

Benefits of a Permanent Family

| Resources that Become Available for a Permanent Family | Age at Adoption or Guardianship | DHS Resources that Become <u>Unavailable</u> upon Leaving Foster Care |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family to teach the child daily living skills, build character, instill morals, provide a home for the holidays, connect their teen with acquaintances for job options, provide occasional daycare when their child/young adult becomes a parent...all things a family provides their children to usher them into adulthood successfully. • Adoption or Guardianship subsidy may be available (including a Medical Card). See Adoption website for details: http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/adoption/Pages/index.aspx . • Adoption or Guardianship subsidy may be available to age 21 if, at age 18 the child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Qualifies as an individual with a developmental disability ➤ Qualifies for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • No prior approval from DHS required to: take your child out of state, on over-night camping trips, have friends sleep over, allow your child to stay at a friend’s house, etc. • Oregon Promise (at least \$1,000 per academic year, see website for eligibility criteria at: http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise-eligibility-and-highlights.aspx). • FosterClub membership is available to any child or youth who has experienced foster care at some point in his or her life (see www.fosterclub.com for more information). • Some tax incentives exist, check with your Adoption worker for details or your tax consultant. Another good place for information is www.nacac.org. | <p>0 – 12</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff and supports who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to his or her 26th birthday). • If a child leaves their final substitute care placement (DHS or Tribal) prior to age 13, all Independent Living Program services will be unavailable, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILP skills training • ILP Discretionary Funds • Chafee Education & Training Grant (ETG) to age 25 or 5 years, whichever comes first. Amounts may fluctuate and will not exceed \$2500 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Must file a FAFSA in addition to the ETG application by March 1st each year • Tuition & Fee Waiver • Independent Living Housing Subsidy (30-month program with a monthly maximum amount of \$795 – based on need, amount begins to “step down” quarterly at month 13) – DHS only • Chafee Housing Program funds (monthly maximum of \$795 based on need, until young adult accesses \$7,000 or turns age 21, whichever comes first – <u>cannot</u> use Chafee ETG and Chafee Housing at same time) <p>See ILP website for additional details: http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/ILP/Pages/Index.aspx</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, plus the following: • Child is viewed as an “independent student” for the purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Meaning, the student will not have to claim their parent’s income when calculating the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for post-secondary education or training costs of attendance (this is also true for any child who remains in a guardianship to age 18, no matter his or her age when the guardianship was established). • Eligible to apply for Chafee ETG (up to \$2500 for 2019-2020) – New effective Nov. 2018 • Youth in a guardianship to age 18 are eligible to apply for the Foster Care to Success scholarships (may include up to \$10,000 in Casey Family Scholarships) | <p>13 – 15</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, except Chafee Education & Training Grant (ETG). New Permanency funding allows youth who were age 13 or older when their adoption or guardianship finalized after 9/1/2015 to qualify for an ETV grant. • Credit reports run by the Department (DHS runs annual checks when a child in the care and custody of DHS turns age 14 or older). • OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to his or her 26th birthday). |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, plus the following: • Child will now retain eligibility to age 21, for the following supports (if federal funding/policies and DHS policies remain the same – these are <u>not</u> entitlements): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ILP Life Skills Training (basic life skills training any parent could provide) ➤ ILP Discretionary Funds (funding is limited and based on need) ➤ Chafee Education and Training Grant (amount is subject to change, currently \$5,000 per academic year – funding is withheld if student is placed on academic probation) ➤ Tuition and Fee Waiver (assuming youth was in custody of DHS or Tribal Child Welfare at age 16 or older – note: Waiver is of minimal to no assistance at a Community College, unless the student attends Summer Term as the Oregon Opportunity Grant does not cover Summer Term) • Adoption or Guardianship subsidy to age 21 if the youth, at age 18, is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completing secondary education (or equivalent – GED) ➤ Enrolled in post-secondary education or vocational school at least half time ➤ Employed at least 80 hours a month ➤ In a program that promotes or removes barriers to employment or ➤ Has a documented medical condition, physical disability, or mental disability that prevents him or her from participating in the above activities. • The adoption or guardianship agreement can include language that provides for continued assistance when a child or young adult moves out of the home to attend college or live independently. | 16 – 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • Credit Reports (run annually by DHS) • IL Housing Subsidy (only available while a youth is in the care and custody of DHS Child Welfare) • Chafee Housing • OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to his or her 26th birthday). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Adoption: Young adult will retain eligibility to all ILP services to age 21, including Chafee Housing to age 21 if the young adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Is dismissed from DHS or Tribal care & custody at age 18 or older and had at least six months of substitute care placements services after age 14. ➤ Chafee Housing will also require the young adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintains 36 hours of productive activity (hours may include paid employment, school, volunteerism or a combination of the three) ➤ Must have completed secondary education, or be actively working towards high school completion or obtaining a GED ➤ Must be enrolled and participating in contracted ILP skill building services ➤ May <u>not</u> reside with parent(s) • Youth will retain eligibility for OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to his or her 26th birthday). | 18+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS support and subsidies for entering into an adoption or guardianship end at age 18 (adult adoptions are not supported). • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • IL Housing Subsidy (only available while a youth is in the care and custody of DHS Child Welfare) |