

STATES WITH CONTRACT LAWS FOR MINORS SEEKING SHELTER

	<u>Missouri</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>
Age of minor	16 or 17	16 or 17 (or, if under 16 pregnant or parenting a child living with them)	16 or 17
Other conditions	Homeless or victim of domestic violence and self-supporting	Unemancipated and unmarried	Unemancipated, homeless, or victim of domestic violence or sexual abuse and managing their own finances
Consent from parents	Parents must consent to youth living independently, but consent can be implied by forcing youth out of home, refusing financial support, or through abuse or neglect.		Parents must consent or acquiesce to youth living independently and youth must provide affidavit stating his or her eligibility, signed by the minor and two adults who confirm the minor understands the legal implications of the contract. Witness adults must be an attorney, health care provider, rabbi, priest, minister, clergy or other religious counselor or a college or school administrator or counselor.
	Allowing minors to enter contracts for:		
Housing	x	x	x
Utilities		x	
Admission to a shelter	x		x
Employment	x		x
Buy vehicle	x		x
Student loan	x		x
High school admission	x		
Post-secondary admission	x		x
Obtain medical care	x		
Establish a bank account	x		x
Receive services for domestic violence	x		
Receive services for sexual abuse	x		
Receive other advocacy services	x		x
May obtain a birth certificate			x
Liability provisions		Parent or legal guardian is not liable unless party to the minor's contract or enters another contract guaranteeing the minor's debt.	

