

Information for Foster Care Youth and Those Aging Out

Community-based providers who contract with the State of Florida must offer independent living transition services to foster youth.

Pre-Independent Living Services

Who is eligible:

Those in foster care who are age 13-14.

Services:

- Life skills training
- Educational field trips
- Conferences



Life Skills Services

Who is eligible:

Those in foster care who are age 15-17.

Services:

- Banking and budgeting skills
- Interviewing skills
- Parenting skills
- Educational support
- Employment training
- Counseling



Subsidized Independent Living Services

Who is eligible:

Some 16- and 17-year-olds who are able to demonstrate independent living skills.

Arrangements allow a child to live independent of the daily care and supervision of an adult.

Aftercare Support Services

Who is eligible:

Youth ages 18-22 who have been in foster care, who meet certain conditions.

Temporary assistance is provided to prevent homelessness. The amount provided is based on funds available. Services assist young adults who were formerly in foster care to continue to develop the skills and abilities necessary for independent living:



- Mentoring and tutoring
- Mental health services and substance abuse counseling
- Life skills classes, including credit management and preventative health activities
- Parenting classes
- Job skills training
- Counselor consultations
- Temporary financial assistance such as emergency car repairs

Road to Independence

Scholarship Who is eligible:

Youth ages 18-20 (initial award) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. earned a high school diploma or its equivalent and have been admitted to full-time enrollment in an eligible post-secondary education institution;
2. enrolled full-time in an accredited high school; or
3. enrolled full-time in an accredited adult education program designed to provide the student with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Financial assistance is provided to youth attending school part-time to help former foster chil-

dren receive the educational and vocational training needed to achieve independence.

The amount of the award is based on the living and educational needs of the young adult and may be up to \$892.00/month.

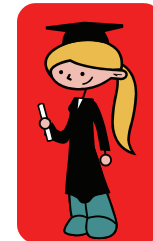
Transitional Support Services

Who is eligible

Youth ages 18-22 who have been in foster care and who demonstrate that the services are critical to their own efforts to develop a personal support system and achieve self-sufficiency.

Other appropriate short-term services may include:

- Financial assistance
- Housing
- Counseling
- Employment
- Education
- Mental health counseling
- Disability assistance
- Other services, if the young adult demonstrates that the services are “critical” to achieve self-sufficiency



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