

Aging Out

Five-Part DVD Series

Leaving home at 18 always takes courage, but for foster teens it can be a frightening transition. Two-time Academy Award-nominee and Emmy winner Roger Weisberg's powerful documentary series *Aging Out* follows five young people as they fend for themselves after being discharged from foster care. Each story offers a poignant, private view of the struggles they face and shows how their personalities and their choices either create or break down barriers.

Bound and Determined - Her home life disrupted by abuse, Daniella Anderson entered the foster care system at 16. The years have brought her education, love, a child, and a marriage.

Case Closed - After a nightmarish childhood, Keely Lopez entered foster care at 16 and aged out at 21. After a few months of working and living on her own, she became pregnant and went on welfare. She never wants to see her baby in the system.

Declaration of Independence - David Griffin has been in more than 20 foster care placements. Leaving the system at 18, he went on a self-destructive drug and crime binge, coped with homelessness and incarceration, and eventually left California with the hope of becoming a fisherman in Alaska.

Ready or Not - Separated from her family at age 9, Risa Bejarano appeared to be a symbol of beating the odds. She rejected the gangs and street life of her siblings, and went off to college in Santa Barbara. Despite the promising outlook for her future, Risa suffered several setbacks and ultimately a tragedy.

With No Direction Home - Thomas Hudson entered the system at 13 after being abused and attempting suicide. After years of fear and unhappiness, he's found some healing and now lives independently in a small apartment near his job.

Use For:

- Youth
- Foster parents
- Child Welfare workers



Includes:

- 5 DVDs

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