



DCS OLDER YOUTH INITIATIVE TEAM

The DCS OYI team will ensure current and former foster youth have their essential needs met during the COVID-19 pandemic. DCS will support transitioned aged youth in the following areas:

1. Case management

- Parenting youth resources
- Unemployment resource: <https://www.in.gov/dwd/19.htm>
- Financial assistance
- Utilities and other essential needs.
- Provider resources: <https://fssabenefits.in.gov/bp/#/>
- Mental health support
- Education
 - Online courses, use of the Education and Training Voucher Program

2. Food assistance

- Increased financial support
- Additional resources:
 - <https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/5768.htm>
 - <https://www.indyhunger.org/find-help/>

3. Dorm displacement

- Contingency plan/alternative housing.
- Storage of belongings
- Moving

4. Technical support (Internet/Wi-Fi)

5. Housing

- Extended financial support through room and board and Collaborative Care
- Coordinated homeless youth organization for additional housing services.

6. Extended foster care services for re-entry youth

For further questions and help, email: OlderYouthQuestions@dcs.IN.gov

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