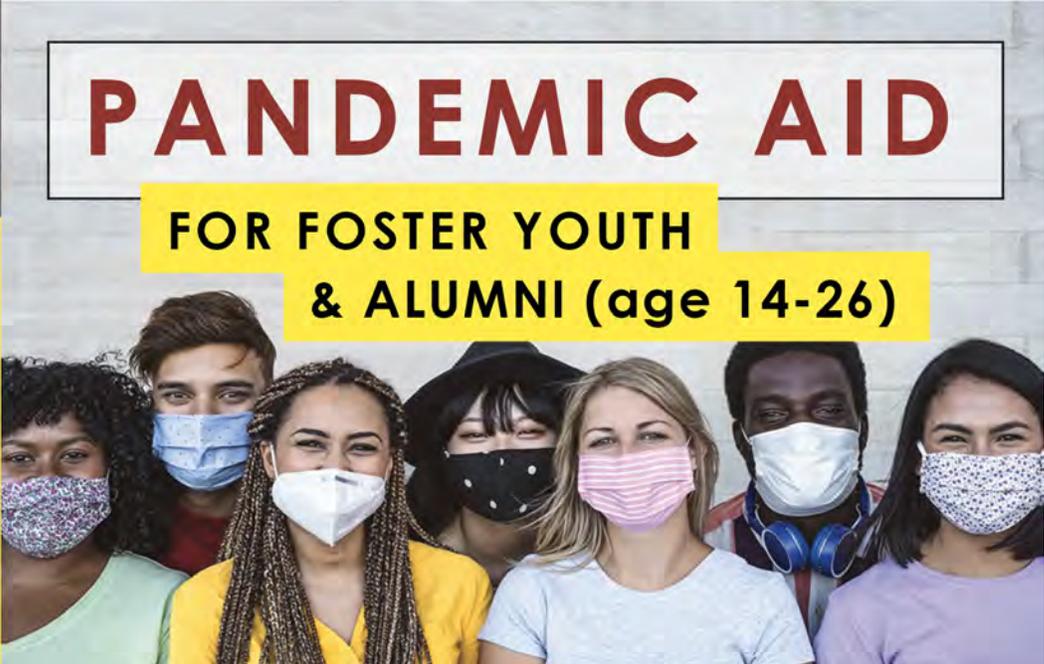


**New Funding Available!**

Get help w/

- Basic Needs
- Ca\$h
- Housing
- Tech
- Education
- Transpo
- Advice



A NEW Federal law has passed providing funds to support current and former foster youth during the COVID pandemic. Act now to receive assistance that will help you get stable, back on track with work or school, and forge an amazing future for yourself!



What help do you need?	What's available	How to know if you're eligible	Where to Ask
<b>Emergency Cash for Basic Needs, including food</b>	Emergency funding is available to provide cash assistance NOW. Funds may be available through June 30, 2021, depending on need.	Young people age 14 through 26 (up to 27th birthday) who experienced foster care when they were age 14 or older. Foster care may have been with a state or tribal child welfare agency.	For more information, email: <a href="mailto:ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us">ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us</a> The Oregon Youth Transition Program/ILP team will contact you to answer your questions and provide assistance.
<b>Stay in Foster Care (delay of aging out)</b>	You may remain in foster care until the age of 21. There are options for young adults ready to try living independently.	You are currently in foster care and not yet age 21. You are actively working your Transition Plan.	Your caseworker, or learn more at the ILP Website: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/FOSTERCARE/ILP/Pages/eligibility-services.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/FOSTERCARE/ILP/Pages/eligibility-services.aspx</a>
<b>Young Adult Transitional Services</b>	Many young people have learned life on their own is harder than they thought it would be, especially during a pandemic. Oregon is working to create housing options to support your continued transition to adulthood or provide funding supports to help stabilize your housing.	Former foster youth who are at least age 18 and not yet 23, and spent time in foster care after the age of 14. Young Adult Transitional (YAT) services are available until September 30, 2021.	For more information, email: <a href="mailto:ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us">ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us</a>
<b>HUD Housing - Foster Youth Independence (FYI) Vouchers</b>	The new FYI Housing Program can provide support for rent for up to three years. Young adults may also qualify for HUD Family Unity Program-Youth (FUP-Y) Vouchers. Check with your ILP Provider or local Public Housing Authority (PHA) for availability.	FYI Housing: Current or former foster youth ages 18-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (this includes couch surfing). Read an information flyer.	For more information, email: <a href="mailto:ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us">ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us</a> For information on your local Public Housing Authority, go to: <a href="https://arcg.is/1aK0yO">https://arcg.is/1aK0yO</a>

<b>Higher Ed Funding (increased ETV)</b>	Temporarily raises the amount of support that can be provided to an individual student to \$12,000 per year (\$5,000 issued by your school, additional funds based on need). Available for both 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years. <b>Remember to file your FAFSA!</b>	Young people through 26 (up to 27th birthday) who experienced foster care when they were age 14 or older. Funding above \$5,000 is based on need and funds available (separate application through ODHS-ILP). May not exceed 5 year's worth of ETV awards.	Apply at OSAC for basic ETV award: <a href="https://oregonstudentaid.gov/chafee-etg.aspx">https://oregonstudentaid.gov/chafee-etg.aspx</a> For more information regarding additional funds email: ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us (put COVID ETV in your email's subject line)
<b>Transportation Support</b>	The new Chafee pandemic relief allows states to provide funds to support costs relating to becoming a licensed driver, assistance with auto insurance and other transportation related costs.	Young people age 15 through 26 (up to 27th birthday) who experienced foster care when they were age 14 or older.	For more information, email: <a href="mailto:ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us">ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us</a>
<b>Peer Support</b>	Sometimes it helps to have support from others who are coping with the same sort of struggle. There are foster youth and alumni groups across the country.	Eligibility varies by group - following are a few options: <a href="https://www.youthera.org/programs">https://www.youthera.org/programs</a> <a href="https://www.ofyc.org/">https://www.ofyc.org/</a> <a href="https://www.fosterclub.com//c19">https://www.fosterclub.com//c19</a>	For more information, email: <a href="mailto:ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us">ILP.Central@dhsosha.state.or.us</a>
<b>Mental Health &amp; Health Care</b>	Young people who age out of foster care can remain on Medicaid until age 26. Medicaid covers the cost of regular health care (like going to the doctor), and also covers cost of professional help for challenges that have become common during COVID, such as anxiety and panic attacks, depression, substance use prevention/treatment, and other mental health issues.	There is no income test. If you exited foster care at age 18 or older, you are eligible until age 26.	Learn more at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/FOSTERCARE/ILP/Pages/teen-resources.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/FOSTERCARE/ILP/Pages/teen-resources.aspx</a> If your local health department or caseworker is not aware of this coverage, you can have them contact FosterClub (503-717-1552).
<b>Receiving the COVID Stimulus check (+ completing taxes)</b>	There have been two rounds of stimulus checks so far: one for \$1200 per individual, the second for \$600. A third round of stimulus checks are currently being issued at \$1,400 per person.	You must file taxes in order to receive the stimulus payment.	Get free help at MyFreeTaxes.com, which is a project of the United Way & H&R Block. The IRS started accepting e-returns on 2/12/2021.

Background: when the COVID pandemic struck, young leaders from foster care advocated to Congress that there should be relief aid provided to young people from foster care. Their voices were heard. On Dec 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 116-260) was passed by Congress. It includes provisions to support older youth from foster care that were in the bipartisan bill, [Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act \(HR 7947\)](#).

**For more information, contact FosterClub at 503-717-1552, or at [www.fosterclub.org](http://www.fosterclub.org) (use the chat feature)**