

Extended Foster Care (EFC) Housing Options

LICENSED FOSTER HOME

SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING (SIL) PLACEMENT

INDEPENDENT YOUTH HOUSING PROGRAM (IYHP)

YOUNG ADULT HOUSING PROGRAM (YAHP)

HOUSING VOUCHER FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM (FUP) VOUCHER OR FOSTERING YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE (FYI) VOUCHER

WHAT IS IT?

A foster home placement is a placement provided by DCYF. It can include living with a family in the community or a group home.

- You are in your own apartment or living situation in the community. This could include living by yourself or with a friend, relative, or suitable other person.
- You are responsible for rent and other living costs.

- You are on your own lease in the community.
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- 36 months of rental assistance provided by the housing authority.
- If enrolled in EFC, must exit EFC within 90 days of signing a lease.

WHO CAN GET IT?

All EFC young adults, 18-21.

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- Must be between 18th and 25th birthday for initial voucher.
- Must have been in foster care between 16th and 18th birthday.
- Must be at risk of homelessness.

HOW DO I GET IT?

Work with your DCYF social worker to ask about staying in your current foster home or finding a new foster home for some or all of the time that you are in EFC.

Work with your DCYF social worker and your Independent Living Program (ILP) case manager to find a suitable location to live. Move in costs may be available to you from DCYF and/or ILP, or through other local community resources.

Contact your local IYHP provider.

Contact your local YAHP provider.

Contact your local housing authority. FUP vouchers available in 10 counties. FYI vouchers available statewide.

Some housing authorities participate in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved programs that may allow for vouchers to be up to 60 months of rental assistance.

MONTHLY STIPEND?

No. If you are living with a foster family or in a group home, you are not eligible for the monthly stipend. Your foster family or group home receives payment to support your needs.

Yes. You will receive a monthly SIL stipend to use as you choose.

Yes. You will continue to receive a monthly SIL stipend to use as you choose in addition to the rental assistance provided through the IYHP program.

Yes. You will continue to receive a monthly SIL stipend to use as you choose in addition to the rental assistance provided through the YAHP program.

Yes. You will continue to receive a monthly SIL stipend for 90 days after signing your lease. 90 days after signing your lease you will be required to exit EFC and no longer receive a monthly SIL stipend.

If you are in EFC and experiencing homelessness, you may also be eligible for general housing support resources, which vary by county. Call 211, connect with your DCYF social worker, and/or regional Independent Living Program provider for navigation support. Your monthly EFC stipend may be counted as income or may impact your eligibility for other housing programs.