

Lifebeat

**Ch. 36 show examines 'aging out' of foster care**

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Rhode Island's **PBS** station, Channel 36, examines what happens to local young people when they must leave **foster care** on a show called **Aging Out** in Rhode Island, airing tonight at 8 p.m.

In Rhode Island, **foster care** stops when a person reaches 21, a process known as "**aging out**" of the system.

The hour-long show, hosted by Kathi Crowe, youth services coordinator for the state Department of Children, Youth and Families, will feature three, and possibly four, young people who will tell their stories about **aging out of foster care**. The second part of the broadcast will have a panel of experts discuss the challenges facing people who are suddenly expected to live on their own.

During the show, Channel 36 will take phone calls from viewers who want to offer help.

A national **PBS** show on the same subject, called **Aging Out**, will follow the local production at 9 p.m.