CDSS will extract information from CWS/CMS on all youth in foster care ages 16 & 17, and transmit the data to each credit reporting agency to generate a credit report or a notice that none exist. If CDSS finds a credit report exists then the County must follow up with a request of their own and that is when the ‘County Request Date’ field would be used. Counties have the option of manually requesting a credit report on behalf on an affected foster youth. Non-Minor Dependents (NMD’s) may request and receive the credit reports themselves. The case record should document the reports have been requested/received or the NMD refuses to obtain reports.

**Step 1:** Click on Client Services.

**Step 2:** Click on Open existing Case Folder. Select the correct case and click OK.

**Step 3:** Click on Client Services tab.

**Step 4:** Click on the Credit Report Notebook.

**Step 5:** Click on the “+”.

**Step 6:** Select the Credit Agencies for which you are entering information (individually or select all) and complete all required data fields. Click “OK”.

Reference: All County Letter 14-23 P.L. 112-34
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This page will need to be updated annually on behalf of each minor in foster care upon reaching his/her 16th birthday, and for each NMD until case closure.

Use this page to document:
- Credit Report requests made by CDSS, County or NMDs for each credit reporting agency.
- Refusal of NMD to request report
- Status of request – report rec’d / no report / or request rejected if requested by County or NMD.
- Results of report provided to youth – cleared or not cleared.

This message will appear when opening a case that credit reports were requested, and 60 days have passed with no outcome indicating the report was clear or not clear.

To clear the error, the Probation Officer must enter when the information was provided to the youth, whether it was cleared or not, and date cleared.
This page can be accessed for closed cases to record credit reports. Note: A user must have the proper privileges to enter information on closed cases.

To document efforts taken by the Probation Officer, to review and discuss credit reports received with a Ward or NMD, follow these steps.

**Step 1:** Click on the **Contact Notebook** tab.

**Step 2:** Click on “+” to create a new contact. Select the juvenile’s name and click “OK”.
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**Step 3:** Click on the **Contact** tab. Complete the following fields: **contact purpose**, **date**, **method**, and **status**.

**Step 4:** Click on the **Associated Services** tab.

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**Within the Associated Services Page – New Values in Independent Living Program category in Contact Notebook**
- ILP – Credit Results Reviewed with Youth
- ILP – Discuss Credit Counseling

**New Values available under Case Management/Referrals section in Contact Notebook:**
- Credit Results Reviewed with Youth
- Discuss Credit Counseling/Participation
- Referred for ID Theft Services

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**Step 3:** Click on the **Contact** tab. Complete the following fields: **contact purpose**, **date**, **method**, and **status**.

**Step 4:** Click on the **Associated Services** tab.