

Older Youth Helpful Information

<https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/child-welfare-manual/section-4-chapter-5-older-youth-program-overview/> <https://dssintranet.mo.gov/dss-childrens-division/older-youth-program/>

Chafee

- All youth 14+ in foster care must be referred to Chafee to assist with life skills development.
 - Exceptions: incapacitated youth, youth on run status, youth in detention, and youth in DYS custody.

Transitional Living Placement (TLP)

- Transitional Living Group Home (TLG)
 - Youth 16-18 with a goal of APPLA who focus on independent living skills in a supervised group setting.
 - Transitional Living Scattered Site (TLSS)
 - Youth 18-20 who have graduated high school, with a goal of APPLA, who live in their own apartment with support and guidance from a TLSS worker.
 - Structured: TLSS worker checks in every 72 hours.
 - Unstructured: TLSS worker checks in once per week.

Independent Living Arrangement (ILA)

- Youth 18+ who have graduated from high school live on their own in an apartment, dorm, JobCorps, HUD housing, etc.
 - Youth are able to have a roommate (friend, boyfriend, girlfriend).
- Children's Division pays the youth \$455 monthly to assist with rent; all other expenses are paid by the youth.
- Youth cannot receive ILA payment if they are living with a parent, foster parent, relative placement provider, or unlicensed TLP provider.

College Campus Tour

- All youth 15+ in CD custody are required to have a college campus tour prior to exiting care.
 - Visit can include a state university, community college, technical college, or Military Recruiter.

ETV/CCE

- Application process opens July 1st each year.
- Allows states to provide funds for youth to attend college or trade school.
- Case Manager needs to assist the youth with FA FSA and ETV/CEE application.

Children of Youth in Alternative Care (CVAC)

- If a youth in foster care has a child of his/her own who remains in the youth's custody, CD will provide the youth with a monthly maintenance, infant allowance, Medicaid for the baby, daycare, and clothing voucher to assist with care of the baby.

Exit Planning

- The Case Manager must provide and explain the exit packet to a youth, at least, 90 days prior to exit.
- An FST should be held, at least 90 days prior to exit date, to ensure youth has needed supports and resources.