Aftercare Services

Two Types of Aftercare Services:

Short-Term Independent Living Aftercare Services (Up to 6 Months*):

Eligibility

For youth that left foster care after their 18th birthday and have not reached the age of 21 or; youth that have exited foster care via adoption or guardianship after their 16th birthday

Types of Services:

- Financial Assistance;
- Life Skills Classes;
- Temporary Assistance with utilities, room, and board;
- Counseling;
- Educational Services;
- Employment Assistance;
- Medical Assistance;
- Other appropriate services to assist with self-sufficiency.

Enhanced Aftercare Services:

Eligibility

Only for Maryland foster youth that left foster care after their 18th birthday and have not reached the age of 20 and 6 months

Types of Services:

- Enter into a Voluntary Placement Service Agreement
- Placement Services
- Case Management
- Monthly Visitation with Case Management
- Service Planning

May be extended based on case-by-case circumstances.

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Maryland Youth Launching Initiatives For Empowerment!

Web Links

Use: www.MDConnectMYLIFE.org for updates, news, and information on everything (including):

- To get the link to your **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- To Learn **MORE** about these services and Advocacy Events
- Find your local **Department of Social Services**
- Stay in touch with us and your local **Independent Living Coordinator(s)**
- Information regarding **Summer Youth Employment Programs** in your area
- Use: **www.MDgo4it.org** for additional information and to apply for the **Maryland Tuition Waiver.**
- Use: **www.statevoucher.org** for additional information and to apply to receive the **Education Training Voucher.**

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Annual Notice of Benefits

Here's what you Need to Know:

Benefits for Youth - Ages 13 to 21 Leaving Foster Care

I'm Leaving Foster Care, What Benefits May I Be Eligible To Receive?

There are several ways that you can exit foster care. You can exit foster care through reunification, guardianship, adoption or becoming independent. This brochure highlights some benefits and resources that you may be eligible to receive when you leave foster care at various stages. Take a look at what we've identified:

Youth: Ages 13-15

- A foster youth may be eligible for the **Maryland Tuition Waiver*** if after age 13 was adopted or placed into guardianship.

**Some services may require additional steps or documentation.*

Youth: Ages 16-17

- A foster youth may be eligible for the **Maryland Tuition Waiver*** if the youth was in foster care at the time the youth graduated from high school or completed a GED program or who after age 13 was adopted or placed into guardianship.
- **The Education Training Voucher (ETV)*** provides financial assistance to youth for their educational/ vocational expenses. This service is for youth who were adopted or in guardianship but can only be accessed after age 16.
- And if you **EXIT** to Adoption or Guardianship, then you may be eligible for **Short-Term Independent Living Aftercare Services** but only after age 18.

Youth: Ages 18-21

- A foster youth may be eligible for the **Maryland Tuition Waiver*** if the youth was in foster care at the time the youth graduated from high school or completed a GED program or who after age 13 was adopted or placed into guardianship. The waiver only applies to public universities and colleges within the state of Maryland.
- **Education Training Voucher (ETV)** provides financial assistance to youth for their educational/ vocational expenses, and applies to youth that have exited foster care after 18 but have not reached the age 21;
- **Medical Insurance Coverage** until 26 years old;
- Eligible for **Independent Living Aftercare Services** or **Enhanced Aftercare Voluntary Placement Service Agreement**.
- **Housing Services:**

  AIRS/Empire Homes: Transitional Housing Program for young adults 18-24.
  Website: http://www.airshome.org

Hope Forward Inc.
"Connects transitioning and former foster youth ages 17-25 to housing, employment, educational and mental health resources and supportive individuals and networks."

Website: http://www.hope-forward.org/

Hotlines:

Maryland Youth Crisis Line: 1-800- 422-0009

Maryland Non-Emergency Line: 3-1-1

To Find MD Resources: 2-1-1 or 1-800-332-6347

Suicide Hotline: 301-864-7130

Homeless Hotline: 1-888-731-0999

Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-332-6347

Youth Helpline: 1-800-555-1345

National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-RUNAWAY

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FOR HELP, QUESTIONS, OR TO APPLY FOR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CASE WORKER OR YOUR INDEPENDENT LIVING COORDINATOR.

**Some services may be extended based on certain circumstances.*