



DCS Older Youth Services Overview

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Older Youth Permanency

- Permanency involves creating a stable and legal family connection for youth.
- Permanency Plan Goals:
 - Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship
 - Other permanency option:
 - Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement, i.e.: APPLA



Youth Driven Case Management



Transition Planning

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A plan that is developed with the youth that identifies their independent living needs and goals as they prepare to age out of foster care.

Child and Family Team

A meeting that brings youth supports together to discuss the youths plans and how to move them forward.

Acknowledgement of Educational Programs

A form that is reviewed with the youth that provides information on the youth educational options.



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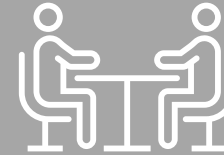
Youth are about to submit a youth driven court report at the age of 14 and older.



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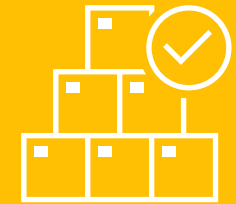
A document provided to youth at age 14 and older to ensure youth understand their rights while in foster care.



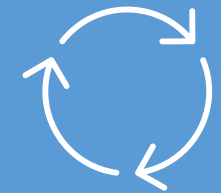
Child and Family Team

Advance Directive

Information provided to youth on how to address medical concerns.



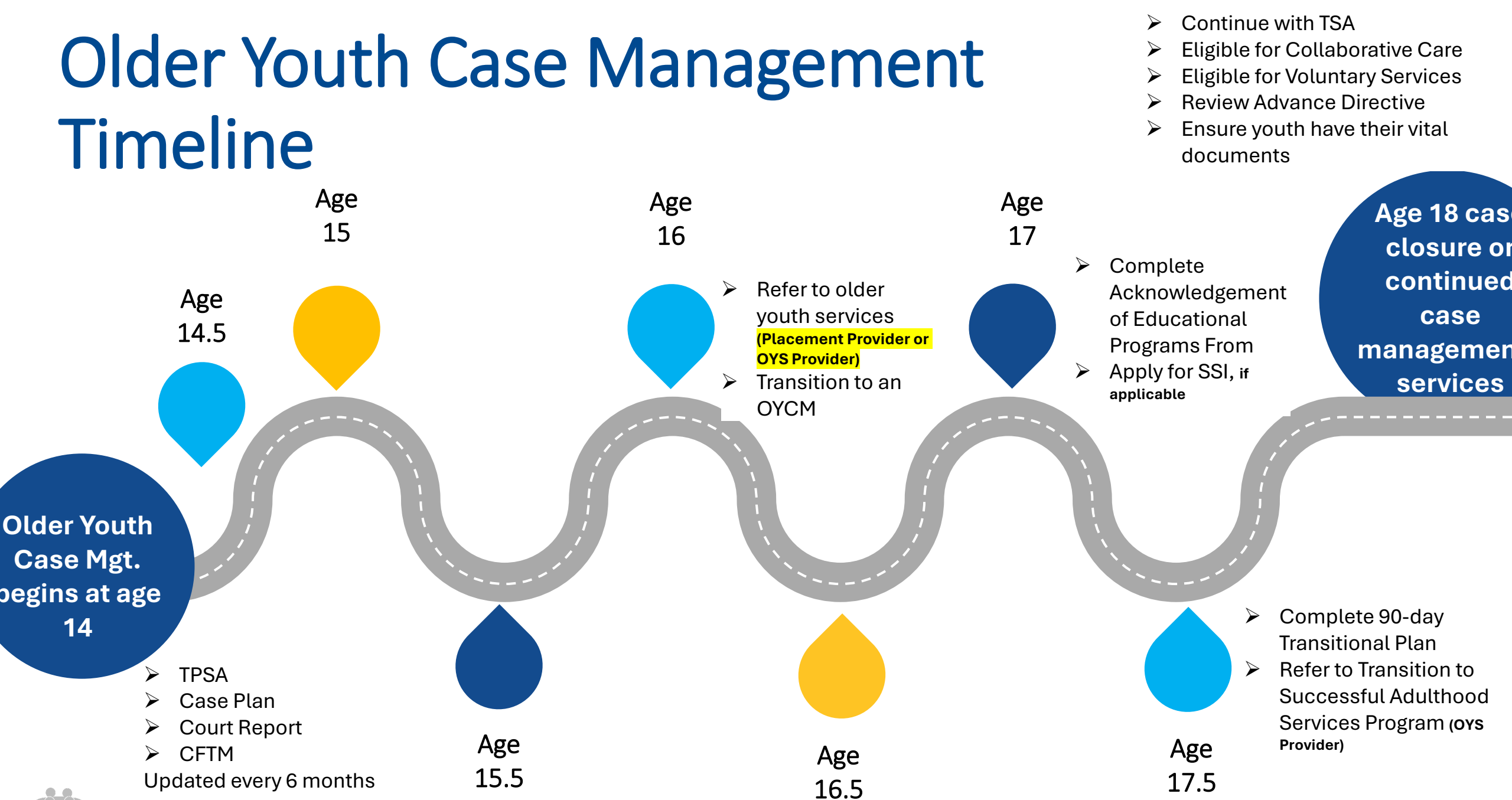
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Older Youth Case Management Timeline



Older Youth Obtaining Permanency

→ Adoption or Guardianship

→ Age 16 and Older

- Education Training Voucher Program
- Voluntary Services @ age 18 or older
- Programs through Foster Success
 - Works Wonders Employment
 - Emergency Resources



Older Youth Services

→ Older Youth Services is DCS independent living programs, that focuses on equipping youth with the skills and resources to live successfully on their own as thriving adults after leaving foster care.



Older Youth Services: Primary Purpose



Provide independent living services to help youth gain the necessary skills and prepare for adulthood in activities of daily living, education, employment, financial and asset management, housing, and physical and mental health.



Increasing personal and emotional support to youth through identifying supportive permanent connections with caring adults and locating and identifying community resources available after DCS involvement.



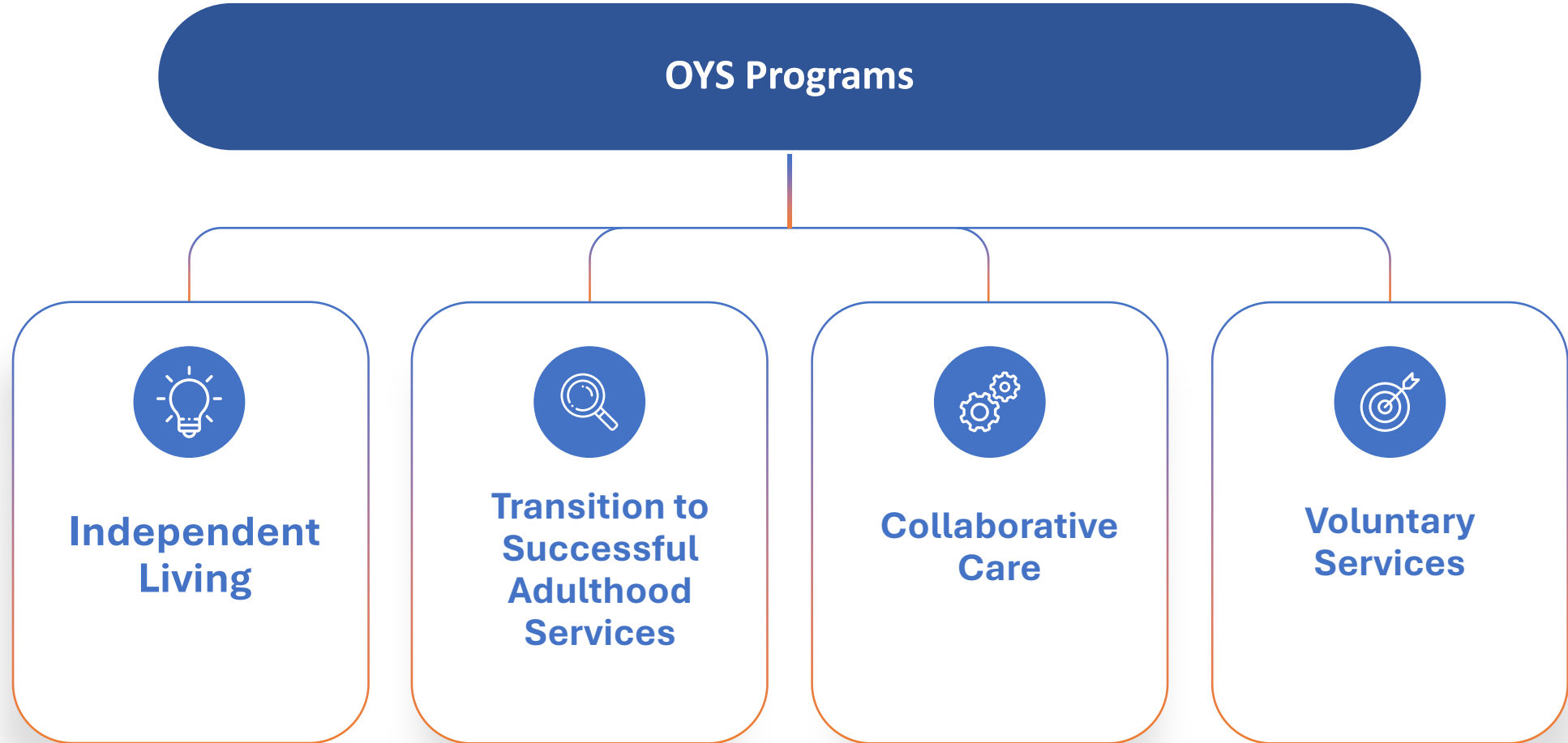
Support youth who are expected to remain in foster care until their 18th birthday or after and assist them with their transition out of foster care to self-sufficiency by connecting them to additional services and resources.



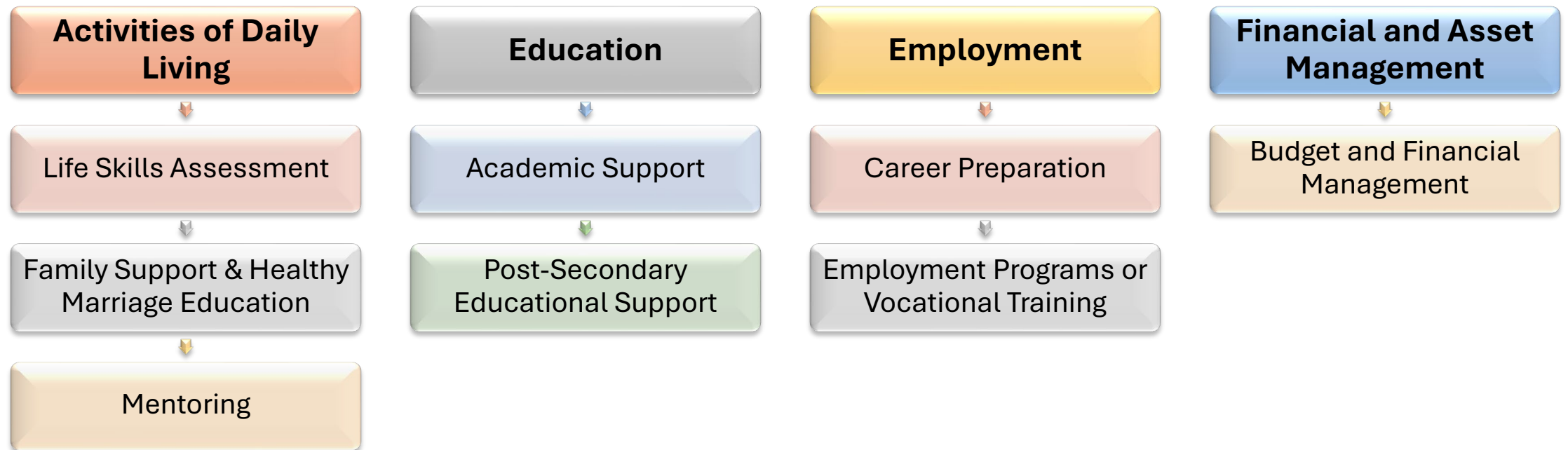
Authentically engage youth by honoring youth voices, youth-adult partnerships and encouraging positive personal growth through "teachable moments" and "experiential learning."



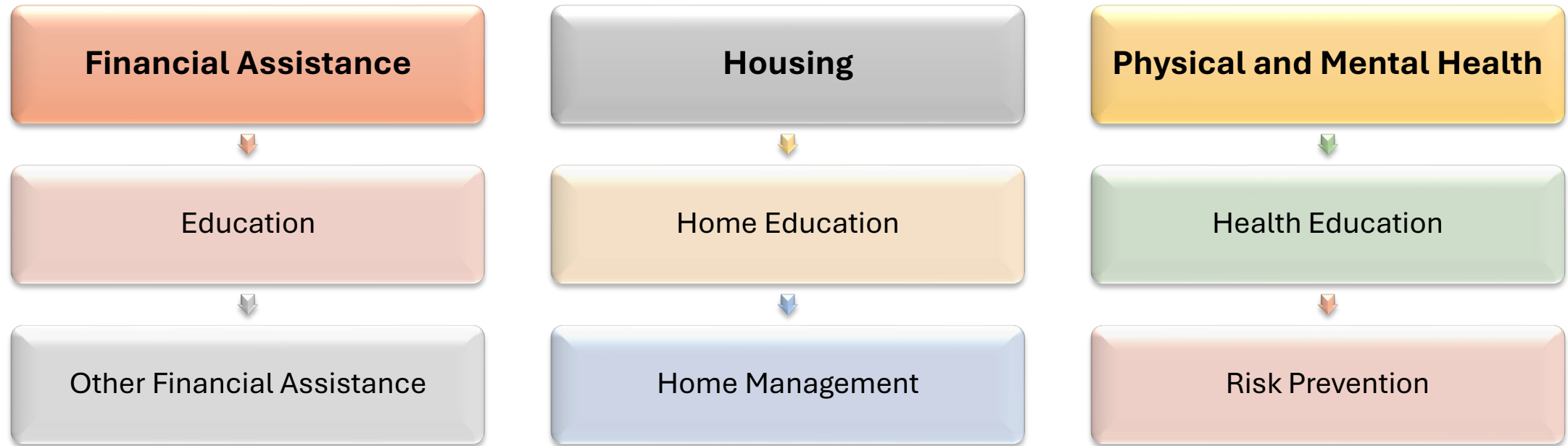
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Independent Living & Transitional Services



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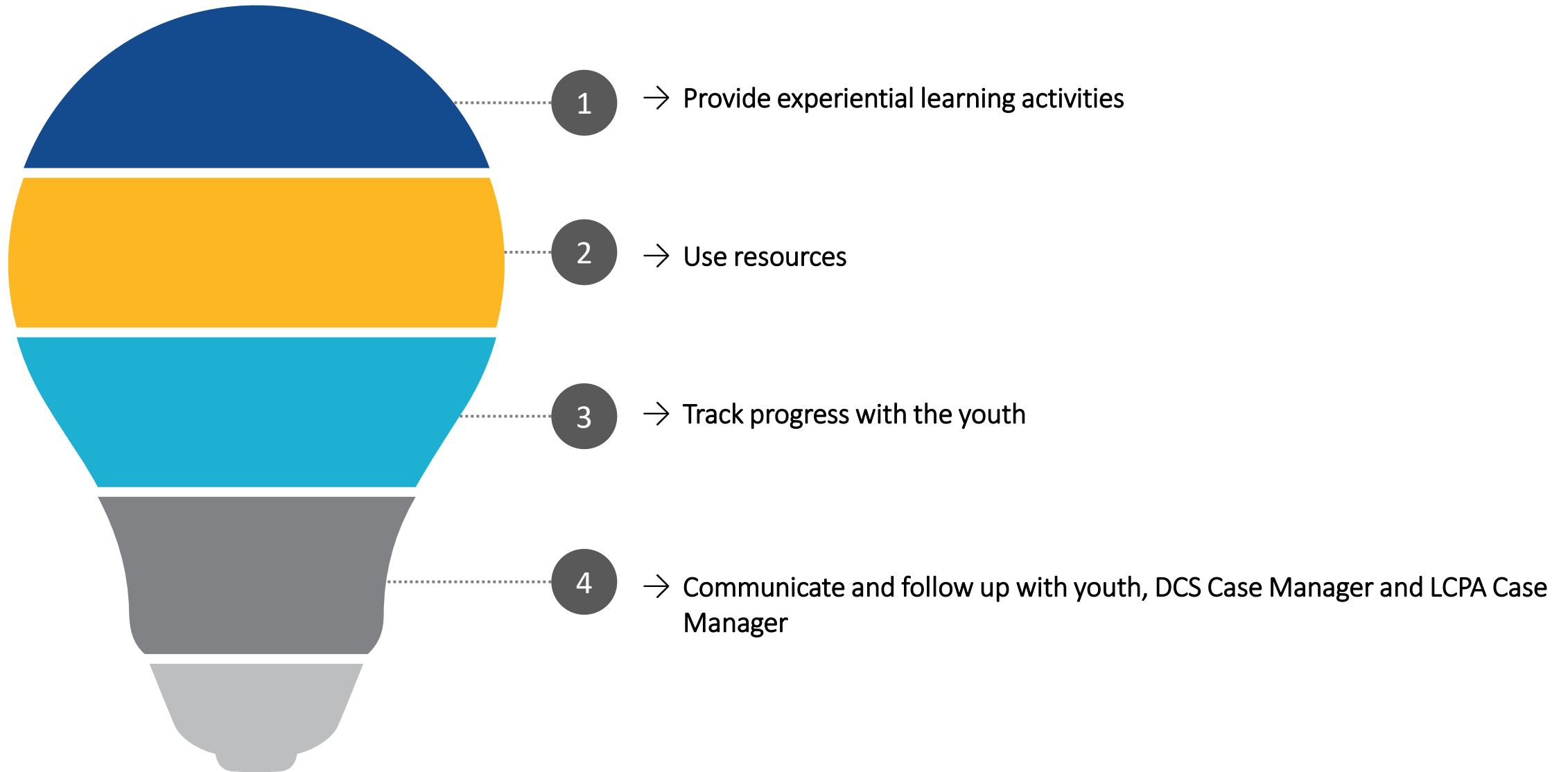


Other Initiatives & Programs

- Indiana Youth Advisory Board
- Youth Connections Program
- Education and Training Voucher
- Opportunity Passport
- 21 Century Scholars
- College Dorm Placement Program
- Driver's Education
- Credit Reporting



Resource Parents Supporting Older Youth



Resource Parents Matter

How can resource parents help?

- Coach
- Advocate
- Networker
- Relationship Facilitator
- Supporter or Mentor





For information and program updates visit the Older Youth Initiatives webpage:

DCS Older Youth Initiatives Website:
<https://www.in.gov/dcs/older-youth-initiatives/>



Thank You



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Questions