

Answer: The court may terminate dependency for a NMD, who is supervised by child welfare and on AWOL status, if the case manager has documented the efforts to locate the NMD and, at the W&IC 391 hearing, the court finds that reasonable efforts were made to locate the NMD and inform the NMD of his or her options under EFC. When terminating dependency, the court shall maintain general jurisdiction so that the young adult would be eligible to re-enter foster care at a later date, if still under the age limits (see ACL 12-12 regarding re-entry).

If the NMD, supervised by child welfare, returns to an EFC placement prior to the 391 hearing, then foster care benefits may be extended, provided that all eligibility conditions are met.