

Benefits for Committed Youth

Education Assistance

Eligibility:
Committed DCBS youth age 18-21.

Benefit:
Assists with expenses for completing vocational program or post-secondary program not covered by the tuition waiver or financial aid.

Application Process:
Regional independent living specialist completes DPP-103

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

Tuition Waiver

Eligibility:
DCBS youth who were in foster care on their 18th birthday or adopted from foster care.

Must begin program within 4 years of receiving high school diploma or GED.
Waiver is good for 5 years from date of first entry into school.

Benefit:
Waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at any KY public post-secondary college.

Application Process:
Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar, or financial aid office.

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

Housing

Housing options may include a foster home, pre-independent living program, scattered site apartment program, or college campus.

Scattered Site

Eligibility:
18-21 years old

Stability and maturity.

Enrolled in an educational program and working part-time or doing one full-time.

Benefit:
Housing, case management, and support services.

Application Process:
The social worker completes URC form.

Contact:
Social worker

Medical Benefits

Eligibility
Youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday

Benefit:
Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until age 26.

Exempt from income requirements

Application Process:
If a youth decides to extend their commitment, the social worker needs to inform the child's benefit worker.

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

Benefits for Non-Committed Youth

Tuition Waiver

Eligibility:
DCBS youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday or adopted from state's care.

Begin program within 4 years of receiving high school diploma or GED.

Waiver is good for 5 years from date of first entry into school.

Benefit:
Waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at any KY public post-secondary college.

Application Process:
Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar, or financial aid office.

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

Project Life

Eligibility:
DCBS youth between the ages of 18.5-23 who left out-of-home care on or after their 18th birthday.

Benefit:
One year of rental assistance, case management & support services.

Employment Incentive of \$250 a month if youth pays part of their rent.

Will be expected to meet with Case Manager; follow program guidelines; seek employment or participate in educational program.

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

Education Training Voucher (ETV)

Eligibility:
(Ages 18-26)
DCBS youth who left out-of-home care on or after their 18th birthday or were adopted on or after their 16th birthday.

Enrolled in post-secondary education or job training program.

Maintain 2.0 GPA or making progress in program.

Benefit:
\$5,000 yearly maximum (Up to 5 years).

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist

*** Please note that youth cannot participate in Project Life and get ETV funds at the same time.

Medical Benefits

Eligibility
Youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday.

Benefit:
Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until age 26.

Application Process:
Youth leaving state's care on or after their 18th birthday need to complete a health care application and submit to chafee.ilp@ky.gov.

Contact:
Regional independent living specialist