

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Housing Vouchers

What is the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Housing Voucher Program?

The FYI Program provides a type of housing voucher for young people who are leaving or have left foster care. A housing voucher pays for a portion of your rent: usually a voucher holder pays 30% of their income in rent or is asked to pay some minimum amount of rent. The voucher covers the remaining portion of your rent. You can use the voucher to rent an apartment in the community that you select in the area covered by the Housing Authority.

You can stay in the FYI program for three years, with the opportunity for two more years if you participate in the [Family Self Sufficiency Program](#) or a similar program.

Who is Eligible for FYI?

You may be eligible for FYI if you answer yes to all of the following:

- Are you currently, or were you previously, in foster care?
- Are you currently between ages 18 and 25?
- Since you turned 16, have you ever been or are you now homeless or at risk of losing your housing?

How Does FYI Benefit Young People?

An FYI voucher helps you stay housed so you can focus on work, school, planning and meeting goals for your future. As part of the FYI program, you can choose to be connected with support services to help you maintain your housing and goals. Examples include: 1. help with employment or school, 2. mental health services, 3. financial management support.

How Can I Get an FYI Voucher?

Ask your social worker, probation officer, or your Independent Living Program (ILP) worker (if you have one) to refer you to the housing authority for a FYI voucher. If you don't have a current caseworker, you can contact your prior social worker or probation officer, or your county's ILP coordinator; a statewide list is available [here](#). You can find out more information about the FYI program [here](#).