

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) **Housing Voucher Program**

The Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Housing Voucher Program provides housing financial support assistance to young people leaving foster care or no longer in foster care who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness.

Who is eligible?

- Youth between the ages of 18-24 who left care at the age of 16 or after
- Youth in foster care exiting to independence within 90 days
- Annual income must be below 30% of median family income (determined by HUD)
- Eligibility is not limited to single individuals - pregnant and parenting youth are eligible as long as they do not have an open child welfare case on their child.
- Background checks are conducted and certain exclusions apply.

What is provided through the voucher?

- Financial housing assistance up to 36 months (you must reapply each year)
- Support services to help you be self-supportive and with other needs you may have.

How do I apply for the voucher?

- Apply through the Coordinated Entry System.

Contacts for the CES are found at this link:

<https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/coordinated-entry-directory-missouri-continuums-care-cocs>

Vouchers are portable so even if a voucher is not available in your county, assistance might be provided.

For more information please visit:

<https://dss.mo.gov/cd/older-youth-program/housing-services.htm>

FYI Housing E-Mail for General Questions:

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