

**AS YOU TURN 18**, it is **VITAL** that you have a copy of all your personal documents when you leave foster care. Your **medical, educational, and personal identity records** are essential to living an independent life.

**IT IS YOUR RIGHT** to be given these documents within 30 days of your birthday. At your "Age of Majority" Team Decision Making (TDM) meeting, Transition Planning Meeting, or your Child and Family Team meeting, discuss these documents. If you do not get all these documents within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, contact the State Independent Living Coordinator, Barbara Guillen, at **bguillen@azdes.gov** for assistance. If any of your personal documents are lost or stolen, you will want to replace them as soon as possible!



## VACCINATION & MEDICAL RECORDS

**THESE ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HEALTH** and should be shared with your doctor.



For a copy of your vaccination records, complete and submit the **Immunization Request Form**. (<http://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/asiis-request-form.pdf>)

If you were not given a copy of your medical records or they are lost, you can request assistance from your DCS Case Specialist in getting new copies. If you are no longer in foster care, but still need copies of your medical records, you can make a medical records request by filling out and submitting the **DCS Records Request Form**. (<https://dcs.az.gov/resources/public-records-request>)

## IDENTITY RECORDS

Identity is **WHO YOU ARE** and is recognized by three very important documents:

- ★ **Birth Certificate** (<http://azdhs.gov/vital-records/birth-certificate/apply.htm>)
- ★ **Social Security Card** (<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber>)
- ★ **Arizona State ID** (if you do not already have an Arizona Driver License) ([www.azdot.gov/docs/default-source/mvd-forms-pubs/96-0155.pdf?sfvrsn=2](http://www.azdot.gov/docs/default-source/mvd-forms-pubs/96-0155.pdf?sfvrsn=2))



## EDUCATION RECORDS



Transferring your **EDUCATION RECORDS** can be done by requesting records from your current or previous school(s) and/or by visiting: **Arizona Department of Education** ([www.azed.gov/studentrecords](http://www.azed.gov/studentrecords))



## WARD OF COURT PROOF



Anticipate needing to provide a **"WARD OF COURT PROOF"** to show you are a young adult who has experienced foster care to receive financial aid for college or vocational school. Contact the State Independent Living Coordinator, Barbara Guillen, at **bguillen@azdes.gov** and request an "Age Of Majority" Verification Letter.



Leave your documents in a **SAFE PLACE** in a folder or security box that is locked and stored out of site to reduce your chances of **identity theft**. ([www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft))

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