



Overview: New Pandemic Relief for Older Youth in and from foster care

\$400 MIL IN CHAFEE FUNDS ELIGIBLE UP THROUGH AGE 26



- \$400 million increase in the Chafee allocation with at least \$50 million for Education and Training Vouchers (ETV).
- Expands eligibility until age 27.
- No state match to draw down new funds

EXTENDED SERVICES



- Child welfare agencies cannot terminate services and placement due to age.
- Young people can remain IV-E eligible even if they are not meeting school and work requirements.
- States can receive IV-E funds for eligible youth who reach age 21.
- States can use new Chafee funds for youth who are not IV-E eligible.

PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY



- Removes 30% cap on room and board.
- Allows a total of \$4,000/year per young person to costs related to driving and getting a driver's license.

STATES TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS & SERVICES BY 9/30/2021

- Provide young people cash & services to stabilize housing, and cover basic needs like food, technology, and employment
- Help youth reconnect with and navigate services
- Support youth boards and peer advocates in implementing the law



RE-ENTRY

- States must provide re-entry to all under age 22 who aged out between 1/27/20-9/30/21
- States must notify young people about re-entry and conduct a public awareness campaign about it.
- States can continue to receive IV-E funds for eligible youth age 21+.

Learn more:
fosterclub.org/OYPR

EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHERS (ETV)

- Increases max award from \$5k to \$12k per individual per year (until 10/1/22).
- Waives enrollment and satisfactory academic progress requirements (SAP) for eligibility (until 10/1/21)
- More flexibility in use of funds

