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# Transition

to adulthood

# What is 'transition'?

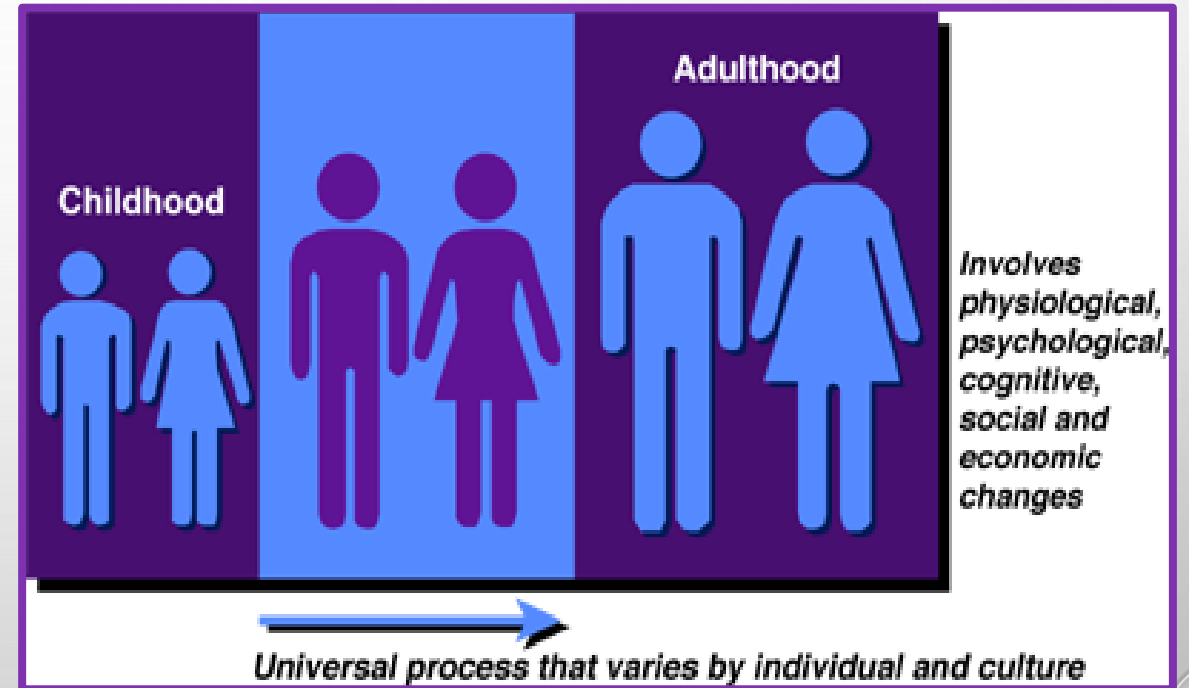


## Transition

**Noun:** The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.

**Verb:** Undergo or cause to undergo a process or period of transition

# Transition from childhood to adulthood



# Key social indicators of transition to adulthood

Full-Time Education  Full-time Work

Family of Origin  Family of Destination

Living in the Family Home  Independent Living

(From: Coles, B. (1995) *Youth and Social Policy: Youth citizenship and young careers* London: UCL Press)



# From education to work



# From family of origin to family of destination





# Living in the family home to independent living



And we now have the added complication of...





# Why transition is a key issue in social care

- Young people who use social care services are likely to have additional needs and/or have had difficult life experiences
- The timing of transitions for young people who use social care is determined by law, policy and availability of resources rather than individual maturity and personal choice
- Services struggle to replicate the flexible support that many/most young people receive from their parents and kin networks