

What is the HUD FYI Initiative?

The **HUD Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative** is a federal program aimed at preventing homelessness among young adults ages 18-24 who are aging out of foster care or have prior foster care experience, but have not yet reached their 25th birthday.

Introduced in 2019, the FYI initiative provides rental assistance through the **Housing Choice Voucher Program** connects young adults with local community resources to help them develop essential life skills and achieve self-sufficiency.

Who Can Benefit?

The FYI Initiative is designed for young adults ages 18-24 (have not reached their 25th birthday) who are transitioning out of foster care, or have prior foster care experience, and are homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Eligible individuals:

- Eligibility must be certified by a Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA).
- If eligible, participants may receive housing assistance and supportive services for up to 36 months.
- Participants who continue to meet the eligibility criteria and fulfill specific requirements, may also qualify for up to an additional 24 months of assistance.

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Contact Information and Further Resources

Get Involved or Learn More!

If you are a community partner working with individuals aged out of foster care, those who have recently exited foster care and are under 25, or if you know someone in this situation, please reach out to your local Public Child Welfare Agency (PCWA) or public housing agency (PHA) to inquire about FYI assistance eligibility.

At HUD, we welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions or provide further information with you and your local PHA.

For more information regarding resources, please see the links under learn more listed below.

Learn More:

HUD FYI Program Overview:

www.hud.gov/fyi

Find your local PHA Partner:

[PHA Contact Information - HUDPHA Contact Information - HUD](#)

[HUD Resource Locator](#)

Find your Child Welfare Partner:

[State Contacts & Related Organizations | Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

[State, Territory, and Tribal Resources | Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)



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Empowering Youth
Transitioning from
Foster Care to
Independence

How Does FYI Work?

HUD partners with public housing authorities (PHAs) and local organizations to:

1. **Identify eligible youth** at risk of homelessness.
2. **Provide Tenant-Based Housing Vouchers** that cover rental costs.
3. **Offer Connections to Community Supportive Services** that help develop essential skills for independent living.

Supportive Services Required to be Offered to Youth Include:

- **Basic Life Skills:** Access to counseling resources on money management skills, housekeeping skills, and nutrition healthcare.
- **Compliance Counseling:** Access to counseling resources on compliance with rental lease requirements and HCV program requirements.
- **Landlord Assurances:** Providing such assurances to owners of rental property as are reasonable and necessary to assist eligible youth to rent a unit with a voucher.
- **Job Preparation and Attainment Counseling:** Resources to help youth find and retain employment.
- **Educational and Career Advancement Support:** Assistance and counseling with continuing education and career advancement to include successful work ethic and attitude models.

The Role of Community Partners

One of the core goals of the HUD Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative is to empower young adults with the skills and resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency. By gaining stable housing, accessing education and job training, and building financial skills, participants are supported in becoming independent and resilient.

- Community partners play a vital role in FYI by:
- Referring eligible youth they encounter to the PHA or PCWA partner
- Providing required supportive services
- Offering additional resources and support to youth beyond those required to be offered with FYI
- Creating comprehensive support systems that address the unique challenges faced by youth transitioning out of foster care.

Examples may include housing stability services, mentorship programs, basic life skills, group activities & workshops, educational services, job preparation and career counseling. Please see the following link for additional information: [FYI Initiative: Identifying and Leveraging Supportive Services for Youth.](#)



Our Commitment to Their Success

At HUD, we are dedicated to collaborating with our community partners to support young adults who are aging out or have already aged out of foster care in achieving lasting independence and stability. Together, we can establish a network of support, that not only helps young adults secure stable housing, but also equips them with the tools necessary for long-term success within the community. This collaborative approach ensures that youth are not just surviving, but thriving as they transition into adulthood.

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