

Supreme Court Children's Commission

Financial and Other Supports Available to Youth Who Exit DFPS Conservatorship

	SERVICES or RESOURCES AVAILABLE AFTER CASE CLOSURE OR POST AGE 18 FOR THOSE WHO AGED OUT	EDUCATION RESOURCES	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILY	ADTL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LEGAL SERVICES	MEDICAID OR OTHER TYPE OF SERVICE INCLUDED	PREPARATION FOR ADULT LIVING (PAL) TRANSITIONAL LIVING ALLOWANCE	PREPARATION FOR ADULT LIVING (PAL) AFTERCARE ROOM AND BOARD	EXTENDED FOSTER CARE
PMC to Relative or Fictive Kin (without PCA)	Community resources.	State college tuition and fee waiver	Post PMC payment of \$500/year for three years. Must meet income requirements to receive payments.	None	May qualify for Medicaid or CHIP; must apply on their own, income sensitive.			
Adoption	<p>Post adoption services(Non-DFPS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information &amp; referral,</li> <li>counseling,</li> <li>respite,</li> <li>funds case management</li> <li>parent support groups,</li> <li>residential treatment (up to 1 year),</li> <li>24-hour crisis intervention</li> </ul> <p><i>*Based on funding availability.</i></p>	<p>State College Tuition and Fee Waiver</p> <p>Education and Training Voucher if PMC w/ PCA age 16+</p>	<p>Basic (up to \$400/mo)</p> <p>Moderate, Specialized, and Intense (up to \$545/mo.)</p>	\$1,200 non-recurring expense for legal fees	<p>Traditional Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical/Dental</li> <li>Eye care</li> <li>DME</li> <li>Psychiatric/Behavioral Health</li> <li>Medical Transport</li> </ul> <p><i>*If move to another state Medicaid follows (except five states).</i></p>			
PMC with PCA	Family to seek out and apply for community resources.	<p>State College Tuition Waiver</p> <p>Education and Training Voucher if PMC w/ PCA age 16+</p>	<p>Basic (up to \$400/mo)</p> <p>Moderate, Specialized, and Intense (up to \$545/mo.)</p>	DFPS picks up all legal fees but can be eligible for travel reimbursement for legal.	<p>Traditional Medicaid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical/Dental</li> <li>Eye care</li> <li>DME</li> <li>Psychiatric or Behavioral Health</li> <li>Medical Transport</li> </ul>			

Family Reunification (with parent - with or without TPR)	Community resources	SOME youth might qualify for state college tuition and fee waiver BUT DFPS and HECB MUST FIRST DEVELOP RULES	None	None	May qualify for Medicaid or CHIP; must apply on their own, income sensitive.			
Age Out	<p>Extended Foster Care-must age out of foster care at 18 (federal)</p> <p>Driver license fee waiver until age 21 if in paid CPS care at the time of application.</p> <p>Employment preference with state agencies until the day before 26<sup>th</sup> birthday</p> <p>Preparation for Adult Living services-if in paid DFPS care at 16 and aged out of DFPS paid care at age 18.</p>	<p>State college Tuition and Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if the youth graduates from high school or receives a GED while in CVS;</li> <li>in CVS day before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.</li> </ul> <p>Education and Training Voucher until age 21</p>	None		<p>Medicaid coverage- There are two separate healthcare programs based on age:</p> <p><b>Ages 18 through 25 – Former Foster Care Children Program.</b> To be eligible for this program, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 through 25;</li> <li>Have been in Texas foster care on his or her 18th birthday or older;</li> <li>Be receiving Medicaid when he or she aged out of Texas foster care; and</li> <li>Be a US citizen or have a qualified alien status, such as a green card.</li> </ul> <p>There are no income, asset, or educational requirements to qualify for this program.</p> <p><b>Ages 18 through 20 – Medicaid for Transitioning Foster Care</b></p>	<p>The maximum amount of the allowance must not exceed the criteria as referenced below for eligible youth. Any youth meeting one or more of the categories specified below is eligible for the maximum payment in the highest category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$500 total for a youth who enters the Job Corps or a branch of the United States armed forces; or</li> <li>\$500 total for a youth who is in or is moving to a supervised or semi-supervised living arrangement in which room and board expenses are funded from another source. The funds may be used for independent living needs or adaptive equipment or devices as needed; or</li> <li>\$1,000 total for a youth who is</li> </ul>	<p>PAL Aftercare Room and Board assistance is not an automatic benefit, but should be provided to any eligible youth who shows a need for emergency or stabilizing assistance in the transition from foster care to adulthood. Allowable expenditures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rent deposits;</li> <li>rent payments;</li> <li>utility deposits;</li> <li>utility payments (electric, gas, water, phone);</li> <li>food;</li> <li>residential housing deposits or payments at college (there cannot be duplication of funds from another source, such as ETV funds); and</li> <li>financial compensation up to \$350 per month to host homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face-to-face Monthly</li> <li>Assistance with information about other transitional living services or other support services as needed</li> <li>Quarterly contact with the caregiver, unless more frequent contact is needed or requested</li> <li>Service Planning</li> <li>Transition Planning</li> <li>Circles of Support or Transition Plan meetings, as appropriate</li> <li>Identification of caring adults in the young adult's life</li> </ul>

					<p><b>Youth</b> is available for former foster youth who are under the age of 21 and who are not eligible for the Former Foster Care Children program because the youth did not receive Medicaid at the time he/she aged out of care. A youth eligible for this program is covered by STAR Health. To be eligible for this program, the youth must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 through 20;</li> <li>• Have been in Texas foster care on his or her 18th birthday or older;</li> <li>• Not have other health coverage;</li> <li>• Meet program rules for income; and</li> <li>• Be a US citizen or have a qualified alien status, such as a green card.</li> </ul> <p>It is not necessary for a court to extend jurisdiction beyond age 18 for this coverage to apply.</p>	<p>moving into a living situation that requires the youth to pay rent or contribute financially toward rent. The amount of participant's rent or contribution must be evidenced by a written agreement between the participant and the landlord; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000 total for a youth who is attending school or college, or is receiving vocational or pre-vocational training services other than Job Corps or a branch of the United States armed forces.</li> </ul>		
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If the student has another status besides lawful permanent resident, the caseworker consults with the regional attorney to determine whether the status is a qualified alien status. Students must show proof of U.S. citizenship or qualified alien status when applying for the ETV program.