



# Youth Transitions Programming 2025

Child Welfare

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# Independent Living Program Skill Building Services (ILP)

Eligibility: Age 14 or older and in substitute care, or a former foster child who left substitute care placement at age 14 or older and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.

\*Currently, services are available until a young person's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) SERVICES

EFFECTIVE 10.1.23

## 1 GROUPS (AGES 14-23)

Group-based skills workshops and experiential learning events (at least 90 minutes in duration) shall be provided monthly to allow for peer exposure and community building. Group events will rotate target populations monthly within a quarter (older population, younger population, and group outings/experiential learning in the community). Ongoing ILP services are not required to participate!



## 2 ILP SKILL BUILDING SERVICES (AGES 14-23)

ILP Skill Building Services (minimum of 60 minutes, one-on-one and in person) are to facilitate access to individualized services and supports across all independent living domains guided by the young person's transition plan goals or immediate needs. Contractor shall include the young person in determining the services to be provided. ILP services require the development of a YAS and YTP within 90 days of enrollment. Flex Funds are available as a means to promote engagement.

## 3 ILP PLUS (AGES 16-23)

ILP+ additional skill building activities are intended to support a young person that would benefit from more intensive skills training focused on developing internal assets and external resources, during a time of higher need or transition. Services can be provided in increments of 30 minutes (not to exceed 150 minutes/month).



## 4 LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (AGES 16-23)

Young people will be supported to access leadership activities, which allow them to develop their skills, work closely with others, share ideas and influence change. ILP skill building services will assist in preparing, supporting and debriefing the experience. Young people will be compensated for their time by being provided a leadership stipend.

## 5 ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS ONLY (AGES 14-23)

Engagement Efforts Only is a service type to support the Contractor's unsuccessful attempts to engage a young person in group or skill building activities within a given month.





## Youth Transitions Discretionary Funding

Provides funding for items, services, or extra-curricular activities that will help ILP eligible young people achieve the goals identified in their transition plan.

# Youth Transitions Discretionary Funding

Guidelines may include:

- Funding limits
- Time limits
- Completion of driver's education

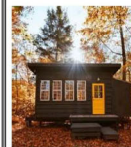
## Youth Transitions Funding Guidelines

Items, Services, or Extra-Curricular Activities that will help young people (age 14-23) achieve the goals identified in their transition plan while gaining life skills for a successful transition to adulthood



**Cell Phones** \$400 max per life of case **Monthly Service** \$400 max per life of case (up to 6 months of support, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment)

**Car Insurance** (with driver's ed completion only) \$1200 max per life of case (up to 6 months of coverage, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment) **Maintenance/Repairs** - \$250 max. per fiscal year



**Housing Start-Up Costs** (moving costs, household items, cleaning supplies, bedding, etc.)- \$1200 max (with furniture included) or \$800 max (without furniture) per life of case

**Bike, Skateboard, Longboard, etc.** - \$300 max every 24 months  
**Safety Equipment & Accessories** - \$150 max every 24 months



**Laptops** - \$350 max through junior year, \$500 max senior year and beyond \*Written educational recommendations are required for potential additional funding \*\*Laptops under warranty will be repaired or replaced as allowed \*\*\*Replacements are only available after 24 months and after warranty expiration

**Tutoring/Music Lessons** \*Written provider agreements are required



**Special Equipment** (tools, uniforms, work attire)







<https://www.whydriwewithed.com/find-a-provider/>

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## Free Driver Ed for Young Adults with Foster Care Experience



If you experienced Foster Care as an older teen (age 14+ and had at least 180 days of foster care after age 13), Driver Ed may be free for you. Oregon Department of Human Services has funding to pay the costs of your driver education class. You can pick any APPROVED provider and your caseworker or ILP Provider will make the arrangements.

### Why Driver Ed?


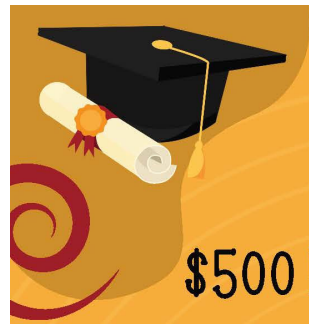
- Young people who complete the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved Driver Ed course have a 21% lower crash rate than young people who don't.
- Young people who take Driver Ed have a 57% lower rate of traffic convictions and can save up to 15% on car insurance.
- Young people who complete an ODOT approved Driver Ed course get to waive the Oregon DMV driver test to get their license.

**TALK TO YOUR CASEWORKER OR  
ILP PROVIDER TODAY!**



Find a Provider:  
[Why Drive With Ed](https://www.whydriwewithed.com/find-a-provider/)  
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## \$500 Education Incentive


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Young people in the custody of Child Welfare who  
earn their high school diploma or GED after  
October 1, 2022 will receive \$500

### How?

Caseworkers must upload the young person's diploma or GED  
into the OR-Kids file cabinet and update their education tab.  
Then they will submit notification with the young person's  
name, person # and the caseworker's branch address to  
[ILP.Central@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:ILP.Central@odhsoha.oregon.gov) using the subject line  
Education Incentive Verification.

\*Direct deposits are also available and encouraged.



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# Independent Living Housing Subsidy (aka Subsidy)

- Age 18+ (exceptions are required for 16 and 17-year-olds)
- Currently in the legal care and custody of ODHS Child Welfare (must have a previous substitute care placement)
- Court approval
- 36 hours of productive time activities per week (paid employment, school, volunteer activities or a combination of the three)
- High school graduate, GED or actively working towards educational goals
- Enrolled in ILP skill building services (including financial literacy)
- First 12 months - maximum monthly rate of \$1,022 (need based)
- Starting month 13 the rate gradually decreases for the next 18 months

# Chafee Housing Program

- ▶ Age 18+ but not yet 24
- ▶ Left ODHS or Tribal Child Welfare care and custody at age 18 or older (with at least 180 days of placement services after age 13)
- ▶ 36 hours of productive time activities per week (paid employment, school, volunteer activities or a combination of the three)
  - ▶ \*Requires at least 4 hours of paid employment
- ▶ High school graduate, GED or actively working towards educational goals
- ▶ Enrolled in ILP skill building services (including financial literacy)
- ▶ Maximum monthly rate of \$1,022 (need based)
- ▶ Maximum amount available before 24<sup>th</sup> birthday = \$12,000

# Transitional Living Programs (Youth Transitions TLP Contracts)

TLPs are a great option for young people preparing to leave foster care or those that have recently exited that aren't quite ready to launch into full independence.

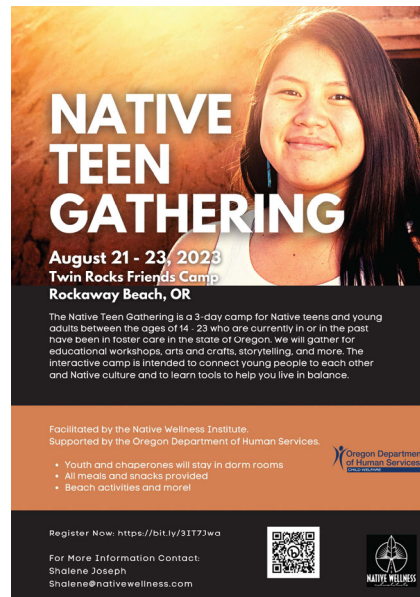
- New Meadows (14-unit apartment style TLP in Portland)
- Molalla House (4 rooms, 5 bed shared home arrangement TLP in Oregon City)
- Compass Complex (4-plex, (3) 2-bedroom unit TLP in Beaverton)

# Youth Transitions Sponsored Events

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# Chafee Education and Training Grant (ETG)

The Chafee ETG assists qualified young people with college, university or training program expenses. A student may receive up to a maximum of \$5,000 per academic year. The amount is based on need and funds available. Students must be accepted and enrolled in a post-secondary education or training program to receive funds. Students may access the program for up to five years, or prior to the term in which they turn 26-years-old, and they must reapply every year. Students must also complete and submit the Chafee ETG application, be making satisfactory progress and be considered in good academic standing.

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/chafee-education-and-training-grant/>



# Chafee Education and Training Grant (ETG)

## **Eligibility:**

Student is currently in Child Welfare custody, **or**

Student had experienced foster care for at least 180 days after their 13th birthday and exited substitute care at age 14 or older, **or**

Is a former foster youth who was adopted or entered a guardianship on or after their 13th birthday, and their adoption/guardianship finalized after 9/1/2015

# Oregon Tuition & Fee Waiver Program

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**Eligibility:** Students 16 or older in substitute care and custody through Child Welfare or one of the federally recognized Tribes in Oregon **or**

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Students who were in care and custody for 6+ months prior to adoption finalization on or after January 1, 2012 **or**

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A student who exited Child Welfare or Tribal custody at age 16+ and experienced at least 6+ months of foster care while in custody and between 14-21 years of age.

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The student must be receiving funds before age 25. If the student is receiving funds at age 25, those funds can continue until the student accesses the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.

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<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/foster-youth/>

# Oregon Tuition & Fee Waiver Program

## Process:

The student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year to apply

Youth Transitions partners with OSAC for determining eligibility. OSAC notifies participating schools identified on the student's FAFSA.

Each school will notify the student of their tuition and fee waiver eligibility and amount, if any. Before determining a need for the waiver, schools will use:

- A student's Federal Grants (PELL, SEOG),
- Oregon Opportunity Grant, and
- Other school aid.



▶ THANK YOU

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<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition/Pages/default.aspx>