

Other Supportive Services & Initiatives

College Dorm Placement Program

The college dorm placement program is a placement setting for youth 18 and older, who are in foster care.

Education and Training Voucher Program

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program is a federally funded-administered program designed to provide financial and academic support to youth who have aged out of the foster care system and who are enrolled in an accredited college, university, and vocational training programs. Students may receive up to \$5,000 per academic year based on their cost of attendance. Youth may receive assistance up to the day before their 26th birthday or 5 consecutive years; whichever comes first.

Indiana Youth Advisory Board

DCS leadership board for youth in out of home foster care or who aged out of foster care at age 14 up to age 23.

Opportunity Passport

The opportunity passport is a financial literacy program with a matching savings account.

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Indiana's
John H. Chafee
Foster Care Program
for Successful
Transition to
Adulthood



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Older Youth Initiatives (OYI) is Indiana's program to help older foster youth transition to adulthood. OYI encompasses Older Youth Services (OYS), Transition to Successful Adulthood Services (TSA), Collaborative Care (CC) and Voluntary Services (VS). OYI programs and services assist current and former foster youth in the areas of housing, employment, education, physical and mental health, and financial education. OYI is designed as a continuum of care from ages 16 through 22.

Older Youth Services

OYS begins at age 16 and primarily focuses on developing independent living skills. OYS can be provided concurrently with other case plan goals such as reunification, guardianship, or adoption.

OYS Program Goals:

Activities of Daily Living

- ▶ Family Support
- ▶ Healthy Relationship Education
- ▶ Independent Living Assessment
- ▶ Independent Living Plan

Education

- ◆ Academic Support
- ◆ Post-Secondary Academic Support

Employment

- Career Preparation
- Employment Programs & Vocational Training

Financial and Asset Management

- ▶ Budget & Financial Management

Housing

- ◆ Housing Education
- ◆ Home Management Training

Physical and Mental Health

- Health Education
- Risk Prevention

Financial Assistance

- ▶ Concrete Support
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Emancipation of Goods and Services
- ▶ Room and Board
- ▶ Supervised Independent Living Placements

Case Management (Youth in Care)

- ◆ Case Planning
- ◆ Transition Planning
- ◆ Youth Court Report
- ◆ Youth Driven Child and Family Team
- ◆ Youth Bill of Rights

Youth Connections Program (Youth in Care)

- Adult Advocates and Support
- Normalcy
- Relational Permanency
- Social Capital

Transition to Successful Adulthood Services

TSA begins at age 17.5 for youths with case plans of Alternative Permanent Planned Living Arrangement (APPLA) who are expected to age out of foster care. It provides intensive independent living and transitional services to assist youth who are expected to age out of foster care.

Collaborative Care

CC begins at age 18 and provides extended foster care placement and supervision until age 21 while youths work on their successful-adulthood learning-plan goals.

Voluntary Services

VS provides after-care services to young adults ages 18 through 22 who aged out of foster care or whose cases closed because of guardianship or adoption at age 16 or older.