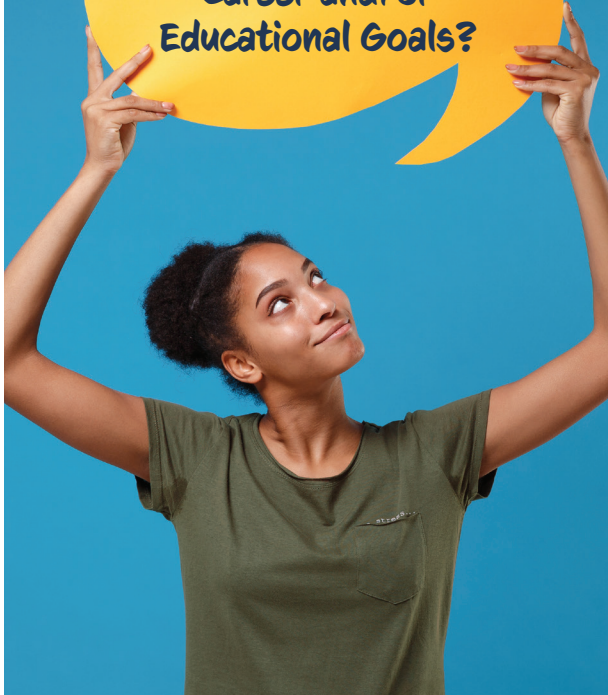


Do You Need
Additional Time in
Foster Care to Reach Your
Career and/or
Educational Goals?



Extended Foster Care Gives you Time To:

- Complete your high school diploma or get your GED
- Attend college or a vocational/technical school
- Join a service organization like City Year, AmeriCorps or Job Corps
- Gain job readiness skills
- Successfully transition to adulthood



TRANSITIONAL Youth SERVICES

Learn How You Can Achieve
Your Personal Goals!



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Do you know about
the benefits of
Extended Foster Care
through Age 21?

Do you know
about the
Education Training
Voucher
(ETV)
program?

Ever Heard of
the Arkansas
Youth Advisory Board
(YAB)?

You can gain life skills that will assist you
as you transition to adulthood. We are here to
work WITH you on your journey!

BENEFITS OF EXTENDED CARE

While in the Extended Foster Care Program,
you will work with your caseworker, caregiver,
and other members of your Transitional Team.

You may explore placement options such
as dorms, apartments, or a Supervised
Independent Living setting. You'll work toward
meeting the goals of your transitional plan to
help you prepare for life after foster care.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?

To be eligible for Extended Foster Care you
must meet one of the following:

1. Attend college, a vocational or technical
school or a qualified job training program.
2. Work a **minimum** of 80 hours a month.
3. If you are unable to meet the school or work
requirements described above due to a
documented medical condition, you can also
participate in Extended Foster Care.

If you decide to continue your stay in foster care, talk with
your Family Service Worker or Transitional Youth Service
Coordinator prior to your 18th birthday.

THE ETV PROGRAM

This program awards grants to eligible youth who
experienced foster care to help pay for college
or specialized education. Eligible students may
receive grants of up to \$5,000 per state fiscal year.

**Funding is limited and available on a first-come,
first-served basis.** Applicants must complete the
ETV application confirming enrollment, the cost of
attendance (COA) and unmet need. ETV is available
to eligible youth (as described below) until they turn
26 or until they have accessed ETV for five years,
whichever comes first.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. You must be a current/former foster student who:
 - Was in foster care on your 18th birthday
 - OR Remains in foster care
 - OR Entered into an adoption or guardian-
ship from foster care at 16 or older.
2. You must have been accepted into or be
enrolled in a degree, certificate or other
accredited program at a college, university,
technical or vocational school. To remain
eligible for ETV funding, you must show
progress toward a degree or certificate.

If you would like additional information about ETV funding,
contact your TYS Coordinator.

The YAB is a group of youth from the foster
care system that meets with the DHS staff
to advocate on behalf of other youth
in foster care.

ADDITIONALLY, YAB MEMBERS:

- Speak at local conferences
- Host YAB meetings
- Assist with planning the annual
leadership conference and other events
for the youth in foster care
- Serve the community

If you are interested in serving on the
Arkansas Youth Advisory Board, contact your
TYS Coordinator or Family Service Worker!

Your Family Service Worker (FSW):

FSW Name: _____

FSW Phone: _____

FSW E-Mail: _____

Your Transitional Youth Service Coordinator (TYS):

TYS Coordinator Name: _____

TYS Phone: _____

TYS E-Mail: _____