Benefits for Committed Youth

**Education Assistance**

**Eligibility:**
Committed DCBS youth age 18-21.

**Benefit:**
Assists with expenses for completing vocational program or post-secondary program not covered by the tuition waiver or financial aid.

**Application Process:**
Regional independent living specialist completes DPP-103

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist

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**Tuition Waiver**

**Eligibility:**
DCBS youth who were in foster care on their 18th birthday or adopted from foster care.

Must begin program within 4 years of receiving high school diploma or GED.

Waiver is good for 5 years from date of first entry into school.

**Benefit:**
Waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at any KY public post-secondary college.

**Application Process:**
Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar, or financial aid office.

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist

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**Housing**

**Housing options may include:**
- foster home,
- pre-independent living program,
- scattered site apartment program, or college campus.

**Scattered Site**

**Eligibility:**
18-21 years old

Stability and maturity.

Enrolled in an educational program and working part-time or doing one full-time.

**Benefit:**
Housing, case management, and support services.

**Application Process:**
The social worker completes URC form.

**Contact:**
Social worker

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**Medical Benefits**

**Eligibility**
Youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday

Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until age 26.

Exempt from income requirements

**Application Process:**
If a youth decides to extend their commitment, the social worker needs to inform the child's benefit worker.

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist
Benefits for Non-Committed Youth

**Tuition Waiver**

**Eligibility:**
DCBS youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday or adopted from state's care.

Begin program within 4 years of receiving high school diploma or GED.

Waiver is good for 5 years from date of first entry into school.

**Benefit:**
Waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at any KY public post-secondary college.

**Application Process:**
Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar, or financial aid office.

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist

**Project Life**

**Eligibility:**
DCBS youth between the ages of 18.5-23 who left out-of-home care on or after their 18th birthday.

**Benefit:**
One year of rental assistance, case management & support services.

Employment Incentive of $250 a month if youth pays part of their rent.

Will be expected to meet with Case Manager; follow program guidelines; seek employment or participate in educational program.

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist

**Education Training Voucher (ETV)**

**Eligibility:**
(Ages 18-26)

DCBS youth who left out-of-home care on or after their 18th birthday or were adopted on or after their 16th birthday.

Enrolled in post-secondary education or job training program.

Maintain 2.0 GPA or making progress in program.

**Benefit:**
$5,000 yearly maximum (Up to 5 years).

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist

*** Please note that youth cannot participate in Project Life and get ETV funds at the same time.

**Medical Benefits**

**Eligibility**
Youth who were in out-of-home care on their 18th birthday.

**Benefit:**
Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until age 26.

**Application Process:**
Youth leaving state's care on or after their 18th birthday need to complete a health care application and submit to chafee.ilp@ky.gov.

**Contact:**
Regional independent living specialist