Oregon Independent Living Program

List of Services and Eligibility Requirements

ILP Skill Building

(Federally Funded)

Eligibility:

- Age ***16** or older and in substitute care (DHS or Tribal), OR
- A former foster child who left child welfare substitute care placement at age 16 or older, with at least 180 days (six months) of placement services after age 14.

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

- Daily Living Skills such as: money management, household maintenance, transportation, legal issues, health, community resources, housing options, personal hygiene, employment readiness
- Educational Assistance such as: tutoring, homework/study groups, college tours, financial aid/scholarship applications

***Note:** While youth may not be referred to an ILP Contractor until age 16, this does not relieve DHS of the requirement to assist those youth ages 14 and 15 years old to craft a transition plan and gain the life skills necessary to prepare for adulthood and self-sufficiency. DHS should use community resources to assist youth with skills (e.g. foster parents, Boys & Girls clubs, 4-H, etc.)*

ILP Discretionary Funds

(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 16 or older, with at least 180 days (six months) of placement services after age 14.
- Access using the Youth Transition Funds Request form (CE 78).

Services: Provided directly by DHS caseworkers

- Small amount of discretionary 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.

Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)

(Federally Funded)

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 16 or older, with at least 180 days (six months) of foster care placement services after age 14.
- Youth must be on the program prior to age 21
- If youth are receiving services at age 21, can continue to receive until 23rd birthday.

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

- Youth may receive up to **$3,500** per academic year (up to $5,000 if age 21 or older). Amount is based on need.

Youth must be accepted/enrolled in a postsecondary education or training program in order to receive funds (application available at: http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx)

Note: Youth may not access both the ETV funds and Chafee Housing funds at the same time. However, if Room & Board is not included in a school's cost of attendance, then the youth may be able to simultaneously access both programs.

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IL Subsidy Program (ILSP)

(State General Funds, some federal/other)

Eligibility:

- Age 16 or older
- In DHS care and custody
- 40 hours of activity per week (work, education, or combination of the two)
- 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 complete high school or obtain a GED.
- Youth must be enrolled for ILP skill building services.
- Youth cannot live with biological or legal parent(s).

Services: Provided directly by DHS

- Youth may receive up to $600 per month to live independently for a maximum of one year.

Chafee Housing Program

(Federally Funded)

Eligibility:

- Age 18 or older, but not yet 21
- A former foster child who left a child welfare substitute care placement at age 18 or older, with at least 180 days (six months) of foster care placement services after age 14.
- 40 hours of activity per week (work, education, or combination of the two – must include at least 4 hours of paid employment)
- If youth has not completed high school, must be actively working to complete high school or obtain a GED.
- Youth must be enrolled for ILP skill building services.
- Youth cannot live with biological or legal parent(s).

Services: Provided directly by DHS

- Youth may receive up to $600 per month to live independently, for a maximum of $6,000 or age 21, whichever comes first.
- Please advise youth that Chafee Housing services vary from state to state. They should make certain to check with a state prior to moving.

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ILP services are available to former foster youth that were discharged from care at age 16 or older with at least 180 days (six months) of foster care placement services after age 14. Youth can be returned home, in a guardianship, or living independently and still retain eligibility for some ILP services. The ILP Housing services are the only ILP services a former foster youth will lose if discharged after age 16 and prior to age 18 (with 180 days of care).

To access services as a former foster youth, the youth will need to go to the local DHS child welfare office and request "voluntary services." The youth will then 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 – 20), the youth can sign for themselves. All services end at age 21 – ETV may be an exception.

For details about Youth Transitions and ILP services see the DHS Procedure Manual (Chapter 4, Sections 29 and 33) at:
http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/index.html &

DHS Independent Living Program Website
http://cms.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/pages/ind_living/ilp.aspx