

Oregon Independent Living Program

List of Services and Eligibility Requirements

Youth Transition Services

ILP Skill Building

(Federally funded)

Eligibility

- Age **14** or older and in substitute care (ODHS or Tribal), OR
- A former foster child who left child welfare substitute care placement at age 14 or older **and** had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.

Services

Services are contracted out to local non-profits, for-profits, or Tribes.

- Daily Living Skills such as: self-determination, goal setting, healthy relationships, financial literacy, household maintenance, transportation, legal issues, health, community resources, housing options, personal hygiene, employment readiness, etc.
- Educational Assistance such as: homework assistance and study groups, college tours, financial aid and scholarship applications, etc.



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- Access funds using the Youth Transition Funds Request (form CE78).

Services

- Funds to assist a youth obtain items or services needed to meet their goals for transition and to provide age or developmentally appropriate activities, including driver's education course fees.

Education and Training Vouchers or Grants (ETV/ETG)

(Federal and Other Funds)

Eligibility

- Age **14** or older and is in child welfare substitute care (ODHS or Tribal), OR
- A former foster child who left a child welfare substitute care **placement** at age 14 or older and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.
- Youth with an adoption or guardianship finalized date of September 1, 2015 or after, and were 13 years of age or older at the time of finalization.
- Youth may access the program for up to 5 years, or until the term prior to their 26th birthday, whichever comes first.
- Youth must complete and submit the Chafee ETG application:
<https://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/chafee-education-and-training-grant>.

Services

Services are provided by ODHS in collaboration with the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) and FosterClub.

- Youth may receive **up to \$5,000** for the academic year. Amount is **based on need and funds available**.
 - Application is due on one of the following dates: August 1, November 1, February 1, May 1.
 - Application is available at: <https://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/chafee-education-and-training-grant>.
 - A base award of \$5,000 will be awarded by your postsecondary institution.
- Youth must re-apply for Chafee ETG every year.

IL Subsidy Program (ILSP)

(State General Funds, some Federal/Other Funds)

Eligibility

- Age **18** or older (exceptions may be made for youth ages 16 or 17).
- In ODHS care and custody.
- Has an ODHS-approved plan consisting of 36 hours of activity per week (work, education, volunteer activities, or combination of the three).
- Has at least one prior substitute care placement.
- Has approval of the court to participate.
- If youth has not completed high school, must be actively working to achieve their educational goals.
- Youth must be enrolled for ILP skill building services or be actively engaged in an

alternative skill building program which includes financial literacy and assistance with the monthly budgeting process.

Services

Services are provided directly by ODHS.

- Youth may receive up to \$1,022 per month to support their transition to living independently.
- 30-month program, includes a quarterly step-down or gradual decrease of Subsidy beginning at month 13.

Chafee Housing Program

(Federally Funded, may include 100% State General Funds when necessary)

Eligibility

- Age 18 or older, but not yet 24.
- A young person who exited the child welfare system after their 18th birthday and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13.
- If young adult has not completed high school, must be actively working to achieve their educational goals.
- Young adult must be enrolled for ILP skill building services or be actively engaged in an alternative skill building program which includes financial literacy and assistance with the monthly budgeting process.



Services

Services are provided directly by ODHS.

- Young adult may receive up to \$1,022 per month to live independently.
- Young adult may access until one of the following occur:
 - Young adult accesses a maximum of \$12,000, or
 - Young adult reaches the age of 24, whichever occurs first.
- Please advise young adult that Chafee Housing services vary from state to state. They should make certain to check with a state prior to moving.

Accessing ILP services

ILP services are available to foster care alumni who were discharged from care at age 14 or older and had at least 180 days of substitute care placement services after age 13. Youth can be returned home, in a guardianship, or living independently and still retain eligibility for ILP services.

To access services as an eligible foster care alumni:

- Minors ages 14 to 17 will need to contact the ODHS child welfare hotline (855-503-7233) and request “Voluntary ILP services.” The youth will then be contacted by the local branch and go through the intake process. If the youth is under the age of 18, the parent(s) will need to sign the Voluntary Services request (form CF 304).
- Young adults ages 18 to 22 may request a “Voluntary ILP services” case and sign for themselves.
- Young adults ages 18 to 23 may request Aftercare Services. If a young adult wishes to access only ILP services (which may include Chafee Housing) without an open Child Welfare case or caseworker, they may do so by contacting their local ILP Provider directly. Please share the website below, which includes the list of ILP Providers. All services end at age 24. ETV may continue through age 25 (ends on term prior to student’s 26th birthday, or until the youth accesses 5 years-worth of ETV awards).

Questions?

Email us: ilp.central@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Visit our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition>

For details about Youth Transitions and ILP services, see the ODHS Child Welfare Procedure Manual (Chapter 5, Sections 15, 29 and 33) at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/rules-policy/Documents/cw-procedure-manual.pdf>.