

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

Making 'Aging Out' a Thing of the Past

Extended Foster Care provides youth a better path to success in life.

Youth who transition from foster care without the needed network of support experience very poor outcomes at a much higher rate than their peers in the general population.

- 20%** will become homeless after age 18.
- 58%** will graduate high school by age 19.
- <3%** will earn a college degree by age 25.
- 50%** are employed at the age of 24.
- 25%** will be involved in the justice system within two years.
- 71%** of young women will be pregnant by 21.

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Young Adults Served in
Extended Foster Care
in 2022

YOUTH IN EXTENDED FOSTER CARE



More Likely to Graduate



More Likely Employed



More Self-Sufficient



Better Parenting Capacity



More Permanent Connections



Every \$1 invested in youth in extended foster care brings \$1.35 back to the state.

*Washington State study



Lower public assistance costs



Lower criminal justice costs



Lower unemployment

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

- Reach age 18 while in foster care; and
- Not yet reached age 21; AND

Meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a post-secondary vocational or educational program;
- Enrolled in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment;
- Employed at least 80 hours per month; OR
- Have a medical condition that renders the young adult incapable of engaging in any of these activities.

This program is unlike any other service. They are here to help you be successful at a pivotal time in your life.

EFC Participant

**Louisiana joins
32 other states
in extending
foster care to age 21.**

- ✓ Evidence-based
- ✓ Small caseloads
- ✓ Extensive training

- ✓ Frequent contact with youth, including at least one in-person visit per week
- ✓ Regular clinical consultation with a Youth Villages consultant

Youth VILLAGES.
The force for families

DCFS partners with Youth Villages to provide their evidence-based LifeSet Case Management Model.