# Youth In Transition (YIT) Fact Sheet

#### What is Youth In Transition?

Youth In Transition (YIT) is a funding source available to cover expenses **NOT** covered by other government or community resources, or to augment or supplement services from other funding sources.

### Who is eligible for YIT?

- Youth 14 and older with an open foster care case.
- Youth 14 and older with an open Juvenile Justice (JJ) case, provided they are in an approved DHS placement (Residential JJ-only placements not eligible.)
- Youth ages 18 to 21, who have been in foster care on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but are no longer under DHS supervision.
- Youth ages 14 to 17, who had an open foster care case after their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and utilized YIT funding prior to their case closing.





## Where does a youth apply for YIT?

- Youth that currently have an open case can access funds through his/her foster care worker. Funds are accessed in the county of case jurisdiction.
- Youth that have a closed case must apply for YIT in the current county of residence through the local DHS office.

### What can YIT be used to pay for?

- Education
  - o Books, supplies, computer
  - o Tuition, tutoring, internships
  - o ACT/SAT testing
  - o GED Preparation/Testing
  - o Extracurricular activities/Sports/Clubs
  - o Senior Pictures/Class rings/Senior Dues/Yearbooks

#### Vocational/Employment

- Career Exploration/Job Placement/Retention
- Transportation
- Uniforms/Fees/Tools
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Mentoring & Family Connection
- Housing
  - Lifetime limit of \$1,000 for first month's rent/security deposit (For youth age 18 and older)
- Start-Up Goods
  - o Lifetime limit of \$1,000 for start-up goods
- Medical & Health Needs
- Parenting
  - o Classes, trainings, etc.
  - Child care, not covered by FIP
- Money Management
- Memberships
- Transportation
  - For education and/or employment goals
  - o For medical needs
  - o Bus cards

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