

Oregon Independent Living Program

List of Services and Eligibility Requirements

Youth Transition Services

ILP Skill Building

(Federally Funded)

Eligibility:

- Age **14** or older and in substitute care (DHS or Tribal), OR
- A former foster child who left child welfare substitute care placement at age 14 or older **and** had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.
- *Currently, only pilot sites are serving 14 & 15 year olds*

Services: Contracted out to local non-profits, for-profits, or Tribes.

- Daily Living Skills such as: self-determination, goal setting, healthy relationships, financial literacy, household maintenance, transportation, legal issues, health, community resources, housing options, personal hygiene, employment readiness, etc.
- Educational Assistance such as: homework assistance/study groups, college tours, financial aid/scholarship applications, etc.



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- Access using the Youth Transition Funds Request form (CE 78).

Services: Provided directly by DHS caseworkers

- Funds to assist a youth obtain items or services needed to meet his or her goals for transition and to provide age or developmentally appropriate activities, including driver's education course fees.

Education and Training Vouchers or Grants (ETV/ETG)

(Federally and Other Funds)

Eligibility:

- Age 14 or older and is in child welfare substitute care (DHS or Tribal), OR
- A former foster child who left a child welfare substitute care placement at age 14 or older and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.
- Youth with an adoption or guardianship finalized date of 9-1-2015 or after, and they were 13 years of age or older at the time of finalization.
- Youth may access the program for up to 5 years, or until the term prior to their 26th birthday, whichever comes first.
- Youth must complete and submit the Chafee ETG application
<http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx>

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Services: Provided by DHS in collaboration with Office of Student Access & Completion (*OSAC*) and FosterClub.

- Youth may receive **up to \$5,000** for the academic year. Amount is **based on need and funds available**.
 - Application is due on one of the following dates: August 1, November 1, February 1, May 1
 - Application is available at: <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx>
 - A base award of \$5,000 will be awarded by your postsecondary institution.
 - If additional funds are available and needed, a supplemental application must be submitted.
 - The application for additional funds is available at: www.FosterClub.com/ORhelp
- Youth must re-apply every year at: <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx>

IL Subsidy Program (ILSP)

(State General Funds, some Federal/Other)

Eligibility:

- Age 18 or older (Exceptions may be made for youth ages 16 or 17)
- In DHS care and custody
- Have a DHS approved plan consisting of 36 hours of activity per week (work, education, volunteer activities, or combination of the three)
- Has at least one prior substitute care placement
- Has approval of the court to participate
- If youth has not completed high school, must be actively working to achieve their educational goals.
- Youth must be enrolled for ILP skill building services or be actively engaged in an alternative skill building program which includes financial literacy and assistance with the monthly budgeting process.

Services: Provided directly by ODHS

- Youth may receive up to \$795 per month, to support a young person's transition to living independently.
- 30-month program, includes a quarterly step-down or gradual decrease of Subsidy beginning at month 13.

Chafee Housing Program

(Federally Funded, may include 100% State General Funds when necessary)

Eligibility:

- Age 18 or older, but not yet 24
- A young person who exited the child welfare system after their 18th birthday and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.
- If young adult has not completed high school, must be actively working to achieve their educational goals.
- Young Adult must be enrolled for ILP skill building services or be actively engaged in an alternative skill building program which includes financial literacy and assistance with the monthly budgeting process.

Services: Provided directly by ODHS



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- Young Adult may receive up to \$1,000 per month to live independently.
- Young Adult may access until one of the following occur:
 - Young adult accesses a maximum of \$12,000, or
 - Young adult reaches the age of 24, whichever occurs first.
- Please advise young adult that Chafee Housing services vary from state to state. They should make certain to check with a state prior to moving.

ILP services are available to foster care alumni that were discharged from care at age 14 or older. Youth can be returned home, in a guardianship, or living independently and still retain eligibility for ILP services.

To access services as an eligible foster care alumni, if the young person is a minor (ages 14 – 17) they will need to contact the DHS child welfare Hot Line (855.503.7233) and request “voluntary ILP services.” The youth will then be contacted by the local branch and go through the intake process. If the youth is under the age of 18, the parent(s) will need to sign the Voluntary Services request (form CF 304). If a young adult (age 18 – 22), the young adult may either request a “voluntary ILP services case” and can sign for themselves.

Young adults (ages 18 – 23) may request Aftercare Services. If a young adult wishes to access only ILP services (which may include Chafee Housing), without an open Child Welfare case or caseworker, they may do so by contacting their local ILP Provider directly. Please share the website below, containing the list of ILP Providers, with young people interested in Aftercare Services. All services end at age 24 – ETV may continue through age 25 (ends on 26th birthday, or until the youth accesses 5 years-worth of ETV awards).

Send questions to: ILP.Central@odhsoha.Oregon.gov

DHS Independent Living Program Website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/ILP/Pages/Index.aspx>

For details about Youth Transitions and ILP services see the DHS Procedure Manual (Chapter 5, Sections 15, 29 and 33) at:

https://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/Oregon-DHS-Child-Welfare-Procedure-Manual.pdf