

SUPPORTING YOUTH

Beyond

PERMANENCY



Youth who experienced foster care at age 16 or older and achieved permanency through adoption or kinship guardianship are eligible for the following services starting at age 18:



Opportunity Passport Program (OPP)



Indiana Youth Advisory Board (IYAB)



Housing Choice Vouchers

- Foster Youth to Independence Program (FYI)
- Family Unification Program (FUP Youth)



Voluntary Services (Level 2)

- Older Youth Services Case Management
- Emancipation Goods and Services



Post-Secondary Education Funding:

- Education and Training Voucher (ETV)
- Pell Grants
 - Youth who were in foster care, a ward of the court or obtained legal guardianship at age 13 years or older are considered an “independent student” if they answer yes to this question on the FAFSA.
- 21st Century Scholars
 - Youth eligibility for 21st Century with a foster care designation require that youth be in foster care in grade 7 or later.

Please visit [DCS: Older Youth Initiatives](#) for additional information on the programs and services listed above. Please reach out to your [Independent Living Specialist](#) or call 1-800-800-5556 for questions regarding eligibility and getting youth connected to services. If you have questions about older youth services, please email the Older Youth Initiatives Team: OlderYouthQuestions@dcs.IN.gov.