



Transition Age Youth

Creating Your Own Path

Programs & Support

Transition Age Youth Policy Unit
California Department of Social Services

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Key Programs

- Independent Living Program
- National Youth in Transition Database
- Extended Foster Care
- Transitional Housing
- Chafee Education and Training Voucher

Our mission

"The mission of the California Department of Social Services is to serve, aid, and protect needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence."



Independent Living Program

Purpose:

Provide foster youth, including non-minor dependents with program services, activities, and referrals in order to be successful in adulthood



● EDUCATION



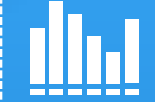
● EMPLOYMENT



● HOUSING



● DAILY LIVING SKILLS



● FINANCIAL RESOURCES



● CAREER DEVELOPMENT



HEALTH



MENTORING

ILP CORE SERVICES



National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)

- **NYTD** is a federal data compilation about current and former foster youth
- Data collection began in 2011
 - NYTD has focused on 1) The type and number of delivered Independent Living Services and 2) Data is collected from youth at ages 17, 19, and 21.



Transitional Housing Placement for Minors (THPP-M)

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- Eligibility: 16-18 yr. old youth in foster care pursuing approved TILP goals and ILP participation
 - Licensed
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Transitional Housing Program Non-Minor Dependent (THPP-NMD)

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- Eligibility: NMD (a foster child who is a current dependent child or ward of the juvenile court, non-minor under the transition jurisdiction of the juvenile court who is 18 and not more than 21 yrs.)
 - is in foster care under the placement and care responsibility of the county welfare department, county probation dept., Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, tribal organization
 - Receive case management, supervision, and intensive support services
 - Licensed

Transitional Housing Program Plus

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- A Non-Foster Care housing program for young adults who exited from foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age (25 in counties that have opted to extend services).
 - These are youth whose dependency jurisdiction, delinquency jurisdiction, or transition jurisdiction was terminated by the court
 - And if between the ages of 18 to 21 have opted out of the EFC Program

Extended Foster Care

- **GOALS & BENEFITS**
- **Maintain a safety net of support while experiencing independence in a supervised living environment**
- **Extended time to obtain educational and employment training opportunities to assist in successful transition into adulthood**

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

1

Secondary
Education

2

Post-
Secondary
Education

3

Employment

4

Promote or
Remove
Barriers to
Employment

5

Medical
Condition



Chafee Education and Training Voucher

WHAT IS THE CHAFEE ETV PROGRAM?

-Offers up to \$5,000 per year for post secondary and education training to assist eligible foster youth with skill development to achieve independence

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a Chafee ETV grant in California, the student must be:

- A youth who is/was a dependent or ward of the court living in foster care sometime between the ages of 16-18.
- A youth who was placed in out-of-home care by a tribe or tribal organization between the ages of 16-18.
- Under the age of 26 as of July 1st of the award year
- Have not participated in the program for more than 5 years (whether or not consecutive)



Chafee Education and Training Voucher

HOW DO I APPLY?

You must submit the California Chafee Grant Application and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADA)

- Submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at <https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/>
- Submit the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov or CADAA at www.caldreamact.org.

Don't Have a Social Security Number? No problem. You can apply for the Chafee Grant without one. If you are an undocumented foster youth, submit the California Dream Act Application and the Chafee Grant Application.



Chafee Education and Training Voucher

What happens after I apply

CSAC reviews the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Chafee ETV grant applications. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may verify your foster status. If CDSS is not able to verify your status, please complete the [Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form](#) and mail it. Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you an email message if you are selected for an award.

What happens after I apply?

The school will verify payment eligibility and disburse the check to you.

If you applied for a Chafee Grant, go to [WebGrants for Students](#) to check the status of your application.

What is required to receive your Chafee funds?

- Enroll in an eligible public or private college or university or technical school in California or out of state.
- Be enrolled at least half time.
- Enroll in a program at least one academic year long.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).
- Demonstrate Financial Need

How do I renew my Chafee Grant?

If you receive a Chafee Grant, it may be renewed through your 26th birthday as of July 1st of the award year. You do not need to reapply for a Chafee Grant each year; however, you must submit a FAFSA or CADAA.

The Commission may contact you for updated information. Be sure to respond to e-mails, letters or forms that you may receive.

For More Information:

Please send an Email to:

CDSS TAY Unit

CFSSChafeeETV@dss.ca.gov

California Student Aid Commission at the following:

Phone: (888) 294 0153, option 3

Email: chafee@csac.ca.gov

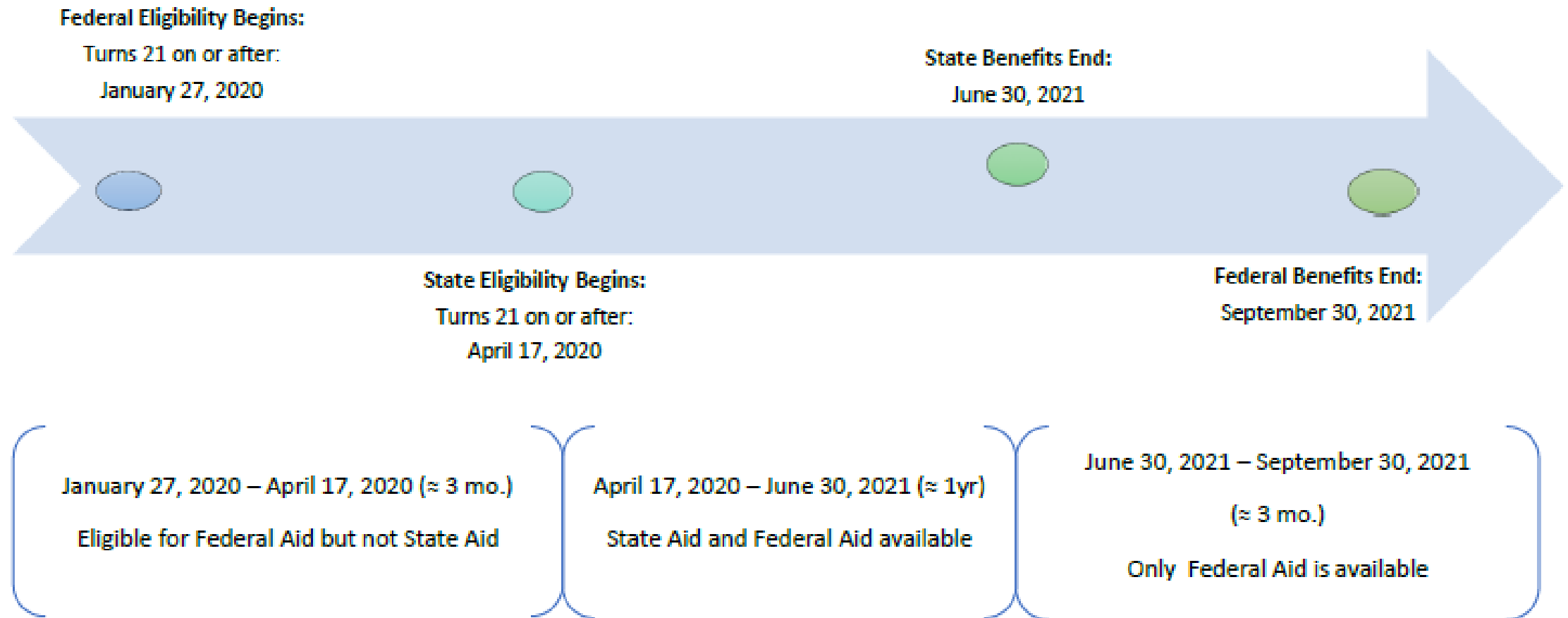
COVID-19 UPDATES



Governor's Proclamation & The Federal Act

- [ACL 20-112](#)
 - Waiver of education and employment criteria,
 - Waiver of Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP+) age and duration restrictions,
 - Allows for remote approvals of Supervised Independent Living Placements (SILPs).
- [ACL 20-117e](#)
 - Retroactive payments,
 - Resume monthly contacts and case management,
 - Inclusion of infant supplement,
 - Payment formalities.
- [ACL 21-51](#)
 - Re-entering Extended Foster Care (EFC),
 - County outreach and public awareness campaign,
 - Voluntary Agreement and Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP).
 - NO retroactive payments.

TIMELINE FOR EXTENSION OF EFC



QUESTIONS???

*THANK
YOU*