

Older Youth Pandemic Relief



Getting Emergency Funds Directly to Young People



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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. The Need for Direct Financial Assistance and Lessons Learned from the Think of Us Micro Grants
3. Quick Summary of the Law
4. Review of Planning Tool
5. Expert Panel-Experiences in Distributing Direct Financial Assistance with Together We Rise and FosterClub
6. Q & A

The Case for Cash Assistance

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Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

- Includes all provisions of HR 7947, Supporting Foster Youth and Families Through the Pandemic Act, introduced by Reps. Davis and Walorski.
- Passed as a result of consistent advocacy by youth with experience in foster care.
- Seeks to meet the immediate needs of young people during the pandemic and recovery.

Summary of Provisions

- Extended Services (Moratorium)
- Re-Entry
- Chafee: Amount and Age of Eligibility
- Chafee: Program Flexibility
- Chafee: How \$ Will Be Distributed and Services Provided
- Chafee: Education & Training Vouchers (ETV)

When and How? What We Know.

- All provisions are effective now!
- Most of the provisions are in effect until September 30, 2021, but we are waiting for some clarifications on this from the Children's Bureau.
- The increase in Chafee allocations will be disbursed to the states in the coming weeks.
- On Jan. 13th, ACYF-CB-IM-21-05 was issued as an overview of the law.
- The Children's Bureau is working on a series of guidance documents that we hope will reach states as soon as possible.
- **There is a lot in the law that is clear. States can begin implementation of many provisions, including providing financial assistance with Chafee funds.**

Quick poll: What are you hearing?

Has your state
begun planning?

Quick poll:

Has your state, agency or organization ever provided direct to youth payments?

Tool: Decision Grid



Decision Grid to Plan a Direct Financial Assistance Program

In developing this plan, we encourage states and jurisdictions to review the information below and seek input from current and former foster youth, including youth advisory councils and bodies, and to partner with community based organizations who can support quick outreach and distribution.

Eligibility Scan

Total number of potentially eligible youth	
Number of eligible youth ages 14-17	
Number of eligible youth ages 18-26	

Program Considerations

These may not be all of your cost considerations and you may not yet know what supplemental allocation you are receiving. We hope this is a starting point in your planning.

Total Chafee Supplement	
Percentage of Chafee supplement used for direct financial assistance	

Quick poll:

Are there organizations or agencies in the community that you could partner with to provide direct payments to youth?

Panel: Providing direct payments to youth during the pandemic



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Providing Additional Supports to Promote Success

1.

Connect or Re-connect with Young People (and improve communication infrastructure moving forward!)

2.

Provide Peer-to-Peer Supports (think resource navigation, isolation reduction, mental health!)

3.

Life Skills Training - Financial Literacy (Funding distributed as participation awards!)

Quick poll: What are you hearing?

What topics do you
want to hear next?



What's
Next?

- **Save the Date :**
 - **2/10 @ 4p ET:**
Notification &
Outreach
- Access and share the Implementation tools and resources at:
fosterclub.org/oypr

Q&A



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Quick poll:

Does your state or jurisdiction plan to offer stimulus-style cash aid to young people?

Quick poll:

Does your state or jurisdiction
plan to offer specific
needs-based cash aid to young
people?