forecast the	vel independently from one Borough to the next unaided and return. Be e cost of gaining a Driving Licence cost of running a car.	
J - Education, Em	ployment and Training - EET	
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 6 of 8: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can discuss educ □Has reasonable io □Knows what the □Has an idea of w	nnexions PA from Year 9. ational/ vocational plans with Connexions PA/ Teachers/Carers/ Social Workers dea of what jobs are available to them relative to qualifications/ experience. minimum wage is. hat jobs pay what wages. provision- Connexions, E2E providers, Job Centre, HPIJ.	
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Has an understar □Is aware of the e □Understands abo Allowance (EMA). □Has an up to date	to enrol on a Further Education programme. Inding of what qualifications are needed to pursue the career they want. ducational/ vocational options available in the Cheshire West Area. In payments made while in Further Education. Education Maintenance e record of achievement of all qualifications/ certificates gained. Inding of the costs of returning to Education as an adult.	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6: Level Achieved Yes/No	
□Has an Aim High □Has an appropria they want. □Can fill out UCAS □Understands the	te and realistic pathway to gain the qualifications they need to do the job	





Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5 Level Achieved: Yes/No		
□Knows how □Can identify □Can unders qualifications □Can unders	tand the link between educational, attainment and vocational goals.		
K - Educatio	n, Employment and Training – Job Seeking		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No		
□Has a Nati CRB. □Can researd job in that fie	 Knows about apprenticeships and what apprentices are entitled to. Has a National Insurance Card and sufficient other forms of identity to complete a CRB. Can research the career they have identified and what steps they would need to get a job in that field. Attends Connexions/ Job Centre every day. 		
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/No		
□Knows wher □Can look thr □Has had trai □Can comple	 Can fill out a standard job application form. Knows where to look for job adverts. Can look through the job ads and identify which would be appropriate to apply for. Has had training in interview techniques. Can complete a mock interview and give appropriate answers to potential questions. Can arrange an interview appointment. 		
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 6 of 8: Level Achieved: Yes/No		
 Can write a CV. Has an up to date personal statement to be taken to interviews. Can demonstrate how they prepare for an interview. Can complete an interview. Knows where the Job Centre is and its function. Knows about agency employment. Knows how to apply for work with agencies. Knows about employment websites and how to use them. 			





Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Can follow u □Can make ar □Understands	etely up to date CV and Personal statement. o an interview and ask for feedback either in writing or by phone. informed choice about the advantages of one job over another. equal opportunities legislation and where to go if they feel they have been against in applying for a job.	
L - Education	, Employment and Training – Job Maintenance Skills	
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Has read their contract and understands it or knows who to ask if they don't. Knows what their job entails and how to complete work tasks. Knows whom to contact if they are unable to attend work. Knows what hours they are contracted to work. 		
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
□Knows what □Knows whom	a wage slip. icate with work colleagues and managers in an appropriate manner. behaviour will get an employer immediately dismissed. In their mentor in the workplace is to deal with work related issues. rstanding of NI contributions.	
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Knows what their entitlement is regarding sickness. Knows their holiday entitlements and how to book leave in accordance with workplace rules. Knows about their employer's grievance procedures. Knows when and where it is inappropriate to talk to colleagues. Has a strategy to deal with any anger or frustration they may have against Managers, Colleagues Customers. Knows about tax procedures, P45. P60 etc 		





Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 4 of 6: Level Achieved: Yes/No
in the work Can succes Knows how Functions	ir legal rights as an employee or knows where to get advice and representation cplace. Sofully put into place their anger strategies most of the time. If to use company policies to resolve any disagreements/ grievances. With the team in its unwritten policies. For pay scales and how to get a rise in wages. They are eligible for and how to apply for a promotion.





M - Commun	ty Knowledge	
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Knows where the local supermarket is. Knows where local corner shops are. Knows whom to contact in case of an emergency. Knows where the local Police Station is. 		
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 6 of 8: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Has knowledge what to means to 'Vote'. Knows where their local bank is. Knows where the local Post Office is. Knows where the local chemist is. Knows where the local library is. Knows where the local Direct Link is. Has the ability to find contact numbers via different methods. I.e. Internet, Yellow Pages etc. Knows where the local Youth Service is. 		
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Knows how to register to vote. Understands what services the Council offers. Knows how to contact the council. Knows where the local council office is. Knows what services Direct Link offers. Has an understanding of what the services the Youth Service offers. Has an understanding of the function of Connexions and other services they offer other than Education Employment and Training. 		
Exceptional		
	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No	





N - Time Management		
Basic	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 5: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Understands what time they must get up. Has the ability to set a morning routine. Can ensure they have enough time to eat prior to leaving especially if morning time. Can plan what time they need to get up to ensure they have enough time to arrive. Can use an alarm clock. 		
Intermediate	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 6: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Understands the importance of arriving on time. Arrives on time every day. Can prepare clothing the previous night. Can prepare suitable / appropriate clothing and iron if required. Can take medication when required. If for unforeseen circumstances they are going to be late, can ring ahead to inform and give an estimated time of arrival. 		
Advanced	Must have knowledge / understanding of 5 of 7: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Has planned travel arrangements. Has an alternative as a fall back. Knows how long it would take to walk if applicable. Can plan a hair cut in advance. Can prioritise appointments. Has the ability to re arrange appointments in plenty of time if required. Can complete activities within a given time. 		
Exceptional	Must have knowledge / understanding of 3 of 4: Level Achieved: Yes/No	
 Can ring ahead to confirm appointment. Can use a diary. Can forward plan appointments. Can plan to meet with several people and check people's availability. 		





Social Worker/Personal Adviser:.....

Date:....