

## **Services Available Under TN DCS Independent Living: Tip Sheet**

- 1. For Custodial Youth ages 14-19 (Placed in a community setting):**
  - Independent Living (IL) Wrap Services
  - Life Skills Instruction
  - Education and Training Voucher (ETV) and Bright Futures Scholarship for youth ages 16-19 attending post-secondary program
- 2. For Custodial Youth ages 14-19 (Placed in a secure facility):**
  - Life Skills Instruction
  - Bright Futures Scholarship for youth ages 16-19 attending a post-secondary program
- 3. For Young Adults 18-21 who are completing high school or HiSET and who were released from custody at or after age 18** (not open to youth who turn 18 in a secure facility):
  - Foster Care Placement Services for young adults who wish to stay in a foster home OR an Independent Living Allowance (ILA) for young adults who wish to live independently.
  - Case Management Services
  - Life Skills Instruction
  - Independent Living Wrap Services
- 4. For Young Adults 18-21 who are enrolled in a post-secondary or vocational education institution and who were released from custody at or after age 18** (not open to youth who turn 18 in a secure facility)
  - Education and Training Voucher: up to \$2500 semester/ up to \$5000 year
  - Foster Care Placement Services for young adults who wish to stay in a foster home OR an Independent Living Allowance for young adults who wish to live independently.
  - Case Management Services
  - IL Wrap Services
  - Life Skills Instruction
- 5. For Young Adults 18-21 who are “Unable to Attend School” due to Serious Health Issues**
  - Foster Care Placement Services OR an Independent Living Allowance for young adults who wish to live independently.
  - Case Management Services and Court Review
  - Life Skills Instruction
  - Independent Living Wrap Services
- 6. Limited DCS Service Options (ETV & Bright Futures Scholarships):**

**Education and Training Voucher and limited IL Wrap only:**

  - Youth who exit state custody at age 16 or older to adoption or subsidized permanent guardianship

**Education and Training Voucher (ETV) only:**

  - Youth 21-23 who were receiving an ETV at age 21

**Bright Futures Scholarship only:** (up to \$2,500/semester or \$5000/year, available up to age 24)

  - Youth who exit to permanency at age 16 or older
  - Youth who have exited state custody from a Youth Development Center (YDC) or detention after age 16
  - Youth who are in a YDC or detention who are attending a post-secondary program
  - Youth who lose eligibility for Education and Training Vouchers
- 7. Youth Villages LifeSet Program**
  - Available to eligible youth and young adults ages 16 up to 23 *Youth and young adults ages 16 up to 23, as follows:*
  - Young adults who are actively enrolled in extension of foster care (EFC) services;
  - Young adults who are emancipated to adulthood from state custody at or after their eighteenth (18th) birthday, who were in foster care or a congregate care placement at their eighteenth (18th) birthday;
  - Young adults who have been adopted;
  - Youth who are 16 or older currently or previously placed in a Youth Development Center (YDC);
  - Young adults who are currently or were previously in state custody and in a foster care or congregate care placement at ages sixteen or older (16); or
  - Young adults who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria above and have previously received YVLifeSet and/or EFC services.
- 8. Jim Casey Resource Centers (Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga)**
  - Youth in DCS custody ages 14-19, or
  - Youth who exited DCS custody at or after 14 years of age, ages 14-26

**All Youth in DCS custody should have an IL Plan (14-16) or a Transition Plan (17+) regardless of permanency goals, placement or adjudication.**  
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