

# Resource Guide for Older Youth With a Foster Care Experience

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<p><b>Youth In Transition (YIT)</b></p> <p>See FOM 950</p>	<p>A youth who has been placed in a MDHHS supervised eligible foster care or juvenile justice placement after his/her 14th birthday, and meets all other criteria, is eligible for YIT until his/her 21st birthday</p> <p>Eligible placements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Licensed foster home</li> <li>➤ Relative provider home</li> <li>➤ Group home</li> <li>➤ Emergency shelter</li> <li>➤ Child Caring institutions</li> <li>➤ Independent living and supported independent living placements</li> </ul>	<p>YIT assists with the transition from foster care to independence. Funds may be used to provide services that are not available from other funding sources or agencies. All expenditures must support the youth in achieving self-sufficiency and must be documented in the youth's service plan.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Education</li> <li>➤ Vocational/employment Training</li> <li>➤ Independent Living Training</li> <li>➤ Housing</li> <li>➤ Start Up Goods</li> <li>➤ Medical and Mental Health needs</li> <li>➤ Parenting</li> <li>➤ Transportation</li> <li>➤ Mentoring and Family Connections</li> </ul>	<p>Open case: YIT is accessed through the assigned foster care or juvenile justice caseworker.</p> <p>If a youth with an open case moves to a placement in another county or state, the county/state of origin must fund identified Independent Living services and YIT expenses while the case is open.</p> <p>Closed case: A youth whose case is closed, and met all the eligibility criteria for YIT during the time he/she was under MDHHS supervision, is eligible for YIT if currently between the ages of 18 and 21. In some cases a 16 or 17-year-old youth with a closed case may be eligible.</p> <p>YIT is accessed through the local MDHHS office in the county in which youth resides.</p> <p>A youth who has a closed foster care or juvenile justice case but was eligible for YIT-funded services while the case was open, is eligible for YIT funding <b><i>in a new county or state to which he/she moves</i></b>. The county or state in which the youth currently resides is responsible for providing closed case YIT services regardless of the county or state in which the foster care or juvenile justice case was open.</p> <p>For more information visit: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/fyit">http://www.michigan.gov/fyit</a></p> <p>For questions regarding FOM-950 contact: <a href="mailto:MDHHS-YouthinTransition@michigan.gov">MDHHS-YouthinTransition@michigan.gov</a></p>

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<p><b>Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI)</b></p>	<p>Youth who have been in foster care on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, are currently age 14-20, and are eligible for YIT funding are eligible to participate in MYOI.</p>	<p>The goal of MYOI is to ensure that young people transitioning or who have transitioned from foster care have successful outcomes in housing, education, employment, community engagement and health.</p> <p>The MYOI youth meet monthly in their individual counties and participate in classes ranging from leadership, media, and communication skills, including how to strategically share their story and present on panels. Training opportunities provided to youth encompass asset purchases, life skills, and preparation for adulthood including, housing, employment, education, health and community engagement.</p> <p>Youth earn a stipend for participation in various events and meetings. The stipends assist youth to save money in their Individual Development Account (IDA) started by the county MYOI coordinator.</p> <p>MYOI can match the IDA funds for purchase of an asset, such as a car or first month's rent and security deposit.</p>	<p><u>Counties Currently Participating:</u> Alcona/Alpena/Montmorency, Allegan/Barry, Antrim/Charlevoix/Emmet, Bay/Arenac, Berrien, Calhoun/Branch, Cass/St. Joseph, Clinton/Eaton, Crawford/Otsego/Oscoda, Delta/Dickinson/Menominee/Marquette, Genesee, Gogebic/Ontonagon, Grand Traverse/Leelanau/Kalkaska, Hillsdale, Huron/Lapeer/Tuscola, Ingham, Ionia/Montcalm, Isabella/Clare, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake/Newaygo, Livingston, Macomb, Mecosta/Osceola, Midland/Gladwin, Monroe/Lenawee, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, Shiawassee/Gratiot, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne</p> <p>Contact your local MDHHS office for more information and visit: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/fyit">http://www.michigan.gov/fyit</a></p> <p><b>Note: MYOI is not currently available in all counties. Counties with MYOI programs enroll youth based on available resources and cannot accommodate all eligible youth.</b></p>

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<p><b>Education Planners</b></p>	<p>A referral can be made for youth 14 and older with an open foster care case.</p>	<p>Education planners provide one-on-one assistance to youth in foster care and act as a liaison between the child welfare system and the education system.</p> <p>Education planners are available to MDHHS, private agencies and school systems to conduct presentations and training on policy requirements and specific educational needs of older youth in care.</p> <p>Education planners may offer assistance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Developing short and long term education goals.</li> <li>•School enrollment and record transfer.</li> <li>•Maintaining a youth in the school of origin.</li> <li>•Figuring out transportation to school.</li> <li>•Special Education advocacy.</li> <li>•College/vocational preparation and enrollment.</li> </ul>	<p>Education planners are available in many counties throughout Michigan. Referrals are made by the assigned MDHHS or private agency foster care caseworker. Contact your local MDHHS office for more information or visit:</p> <p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,4585,7-240-44289_45022-296562--_00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/fyit/0,4585,7-240-44289_45022-296562--_00.html</a></p>
<p><b>Michigan Works! Agencies</b></p> <p>See FOM 970</p>	<p>All youth ages 14 and older that are in foster care and do not have a goal of reunification must be referred to the local Michigan Works! Agencies</p>	<p>Services offered may include: tutoring, summer employment, study skills, paid/unpaid work experiences, occupational skills training, support services and leadership development. Please note that not all Michigan Works! Agencies offer all services and ages for eligibility may differ.</p>	<p>Referrals are made by the assigned foster care caseworker.</p> <p>Michigan Works! Agencies Phone: 800-285-WORKS (9675)</p>

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<b>Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)</b>	Individuals ages 17 and older with various disabilities seeking employment.	Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) works with eligible customers and employers to achieve quality employee outcomes and independence for individuals with disabilities. MRS works in partnership with individuals to prepare them for competitive employment.	Offices are located throughout the State of Michigan. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5453_25392---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5453_25392---,00.html</a>  or call: 800-605-6722.
<b>Post-Adoption/ Guardianship Services</b>	Youth 21 years of age or younger who were adopted from Michigan's foster care system, or who were adopted in Michigan through an international or direct consent/direct placement adoption or who are eligible for guardianship assistance through MDHHS Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office and their families who need case management services, education, training, advocacy, information and/or coordination of community services and/or family or community support.	Services Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Short-term emergency in-home interventions for families in crisis or at risk of dissolution of adoption/guardianship.</li> <li>➤ Information and referral to appropriate community services.</li> <li>➤ Liaisons for adoptive/guardian families with community services.</li> <li>➤ Support groups for adoptive/guardianship families and children.</li> <li>➤ Educational seminars for adoptive/guardian families.</li> <li>➤ Website with resources and relevant topics and a quarterly newsletter.</li> </ul>	Families desiring services can contact the agency servicing the area where the family currently resides:  Region 1 Serving the Upper Peninsula U.P. Kids 906-281-3276 <a href="http://www.upkids.com">www.upkids.com</a>  Region 2 Serving Upper Northern Michigan Bethany Christian Services 231-995-0870 <a href="http://www.bethany.org">www.bethany.org</a>  Region 3 Serving Mid-Michigan Bethany Christian Services 231-924-3390 <a href="http://www.postadoptionrc.org">www.postadoptionrc.org</a>  Region 4 Bethany Christian Services Serving Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa and Van Buren counties 616-224-7476 <a href="http://www.postadoptionrc.org">www.postadoptionrc.org</a>

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<b>Post Adoption/ Guardianship Services cont.</b>	See above.	See above.	<p>             Region 5 Center              Judson Center              Serving: Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston, Kalamazoo, Calhoun,              Jackson, Washtenaw, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and              Monroe.              734-794-2988  <a href="http://www.parc-judson.org">www.parc-judson.org</a> </p> <p>             Region 6 Center              Judson Center              Serving: Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair              810-732-8510 or 810-732-8510 Ext. 25401  <a href="http://www.parc-judson.org">www.parc-judson.org</a> </p> <p>             Region 7              Serving Oakland and Macomb counties              Orchards Children’s Services              877-441-4017              313-530-9746  <a href="http://www.parc-orchards.org">www.parc-orchards.org</a> </p> <p>             Region 8              Serving Wayne County              Orchards Children’s Services              877-441-4017              313-530-9746  <a href="http://www.parc-orchards.org">www.parc-orchards.org</a> </p>

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<p><b>Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC)</b></p> <p>See FOM 722-16 and FOM 902-21</p>	<p>YAVFC is available to youth who were in out-of-home placement at the age of 18 after being referred or committed to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for care and supervision. Youth requesting to participate in YAVFC must meet either of the following criteria:</p> <p><b>Extending an open foster care case:</b> The youth is currently receiving foster care services and is at least 18 years old, but less than 21 years old.</p> <p><b>Entering/Re-entering YAVFC after case closure:</b> The youth exited foster care/YAVFC after reaching 18 years old, but is less than 21 years old.</p>	<p>Youth can receive an extension of foster care services and receive foster care maintenance payments. Youth will receive a monthly stipend if in independent living.</p> <p>Youth will receive monthly caseworker visits and continued services, including assistance with developing independent living skills.</p> <p>YAVFC youth may reside in a licensed foster home, licensed child care institution, or approved setting in which the individual is living independently.</p> <p>Foster care maintenance payments are available for youth who are parents, as well as payment for the youth's child, if that child is living or placed with the youth in the same home or child caring institution.</p> <p>Payments may be made for the child, regardless of whether or not the child is a court ward or under the care and supervision of MDHHS; see FOM 902-21, Youth Parent.</p>	<p>Youth should contact their current (or previous, if case is closed) foster care caseworker or their local MDHHS office.</p> <p>The option of YAVFC must be discussed during the Semi-Annual Transition Meeting, 90-Day Discharge Planning Meeting, and at least 30 calendar days prior to the youth's 18th birthday, as a part of a monthly home visit.</p> <p>For questions regarding FOM 722-16 contact:  <a href="mailto:MDHHS-YAVFC@michigan.gov">MDHHS-YAVFC@michigan.gov</a></p> <p>For questions regarding FOM 902-21 contact:  <a href="mailto:MDHHS-FederalComplianceDivision@michigan.gov">MDHHS-FederalComplianceDivision@michigan.gov</a></p> <p><b>Note: State wards are committed to the Michigan Children's Institute until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and cannot enter YAVFC until age 19 or are discharged early by MCI</b></p>

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<b>Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) cont.</b>	<p>Youth must be actively completing high school or a program leading to a general equivalency diploma (GED), enrolled at least part-time in a college, university, vocational program, or trade school, employed either full or part-time or participating in a program that promotes employment, volunteering for a community organization, or Incapable of the above educational, employment, or volunteer activities due to a documented medical condition.</p> <p>Married youth are ineligible.</p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p><b><i>Note: Youth must live in the state of Michigan at the time of entry/re-entry in YAVFC. If a youth participating in YAVFC subsequently temporarily relocates to another state to attend college, there must be an in-person visit once a month with the assigned caseworker, unless an approved ICPC agreement exists between the states. If a youth changes their permanent residence to another state, they are no longer eligible to participate in YAVFC.</i></b></p>



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<p><b>Continued Foster Care Services to Youth Over Age 18 Not Participating In Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC)</b></p> <p>See FOM 902, FOM 901-8, FOM 903-08 and FOM 722-03C</p>	<p>The court may continue jurisdiction of a temporary court ward or MCI ward until his/her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. These youth are considered dependent on MDHHS for placement and planning.</p> <p>However, in order to receive Title IV-E funds after age 18, youth must be a full-time student in high school or equivalent vocational/technical training program and must be expected to complete the program before age 19.</p> <p>Other funding may be available, such as County Child Care, Limited Term and State Ward Board and Care (for MCI wards) if eligibility requirements are met.</p>	<p>Temporary court wards and MCI wards not participating in Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care may remain in foster care and continue to receive payments and services until age 20, either in family foster care or independent living.</p> <p>Only the foster family age appropriate rate or the independent living allowance is paid. There is no payment of placement agency foster care (PAFC) administrative rates, or determination of care (DOC) supplements.</p>	<p>Assigned foster care caseworker will continue to service the case.</p>

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<p><b>Affordable Care Act; Foster Care Transitional Medicaid (FCTMA)</b></p> <p>See FOM 803 and DHS-Pub-93 (Rev. 10-16)</p>	<p>Youth who exit foster care at age 18 or older may be eligible for Foster Care Transitional Medicaid (FCTMA) once the foster care Medicaid case is closed.</p> <p>For FCTMA eligibility the youth must be between 18-26 years of age and placed in an out-of-home foster care placement under the supervision of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) or tribal court at the time of his/her 18th birthday.</p>	<p>Provides medical, dental, and mental health services covered under a Medicaid Health Plan.</p> <p>Begins at age 18 or older for eligible youth who exited foster care after age 18 and is available until age 26.</p>	<p>Medicaid information is required as part of the 90-day discharge planning. Caseworker completes <b>DHS-57, Foster Care Transitional Medicaid Referral</b> form at time of eligible youth's exit from foster care to facilitate a timely and seamless transition from foster care Medicaid to FCTMA.</p> <p>Eligible former foster youth who have exited foster care without FCTMA activation, will need to apply for health care coverage (FCTMA) by either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online at <a href="http://www.mibridges.michigan.gov/access/">www.mibridges.michigan.gov/access/</a> or</li> <li>• At the youth's current local county MDHHS office.</li> </ul> <p>For further information contact: MDHHS Foster Care Health Analyst 517-335-0988</p>
<p><b>Extension of Adoption/ Guardianship Assistance</b></p> <p>See AAM 631 and GDM 716</p>	<p>Adoption/ Guardianship assistance may continue until the age of 21, if the adoption or guardianship was effective on or after the youth's 16th birthday and the youth meets eligibility for either the young adult adoption or guardianship assistance extension program.</p>	<p><b>The DHS-1339, Young Adult Adoption Assistance Extension Application</b>, and DHS-628-YA, Young Adult Extension Notice, letter will be mailed to the adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian (if adoptive parent(s) is/are deceased) no later than 60 calendar days prior to the youth's 18th birthday. The letter will explain that the adoption assistance payments will end when the adoptee reaches age 18 unless an extension agreement is in place</p>	<p>For Adoption Assistance Extension questions, call 517-335-3399.</p> <p>For Guardianship Assistance Extension questions, call 517-241-6570 or 517-373-3981.</p>

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<p><b>Extension of Adoption/ Guardianship Assistance cont.</b></p>	<p>Youth who are eligible for a Title IV-E-funded young adult adoption assistance extension are categorically eligible for Medicaid during the extension period.</p> <p>Medicaid is not continued for adoptees over age 18 who are eligible for a non-title IV-E funded young adult adoption assistance extension, unless determined eligible for continuation by the MDHHS Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office.</p> <p>Youth eligible for the Guardianship Assistance Extension Program are eligible for Medicaid during the extension period.</p> <p>Youth who are or have been in an eligible foster care placement on or after their 14th</p>	<p>and will include an explanation of the eligibility, application and documentation required.</p> <p><b>The DHS-1339G, Young Adult Guardianship Assistance Extension Application</b>, and the DHS-628-G, Young Adult Guardianship Extension Notice, will be mailed to the guardians no later than 90 calendar days prior to the youth's 18th birthday.</p> <p><b>The DHS-628-G, Young Adult Guardianship Extension Notice</b>, must also be sent to the court holding jurisdiction over the guardianship no later than 90 calendar days prior to the youth's 18th birthday. The DHS-628-G, Young Adult Guardianship Extension Notice, informs the court that the youth may be eligible for an extension and asks the court to keep the guardianship case open for 120 calendar days following the youth's 18th birthday or when they receive notification from the MDHHS Adoption and Guardianship Assistance Office using the DHS-1392, Notice of Young Adult Guardianship Assistance Denial form, whichever is sooner, unless the court determines that</p>	<p>See above.</p> <p><b>Note: If approved for an extension, the DHS-3313-YA, Young Adult Guardianship Assistance Extension Agreement, will be mailed to the court informing them that the case has been extended and not to dismiss the guardianship order.</b></p>

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<p><b>Education and Training Voucher (ETV)</b></p> <p>See FOM 960</p>	<p>birthday. If the youth was adopted or had a guardian appointed, <b>the adoption or guardianship must have occurred on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.</b> Youth who meet this criteria are eligible for ETV even after the foster care case is closed. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Youth must be participating in the ETV program on or before their 21st birthday to remain eligible until their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Must attend an accredited college, university or training program at least half-time, including out-of-state institutions. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.</p>	<p>continuation of the guardianship is not in the youth's best interest.* Chafee Educational and Training Program provides resources to meet educational and training needs of youth aging out of care.</p> <p>The amount awarded to a youth is dependent on the availability of federal and state funds, but will never exceed \$5,000 in a year. The total possible amount is split in two separate awards and distributed in two separate semesters.</p> <p>Students must complete the FAFSA application.</p> <p>In addition to covering tuition expenses, funds can be used for expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Housing</li> <li>➤ Computer</li> <li>➤ Vehicle/repairs</li> <li>➤ Furniture</li> <li>➤ Medical/Dental or Utility Bills</li> </ul> <p>See policy for allowable expenses and additional requirements.</p>	<p>For further information and to apply contact:</p> <p>Samaritas Attn: ETV 729 W. Michigan Ave, Suite 200 Jackson, MI 49201</p> <p>877-660-METV (6388)</p> <p>877-433-6927 for Detroit Residents</p> <p>Or visit: <a href="https://mietv.samaritas.org">https://mietv.samaritas.org</a></p>

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<b>Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)</b>	<p>Must have had Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive-month period, anytime within the period prior to the youth's 12th birthday through high school graduation, as identified by MDHHS.</p> <p>Must graduate high school or obtain a GED prior to age 20.</p>	<p>Phase I covers tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students enrolled in a credit-based associate degree or certificate program at a participating Michigan community colleges and universities, federal tribally-controlled colleges or Focus Hope.</p> <p>Phase II provides a maximum of \$2,000 total tuition assistance for credits earned in a four-year program at an in-state, degree granting college or university.</p> <p><b><i>A youth may receive a Pell grant, Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) and ETV funds at the same time.</i></b></p>	<p>Visit: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/ssg">www.michigan.gov/ssg</a></p> <p>Or call TIP, Student Scholarships and Grants at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687)</p>

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<b>College Scholarships for Youth with a Foster Care Experience*</b>	<b>Time required in foster care varies. See below.</b>	<b>Financial Support for higher education varies. See below.</b>	<b>See below.</b>
Casey Family Scholars Program	Must have been in foster care 12 consecutive months prior to 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday or orphaned at least one year prior to 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday. If adoption or guardianship occurred, must have been after age 16. Must be accepted into a Pell eligible school.	Scholarships range from \$1500-\$6000 and are awarded for the pursuit of post-secondary education, including vocational/technical training and are renewable each year.	For more information visit: <a href="http://www.fc2success.org/programs/casey-family-scholars">http://www.fc2success.org/programs/casey-family-scholars</a>
Fostering Futures Scholarship	Must have been in foster care in Michigan after age 13 and must attend a college in Michigan.	Provides sliding cap scholarships. Can only be used for tuition, fees, room/board, books, and supplies/equipment required for enrollment.	For more information visit: <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/setwithmet/0,4666,7-237-61346---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/setwithmet/0,4666,7-237-61346---,00.html</a>

\*There are numerous scholarships and campus support programs available to youth who spent time in foster. For a complete list visit:

<http://www.michigan.gov/fvit/0,4585,7-240-44289---,00.html> and

<http://fosteringssuccessmichigan.com/>



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