



Alabama

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<p>21</p> <p>DHR policy allows youth to remain in foster care beyond age 18, until age 21 if it is in their best interest. This decision is made on a case-by-case basis by the child and family planning team.</p> <p>The youth must agree with remaining in custody.</p> <p>As youth over age 18 are not eligible for Title IV-E payments, the cost of maintenance comes out of state funds.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Alabama law allows the Family Court to exercise jurisdiction over dependent children until their 21st birthday if the juvenile was adjudicated dependent prior to their 18th birthday.</p> <p>As long as the teen is in the legal custody of the department, they continue to have permanency hearings every 12 months.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>If a youth ages out of care on or after their 18th birthday, they have the option of returning to care</p>	<p>Foster Home</p>	<p>As long as a teen is in a foster care placement, the foster parent receives the board payment.</p> <p>All youth who are expected to be in foster care as of their 18th birthday are eligible for independent living services. ILP funds can be used for certain expenses, but the cost of Medicaid, room & board are borne by Alabama.</p>	<p>No state Tuition Waiver program.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$625,790 (2006 data)</p> <p>Those youth in DHR custody who attend college and reside on campus are required to pay tuition, dormitory & cafeteria fees out of student grants, but if they return to the foster home or group home on holidays and during the summer, Alabama pays for the days they are actually in these placements.</p>	<p>No information provided.</p>

Alaska

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<p>21</p> <p>If in school and in approved placement.</p> <p>or if there are special needs connected to the youth.</p> <p>Youth may remain in care until age 19, without the consent of the youth, and age 20 with the youth's consent; under both conditions it must be in the best interest of the youth.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>If a youth remains in custody after age 18, they remain under the courts control. They continue to have reviews and are asked to participate in the process.</p> <p>Under special conditions, youth were allowed to remain in custody until their 21st birthday if they were in agreement with the idea of remaining in custody.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>After a youth leaves state custody, they are unable to return if they are 18 or older.</p> <p>They can receive services through the Chafee Independent Living Program, but those resources are limited.</p>	<p>Foster Home</p>	<p>If a youth remains in custody, the foster parent receives foster care payments.</p> <p>One-time crisis housing and assistance with rent for up to four months with a maximum amount not to exceed \$5000 (100% of first and second month, 50% of third month and 25% of 4th month's rent).</p> <p>At present, alumni are able to access about \$3,000 that can be used for rent, employment needs, or initial furniture needs.</p> <p>Independent living funds are available to youth currently in Office of Children's Services who were in OCS custody on or after their 16th birthday (and in out-of-home care for six consecutive months) and are not yet 21.</p>	<p>The University of Alaska, in partnership with the Office of Children's Services, provides five, full-tuition waivers per year to eligible foster youth and former foster youth.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$176,099 (2006 data)</p> <p>Currently, you cannot stay on campus over the summer break unless enrolled in summer classes. Legislation has been proposed to address this issue.</p>	<p>Alaska's Youth Advisory Board: Facing Foster Care in Alaska (FFCA)</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>Voluntary agreement made at age 18.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>There is no legal involvement after age 18.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Youth who leave care at age 18 or older may voluntarily return to care at any time before their 21st birthday.</p>	<p>Foster Home</p> <p>A foster parent may agree to allow a youth to remain in their home as a "boarder", where the youth receives their IL Subsidy, and pays a portion for room and board to the foster parent.</p> <p>Youth may also board in the homes of relatives, friends, etc. All living arrangements must be reviewed and approved by the assigned case manager.</p>	<p>A foster parent may continue to receive the foster care maintenance payment as long as their license and contract allow</p> <p>The Independent Living Subsidy Program (ILSP) is a placement type where a youth may receive a stipend for living expenses. Current maximum is \$715/month. This is available until the 21st birthday, as long as the youth has participated in developing (and participating in) a case plan that demonstrates acceptance of personal responsibility, and is designed to result in self-sufficiency for that youth.</p>	<p>Arizona State University offers free tuition to youth from low-income families (ASU Advantage Program)</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$850,853 (2006 data)</p> <p>Staff work with youth to identify resources for breaks; most often youth with an on-going positive relationship with foster parents return to those homes, or may go stay with a relative, etc.</p> <p>Our state universities and community college systems have been opening dorms year-round to accommodate students who have no where to go on breaks (students from out of state, out of country, foster youth or others who have no place to go.)</p>	<p>Arizona Youth Advisory Board which is comprised of current and former foster youth.</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>If in high school or GED program; in a 1-year work experience program upon graduation from high school or GED program; or enrolled in post-secondary education program</p> <p>On or before their 18th birthday, the youth signs a voluntary agreement to remain in care</p> <p>23 (if the youth completes one year of college by the age of 21 and remains enrolled in college; does not apply to the vocational programs – cut off at 21)</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Courts have no role in legal arrangement since youth enter into an agreement with state. 90 day case plans are agreed upon by social worker and the youth.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The youth can return to care as long as they were in care on their 18th birthday and before their 21st birthday. The youth are interviewed and it is made clear that the purpose of re-entry is to either obtain education or work skills for successful transition into adulthood.</p>	<p>If the youth is in high school or a GED program, he or she remains in a foster home, group home or independent living within a foster family where he or she has responsibilities such as rent payments, etc to get experience necessary for independent living until completion of high school or GED program and up to the age of 21</p> <p>Youth in a "One-year work experience program" where for 1 year following high school graduation or GED can be involved in</p>	<p>If in foster home: a small stipend is provided to the youth to pay for utilities or rent in order to give the youth the opportunity to learn financial responsibility; the rest of foster care maintenance payment is paid to the foster family</p> <p>If in dorm: assistance is provided for meals (if not on college meal plan), telephone, some transportation, some spending money (room and board, tuition and fees paid directly to college).</p> <p>If youth are in independent living in own apartment, they receive a larger stipend for all food, transportation, rent to certain</p>	<p>Youth's post-secondary expenses are completely covered by the state after the first \$500 for which the youth are responsible. Youth are encouraged to concentrate on education only their first year in college, however after that, youth are encouraged to find simultaneous employment and save for the future.</p> <p>Two pupil personnel specialists assigned to DCF concentrate on working with all youth ages 14 and above to get them through secondary education and into post-secondary education. These specialists arrange for youth to have contacts with tutoring groups and other academic support services for youths in college. Every youth who enters college gets a laptop paid for by DCF.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$651,234 (2006 data)</p> <p>During summer breaks and holidays, youth can return to foster home (foster parents paid for days spent at home),</p>	<p>Youth advisory board is very active and has direct input and influence over department policies concerning such youth. Five of the last seven department policies have been designed and recommended by the youth themselves. The board is active in peer mentoring Youth advisory board travels to group homes to mentor and inform youth of their rights and resources.</p> <p>Medical coverage is also provided to the age of 21. Youth who remain in voluntary placement until 23 receive medical coverage until that time.</p>



Hawaii

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<p>18 (in rare cases up to 20)</p> <p>A youth may remain in foster for the duration of high school. This is usually up to age 18, but can go up to 20 [rarely 21], as long as the youth is continuing in school as sanctioned by the Department of Education.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Our child protection act, Chapter 587 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) specifies the range for court involvement through the definition of "child" as a person who is born alive and is less than 18 years of age. In general, custody of a 'child' is terminated by/at the time they reach age 18.</p> <p>Jurisdiction and court oversight may be continued until age 19, without an extension of custody.</p> <p>Actual statute: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol12_Ch0501-0588/HRS0587</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Hawaii does not have provisions for foster care extended past age 18, unless the child is attending high school. If the 18+ were still in high school we try to facilitate a placement.</p>	<p>Foster Home</p>	<p>A youth age 18 or older living in a foster home, the foster care maintenance payment goes to the foster parent</p> <p>The IL program does not provide direct financial assistance, except in the form of limited housing/rental support [planned or emergency</p> <p>This will provide information about various programs & services: http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/ILP</p>	<p>No state waiver program</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$205,915 (2006 data)</p> <p>The Department is unable to make accommodations for youth on holiday breaks -- youth under age 18 would return to a foster home; over 18 would be on their own to stay with former foster parent, friends, or other connections or resources.</p>	<p>Hawaii Foster Youth Coalition</p>



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<p>21</p> <p>Youth who are in high school and making a concerted effort to graduate may be maintained in care by the courts beyond age 18, as well as, youth who have been accepted into housing services through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services and are awaiting placement.</p> <p>Or working at least 35 hours a week</p>	<p>DEPENDS</p> <p>The court must approve the continued placement. It's rare that cases remain open unless the youth hasn't finished high school or has some other type of developmental delays.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Youth must meet eligibility requirements to re-enter care under the Older Youth in Foster Care Program.</p> <p>http://www.in.gov/dcs/2530.htm</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Chafee Voluntary Independent Living programs (section 11.7 of the Independent Living policy)</p> <p>http://www.in.gov/dcs/2530.htm</p>	<p>Foster parent will receive the monthly stipend</p> <p>Funding information not provided.</p>	<p>Foster youth are eligible for the 21st Century Scholars program which covers full tuition at an Indiana college or university. This program requires the youth to apply during the 7th or 8th grade; however, foster youth may apply with an appeal to the program and are usually accepted after that time if their parents failed to assist them in applying during the 7th or 8th grade</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$1,014,535 (2006 data)</p> <p>It varies by youth; some return to foster parents; others work with the voluntary IL provider to arrange housing or host home agreements</p>	<p>Indiana has a statewide Youth Advisory Board with membership from each of the 18 regions.</p>



Iowa

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<p>20</p> <p>Youth in Iowa may, on a voluntary basis, choose to stay in foster care past the age of 18 if they are still attending high school, working towards a high school diploma, or working on obtaining their GED.</p> <p>If they so choose, they must sign a voluntary placement agreement.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The court would still remain involved (i.e., court review)</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>A youth can return provided they are still working on their high school education/GED</p> <p>They can remain in care up to the age of 20 and would receive maintenance payment for their care and services as needed</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>For system youth (youth court-ordered into foster care) we do have a Supervised Apt Living foster care placement for youth 16 and older</p>	<p>Foster parent receives payment</p> <p>They receive a stipend of approx. \$575 per month (same as maintenance payment for youth)</p>	<p>If they graduate from high school prior to age 18 and start college, they could still be in foster care. However, once they turn 18, their case would be closed.</p> <p>100% state funded All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care grant program (with a total funding of \$500,000 per yr)</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$790,434 (2006 data)</p> <p>Some youth go back to former foster family, some go home to bio family, some stay in their own apt, and some can stay in dorm - additionally some just go home with friends</p>	<p>None provided.</p>



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<p>21</p> <p>Consent for continued placement must be acquired prior to the youth's 18th birthday.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>If the youth doesn't request release and isn't adopted, jurisdiction continues until discharge by the court. Discharge by court prior to 21 is based on the court's determination that continued jurisdiction is no longer in the youth's best interest.</p> <p>The majority of youth request release from custody at 18.</p> <p>Youth 18 and over who have been in care continue to be eligible for services and benefits whether the court has jurisdiction or not. Youth are provided information about how to access these services and relevant time limits.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>If a youth, at 18, requests in writing to be released, jurisdiction ends and, since the youth is over 18, may not be reinstated.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Transitional living placement</p> <p>Other arrangement determined by the court.</p>	<p>Foster parent would continue to receive payment.</p> <p>Independent living subsidy is available to eligible youth, either on a monthly basis or as a one-time payment for start up costs. Other assistance may be available for costs associated with the services.</p>	<p>State law provides for a waiver of tuition and fees for eligible youth, either on or off campus.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$558,987 (2006 data)</p> <p>During holidays, youth in college, can coordinate housing options with their IL worker or foster family, if they maintained a relationship with them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Assistance with funds to provide clothing for interviews, uniforms, etc; -Transportation for education or employment purposes; -Adult education classes; -College Classes/Credits prior to completion of secondary education; -Expenses related to mentors -Assistance with post secondary education and/or certified training; -Medical Card Extension Program; -Medical Policies, prescriptions & medical services (Not to be used for youth eligible for Medical Card Extension Program) -Youth Leadership training and opportunities



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<p>21</p> <p>Youth must extend their commitment.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>They have to go to the courts, and have the judge sign off on a "contract" stating the child is remaining in care. And once they exit the child they have to make the judge aware.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>They have up till 6 months after they turn 18 to decide if they would like to return to care or not.</p>	<p>Foster homes</p> <p>Transitional living</p> <p>Independent Living Apartments</p>	<p>Foster parents receive payments.</p> <p>No information provided.</p>	<p>No state tuition waiver.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$665,049 (2006 data)</p> <p>Most youth usually return to the foster homes, if they have not extended there commitment and they are currently not in our care, they usually decide where they want to go.</p>	<p>We have Room and board, which any former foster youth can go to the local Private Child care agencies and ask to be accepted.</p> <p>We have a mentoring program for children in our care at age 15 or older. We have life skills classes, where the child 16/17 have the chance to be a classroom type setting and learn some life skills, such as money management, education, employment, and etc. They do receive a stipend of 250.00 if they complete the whole curriculum.</p>

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<p>22 (in some cases, youth can remain in care until the age of 23)</p> <p>If the youth reach the age of 18 but would like to remain in care, they can enter into a voluntary agreement with DCF to remain in care until their 22nd birthday.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Courts have no role in this as the youth are of age and able to sign a legal agreement to remain in care.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Youth are able to re-enter care as long as they have not reached the age of 22, even if they voluntarily exited at age 18.</p>	<p>Foster home,</p> <p>Independent living program</p> <p>Live with relatives</p> <p>Independent apartment or dorm</p>	<p>If youth live with foster parent(s) or in an independent living program), maintenance payments are made to foster parents or the independent living programs.</p> <p>Monthly foster care maintenance payments are paid directly to the youth who live independently in an apartment of their own or in a dorm. A social worker usually takes the payments to such youth in order to check in with them and assess how they are doing.</p> <p>Youth receive quarterly clothing checks and birthday and holiday checks.</p>	<p>State College Tuition and Fee Waiver Program</p> <p>Foster Child Grant Program</p> <p>William Warrant Scholarship</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$1,005,443 (2006 data)</p> <p>“Home for the Holidays” program, which provides youth with a foster family for the holiday/break times when the dorms are closed</p>	<p>Outreach to help youth develop independent living skills</p> <p>Assist the youth in creating life-long connections to adults through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) mentoring programs; b) family finding program which uses the internet to find people the youth identify as important in their lives; c) and family group conferencing, which allows for increased information and involvement of all those interested in the youth's success

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<p>21</p> <p>Foster youth sign a voluntary placement agreement once they turn 18 and if they wish to remain in care. County can retain legal custody of youth up to age 19 if they are a full-time student</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>No involvement past 18.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Youth are able to re-enter care as long as they were "wards of the state" and have not reached the age of 21, even if they voluntarily exited at age 18. Youths whose parental rights were not terminated, cannot re-enter care.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Group Residential Housing (GRH)</p> <p>Independent living</p> <p>Transitional housing setting (only one county currently has a transitional housing program, the rest simply refer their youth to community non-profit programs).</p> <p>The majority of youth enrolled in post-secondary institutions rent their own apartments.</p>	<p>Foster care maintenance payments continue to be made to foster parents.</p> <p>If the youths' cases are closed and they are referred to transitional housing run by a community non-profit, no payments are made to the program.</p> <p>No stipends for living expenses.</p>	<p>Foster youth who are orphans or wardens of the state are also eligible for a \$2,000 Minnesota State Grant paid directly to the post-secondary education.</p> <p>Foster youth can request waivers from Minnesota's public colleges (this is sometimes granted only for the first year).</p> <p>ETV funding: \$625,702 (2006)</p> <p>Youth who are enrolled in a post-secondary institution have to return to their foster homes or find another living arrangement for the summer/holiday breaks.</p> <p>For additional info, contact Jill Von Holtum at (651) 431-4663 or via e-mail at jill.von.holtum@state.mn.us</p>	<p>Support for the Emancipation and Living Functionally (SELF) fund pays for youth transition planning targeted to teach youth who are either likely to age out of foster care or adopted after 16 independent living skills. For more info, contact Claire Hill (contact info above)</p> <p>Rental assistance and/or transitional services from 24 statewide community-based programs serving youths ages 16+ who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless and have been in care since the age of 16. For more info on this program, contact Kathleen Hiniker at (651) 431-4707</p> <p>Youth Corner website provides access to statewide community resources for youth including housing, education, jobs, money management, etc. For more info, go to http://youth.minnesotahelp.info/resourcenavigator/</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>Youth can remain in care past 18 if youth desires, if the youth is in school, it's court-ordered, or if it is determined it's in the youth's best interest.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>When youth turn 18, they can petition court to be released if they want to be released.</p> <p>If not asking to be released and the family support team (which includes the youth) decides that youth should remain in care, then a recommendation is made to court to extend care. As soon as they turn 21, they are released.</p> <p>When in care, still wards of the court.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Once youth decides to leave care after 18th birthday, they cannot return.</p> <p>But, they can receive After Care services through Chafee funds.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>If in college, they can do Independent Living</p> <p>Other living arrangements include transitional living, & relative care</p>	<p>If in foster home, they are afforded same benefits as all foster youth. Maintenance payments go to foster parent.</p> <p>If in independent living, the youth receives maintenance payments directly, which include clothing vouchers and medical vouchers.</p>	<p>No State tuition waivers</p> <p>B.E.L.I.E.V.E (Bringing Educational Leadership by Investing and Expecting Victory in Every Child) – this program allows businesses to sponsor foster youth by setting up an account to save for college tuition tax free for up to \$8000/child/year. However a lot of businesses do not utilize this program.</p> <p>A+ program → a lot of youth aren't eligible for this because of strict attendance requirements</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$890,200 (2006 data)</p> <p>Living arrangements during the holidays depends on schools – some schools stay open for international and foster youth. Others don't. This has become an issue - Some youth return to previous foster homes, if they'll take them back or contact caseworker for assistance. Others choose to live in an apartment and avoid this problem.</p>	<p>Only issue is transportation policy → Current law allows reimbursement to foster parents for taking youth to see their siblings. Foster youth living independently are not covered - they are not reimbursed for the transportation costs of visiting siblings. State is working on changing that.</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>When a youth turns 18 they can voluntarily keep themselves in the foster care system.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>There is no court involvement with youth after the age 18, unless the youth needs a guardian due to a disability. In that case those youth are transferred to Aging and Long Term Services and are no longer involved with the family court system.</p> <p>Currently, youth who age out of New Mexico's foster care system are dismissed from the legal case at age 18.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>After 18, youth cannot return to care, however they can choose to work with social services on a voluntary basis.</p>	<p>Youth can remain in their foster homes</p> <p>Transitional Living programs</p> <p>Housing Pilot program</p>	<p>Foster care maintenance payments are made to the foster parent. The youth and the foster parent often arrange for an allowance.</p> <p>Youth don't stay in CYFD's legal custody after 18. However, if youth want to voluntarily work with CYFD between 18-21 years of age, they may receive a CYFD maintenance check that would normally go to the foster parent.</p>	<p>The Lottery Scholarship- have to be a New Mexico resident and meet eligibility criteria</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$206,090 (2006 data)</p> <p>No formal programs for youth who attend college and need housing during breaks, most youth make arrangements on their own either to return to their former foster homes or alternate arrangements.</p>	<p>Information not provided.</p>

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<p>21</p> <p>When a foster youth turns 18 they can leave care or they can consent to remain in care, but they must be in school, college, or vocational/technical training.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The Family Court maintains jurisdiction, meaning that 18 to 21-year olds are still considered "wards" of the state (NY CLS Family Ct Act § 1055, 2007). The Court continues to hold annual permanency hearings to monitor the youth's progress.</p>	<p>DEPENDS</p> <p>The only time a youth (older than 18) can re-enter care is if they are on a "trial discharge" and they are in need of services.</p> <p>Youth older than 18 with a status of final discharge cannot return to care, although some agencies may provide assistance to these youth at their own discretion.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>College dorm, if the youth is attending college</p> <p>Supervised Independent Living Programs</p>	<p>Foster parents continue to receive a monthly maintenance payment for the youth who remain in care past their 18th birthday.</p> <p>In the case that a youth is attending college, foster care maintenance payments are made directly to the college or university for room and board.</p> <p>Youth participating in Independent Living Housing Programs, monthly maintenance payment goes to program</p> <p>Youth who attend independent living workshops provided by their supervising agency receive a small monthly stipend</p>	<p>No state waiver programs.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$2,620,762 (2006 data)</p> <p>If a foster youth attends college during school breaks that youth may return to his or her previous foster home. (During the break period the foster home receives payment for the days that the youth was there.)</p> <p>Youth who do not have a foster home to return to are an issue that NY is addressing.</p>	<p>Supervision until 21- In NY, a youth who chooses to leave care after turning 18 is still eligible to receive services such as financial, housing, counseling, employment and education assistance until they turn 21. The youth does not re-enter care.</p> <p>A youth older than 18 years old can be adopted, as long as the youth consents, termination of parental rights does not need to occur.</p>



North Dakota

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<p>21</p> <p>Providing they are residing in a family foster home, and they are in the process of completing their high school education, or are attending an Institution of Higher Education.</p> <p>Continuation in foster care must be with the youth's express and informed written consent and can be terminated at the youth's discretion.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>The court is no longer involved after the youth turns 18 years old.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>No re-entry permitted.</p>	<p>Foster home</p>	<p>Foster care payments continue to the foster family. This is available for our youth who have been in North Dakota family foster care a minimum of six months where a relationship has been established, and who have agreed to remain in the same family foster care home.</p> <p>The youth is eligible for independent Living programming through their regional IL coordinator. This includes individual assistance, classes, assessments, youth groups, flex funds and room and board flex funds.</p>	<p>The state has looked at tuition waivers and extending foster care maintenance payments to support living costs of these youth. Nothing has passed through the ND legislature at this point.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$116,379 (2006 data)</p> <p>Youth return to the foster home. Otherwise the youth would rely on bio family, friends, and possibly former foster parents that they have not continued an official relationship with by signing themselves into care.</p>	<p>None provided.</p>



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<p>21</p> <p>If youth has not finished high school or GED program.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>The youth's court case is dismissed at age 18.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>If a youth has exited care without completing requirements for a high school diploma or without obtaining a GED, they may return on a voluntary basis and if a placement is available. They may remain in care on a voluntary basis until they have completed their high school education or GED or until age 21 whichever comes first.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Several non-profits operate transitional living programs for exiting youth and youth can be referred to these programs.</p> <p>Oklahoma utilized Chafee funds to pay for two 4 bed homes (one male one female) that can provide beds for youth ages 18-21.</p>	<p>Foster parent gets the maintenance payment</p> <p>Oklahoma provides youth development funds made available through Chafee that can assist with deposits/rent/utilities. Youth can access these funds for six months between the ages of 18 and 21.</p>	<p>State House Bill No. 2452- provides tuition waivers. The waivers are for undergraduate resident tuition at institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and, resident tuition for enrollment in post secondary programs of the area vocation-technical districts. Students will be eligible until they earn a baccalaureate degree of program certificate or until age 26, whichever comes first.</p> <p>Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program offered through the State Regents for Higher Education. Foster youth are enrolled in the program during their 8th, 9th, or 10th grade year. Youth must be an academic and behavioral criteria to access the funds when they begin college. Funds can provide up to \$3000 per year.</p> <p>There are two non-profits that offer scholarships for Oklahoma foster youth.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$1,033,160 (2006 data)</p> <p>Many of the youth return to a foster parent that has become a permanency connection for them. Some colleges allow students to remain in the dorms for an extra cost. Chafee funds are utilized to support this extra housing and meal expense if the student remains on campus.</p>	<p>The Youth Advisory Boards</p> <p>Yes I Can Network where youth 18-21 can call a toll free number to request resources services. The Network can provide telephone case management or if indicated provided face to face case management.</p> <p>Youth Development Funds are available to assist the youth in areas that support housing, education, employment, health, life skills and permanent connections.</p>



Oregon

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<p>21</p> <p>If working on completing HS or GED or in an IEP; or the case is reviewed by the Branch Manager and approved as an exception.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>The court must determine if the placement is in the youth's best interest. Court continue reviews.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Youth cannot return to care once dismissed from care/custody at age 18 or older.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Chafee Housing for former foster youth who aged out of care at 18 or older. Both provide a stipend up to \$512 per month. Subsidy is a one year (12 month) program. Chafee Housing is until the youth accesses \$6,000 or turns age 21, whichever comes first.</p> <p>Oregon does not have any buildings specifically for ILP youth. A few community partners have transitional living programs that our youth can access.</p>	<p>Payments go to the foster parent.</p> <p>Subsidy Program is considered a form of substitute care, payment goes directly to the youth.</p>	<p>House Bill 2431 provides Oregon's foster children tuition assistance at Oregon Colleges and Universities. To learn about other educational assistance available for youth in care visit: www.fyi3.com/geteducated/OR</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$932,170 (2006 data)</p> <p>Some return to prior foster home if able, others have some family, and yet others stay with friends. Some may attempt to access the Chafee Housing Program.</p>	<p>The Youth Advisory Boards</p>



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<p>22</p> <p>Youth can remain in care to age 22 to complete high school and age 21 to complete a GED or vocational training program.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>Texas extends care for youth up to age 22 to complete educational goals, but court jurisdiction does not extend past age 18. Texas child welfare has the ability to retain the youth but must meet eligibility requirements. All of this is done without court oversight, so legal advocates cannot guarantee the youth is receiving the services to which they are entitled.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Effective September 2007, the Return to Care Program allows certain eligible youth 18 to 20 years of age who have aged out of the foster care system to return to care in order to attend high school or GED course (up to age 22), attend a vocational or technical program (up to age 21).</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Independent living housing options are very limited.</p>	<p>Foster parent receives the payment</p> <p>The state does not currently have the resources to establish such programs.</p>	<p>Preparation for Adult Living (PAL / Chafee) services include educational supports to youth as well, such as graduation items, tutoring, mentoring, etc. There is a great deal of useful information on The Texas Higher Education Board website www.theceb.org as well as our own youth website www.texasyouthconnection.org under the education tab at the top of the home page,</p> <p>the college for Texans website also has a wealth of information, along with detailed info re tuition fee waivers for young people who've aged out of care, www.collegefortexans.org.</p> <p>TUITION FEE WAIVER exempt from the payment of tuition and fees at a Texas state supported institution of higher education, there are eligibility rules for the waiver</p> <p>TEXAS GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE (TGC) TGC on People with Disabilities' Web site includes scholarship information available for students with disabilities.</p>	<p>Statewide Youth Leadership Council (Youth Advisory Board):</p> <p>There are currently 10 transition centers operating around the state of Texas. Transition Centers provide a central clearinghouse for many partners/providers to serve the diverse needs of older youth, ages 14-25 who are in the process of aging out or who have aged out of foster care.</p> <p>Texas Youth Commission-Workforce</p> <p>TEXAS YOUTH HOTLINE is a resource for youth who are under 21 years of age, including those who have aged out of the foster care system. 1-800-210-2278</p> <p>TEXAS YOUTH CONNECTION website, designed with input from youth is a resource for youth in the foster care system, alumni of foster care or for youth seeking general tips and information. www.texasyouthconnection.org</p>

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					<p>http://www.governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/localcom/files/scholarship.doc</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$2,697,269 (2006 data)</p> <p>Texas Return to Care Program allows youth to return on a break or a technical or vocational program for at least one month but no more than 4 months</p>	<p>YOUTH AND ALUMNI LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. Transition Centers are able to provide services to young people up to 25 years of age. They engage alumni in a range of activities and opportunities for growth, connection and fun. Additionally, there is now a Texas state chapter of the Foster Care Alumni Assn with local groups expanding around the state.</p> <p>TRANSITIONAL MEDICAID / STAR HEALTH Provides continuous medical coverage to persons age 18 to 21 who have aged out any state's foster care / custody at 18 years of age or older, must meet other eligibility.</p>



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<p>21</p> <p>Youth must be enrolled in an educational or vocational program and agree to participate in the Independent Living Program.</p>	<p>DEPENDS</p> <p>The Court may continue to keep the case on the docket in order to review the case.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>If the youth decides to leave, he/she can return to resume IL services as long as he/she returns before 60 days of discontinuance of services.</p>	<p>Foster home</p> <p>Apartment or other approved independent living arrangement</p> <p>There are a few localities that have independent living housing program.</p>	<p>The foster parent continues to receive the payment.</p> <p>Youth receives a monthly stipend which is CSA (Comprehensive Services Act) funding not Chafee funding.</p>	<p>No state waiver program.</p> <p>There are grants for tuition and fees at Virginia community colleges for a Virginia resident who has received a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) certificate and was in foster care or in the custody of the Department of Social Services or is considered a special needs adoption at the time such diploma or certificate was awarded.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$685,772 (2006 data)</p> <p>The youth may return to their previous foster home or placement, or the social worker will assist in making arrangements for the youth.</p>	<p>Virginia Youth Advisory Council (VYAC).</p>



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<p>19</p> <p>If enrolled in high school or high school completion program.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Our youth are only able to remain in care if they will complete high school by the end of the school year. This extension is court ordered.</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>They may not return to care. They may receive some transition services through the Wisconsin's Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.</p>	<p>Foster Home</p>	<p>Until they graduate from high school payments continue to go to the foster parents.</p> <p>Youth do not receive an ongoing stipend. Some counties provide partial/limited funding for things like room and board, insurance, transportation, etc. depending on need and the youth's IL Transition Plan goals.</p>	<p>No state waivers programs.</p> <p>Two colleges offer special scholarships for former foster youth.</p> <p>ETV Funding: \$668,109 (2006 data)</p> <p>Most return to their biological, foster families or friend's homes.</p>	<p>None provided.</p>