

Available ILP services for a former foster child
with a Family Support Services Case Plan
and
eligibility requirements for specific services

ILP Skill Building

- Who is eligible:
 1. Former foster child was in substitute care (through child welfare or a tribe) for at least 180 accumulative days after the 14th birthday.
- What services are provided:
 1. Daily living Skills (including money management, household maintenance, transportation, legal issues, health, community resources, housing options, personal hygiene and employment readiness)
 2. Educational assistance (including tutoring, homework/study groups, college tours and financial aid/scholarship applications)

ILP Discretionary funds

- Who is eligible:
 1. Former foster child must be eligible for ILP skill building services listed above; and
 2. Former foster child must have an open YILP service (the intent is that funds are to go hand-in-hand with ILP skills building):
 - a. Generally the YILP services will be provided when an individual is receiving ILP skill building services from a contracted provider; but
 - b. If the individual is on a waiting list for contracted ILP skill building services, the branch may open a non-paid YILP service and apply to access ILP discretionary funds, if the caseworker is providing transition services for the former foster child.
- What services are provided:
 1. Caseworkers may access a small amount of discretionary funds to assist a former foster child to obtain items or services needed to meet their goals for transition. Refer to Chapter IV, Youth Transitions, for more detail.

Education and training vouchers (ETVs)

- Who is eligible:
 1. Former foster child must be in the program and must have started using ETV funds before the age of 21; and

2. Former foster child was in substitute care (through child welfare or a tribe) for at least 180 accumulative days after the 14th birthday; or
 3. Former foster child was adopted after the age of 16.
- What services are provided:
 1. Child Welfare, in collaboration with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, provide assistance with:
 - a. Up to \$5,000 per academic year, based on need.
 2. In order to receive funds, the former foster child must be accepted or enrolled in a postsecondary education or training program.
 - Remember there are two ways to access ETVs:
 1. If the **only** service a former foster child under the age of 21 wants to access is the ETV program:
 - a. Instead of opening a family support services case, refer the individual directly to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission web site at www.osac.state.or.us/chafeeetv.html.
 - b. The Central Office ILP staff also can assist with questions the former foster child may have.
 2. ETV funds for education/training need to start being used before the former foster child's 21st birthday.
 - a. If, by the age of 20 years and 6 months, a former foster child has not started using funds, the caseworker and former foster child will have to work quickly to use assistance. Use CF 78A.
 - b. The Central Office ILP staff can provide advice to caseworkers when these circumstances occur.
 3. The caseworker uses the CF78A, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Request.

Chafee Housing Program:

- Who is eligible:
 1. **All** of the following must apply for a former foster child to be eligible.
 - The former foster child was in substitute care for at least 180 days after his or her 14th birthday;
 - The individual is age 18 or older, but not yet 21;
 - The individual exited substitute care and custody (through child welfare or a tribe) on or after his or her 18th birthday;
 - The individual is involved in 40 hours of activity per week (work, education or a combination of the two, which **must** include at least four hours of paid employment);
 - If the former foster child has not completed high school, he or she must be actively working to complete high school or obtain a GED;

- The former foster child must be enrolled in ILP skill building services; and
 - The individual cannot live with a biological or legal parent.
2. The ILP Program Coordinator can authorize an exception to these criteria in certain circumstances. Contact the ILP Program Coordinator directly if you have questions about eligibility.
- What services are available:
 1. Child Welfare can provide an amount up to the regular adolescent foster care rate (currently \$497) per month for the former foster child to live independently, for a maximum of \$6,000, or until the former foster child reaches age 21, whichever comes first.
 - Additional issues about Chafee Housing:
 1. Advise the former foster child that Chafee Housing services vary from state to state. Therefore, if the former foster child is planning to move out of state and continue accessing this housing assistance, the former foster child should check with the other state prior to moving to determine if he or she will be eligible.

Independent Living Subsidy Program (ILSP):

A former foster child is not eligible for the Independent Living Subsidy Program.

The only youths eligible for this service are those currently in the care and custody of the department, not a former foster child.

However, a youth in the care and custody of the department through a Voluntary Custody Agreement (for a short-term crisis), Voluntary Placement Agreement (due to a child's special needs), or court-ordered placement for a pre-adjudicated delinquent is not appropriate for referral to the Independent Living Subsidy Program.