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Benefits for Youth in State's Care (Committed)

Type of Benefit	Eligibility	How it Helps	Application Process	Contact
Education Assistance	Committed DCBS/foster care youth 18-21 who either: - live in college dorm -or- - are completing vocational/trade school not offered at a state college.	Assists with expenses for completing vocational and/or college/university program not covered by the Tuition Waiver or Financial aid. (Pell, KEES, Scholarships, etc.)	Regional Independent Living Specialist completes DPP-103 & approved by central office.	Regional ILS
Tuition Waiver	- DCBS Youth who are in foster care on 18th birthday w/ H.S. diploma or GED. - Must begin program within 4 years of receiving H.S. Diploma or GED.	Waives the cost of tuition & mandatory fees at any KY public college or university. Good for up to 150 earned credits or until the student is 28 years old (for undergraduate & grad programs)	Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar or financial aid office.	Regional ILS
Earn and Learn	DCBS Youth between 18 – 21.	- Paid hourly wage to pursue GED or vocational/trade credential. - Assistance with education costs not covered by financial aid. - \$250 Incentive for earning credential.	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Fostering Success	DCBS Youth between 18-21 with H.S. Diploma or GED.	- Paid 10-week internship. - Professional development and career planning support.	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Housing	DCBS youth between 18-21 years old.	- Options include foster home, pre-independent living program, scattered site apartment program or college campus. - Scatter Site: 18-21 with a HS diploma. Stable/Mature. - Enrolled in full-time educational program, working full-time or both part-time.	Will be expected to meet with case manager, follow program guidelines, seek employment or participate in educational program.	Social Worker
Youth Development Funds	DCBS youth between 14-21 years old.	- Funds to help w/ extracurricular activities including: > Sports, clubs, etc. > Driver's Education, > Transportation > Employment	Youth development Request form along with itemized receipt or invoice.	Regional ILS

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > College Preparation > Education > Computer purchase and > Second Chance Scholarship 		
Healthcare Benefits	Youth who are in care on 18th birthday.	- Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until 26 years old.	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 .	Regional ILS
LifeSet	Youth 17-21 not placed with a private child care agency; residing in Louisville, Lexington or surrounding county.	- Case management support to identify and accomplish goals.	Referral submitted by ILS.	Regional ILS

*Youth adopted as an adult remain eligible for extended commitment and all other benefits



Benefits for Aged Out Youth

Type of Benefit	Eligibility	How it Helps	Application Process	Contact
Tuition Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth who were in DCBS custody on their 18th birthday or adopted from state foster care. - Must have H.S. diploma or GED. - Must begin program within 4 years of receiving H.S. diploma or GED. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waives the cost of tuition & mandatory fees at any KY public college or university. - Good for up to 150 earned credits or until the student is 28 years old (for undergraduate & grad programs). 	Complete Tuition Waiver for Foster & Adopted Children application & submit to college/university.	Regional ILS
Education Training Voucher (ETV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18-26. - DCBS youth who left care on or after 18th birthday-OR-Adopted on/after 16th birthday. - Enrolled in college/university or job training program. - Maintain 2.0 GPA or making progress in program. 	- \$5,000 yearly maximum (Up to 5 Years or age 26).	Complete Education Training Voucher application packet.	Regional ILS

Earn and Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18 - 23 years old. - Was in DCBS custody on or after 18th birthday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paid hourly wage to pursue GED or vocational/technical credential. - Career planning support. 	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Fostering Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18 - 23 years old. - Was in DCBS custody on or after 18th birthday . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paid internship. - Professional development and career planning support. 	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Housing	<p>Project Life: (statewide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18.5-23 years old. - Must have been in foster care on 18th birthday. <p>FUP/FYI: (statewide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18-24 years old. - Must have been in DCBS custody on 18th birthday or adopted at 16 years old or older. - Must be homeless or at risk of Homelessness. <p>Mainstream: (87 counties)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homeless or at risk of homelessness. - Diagnosed disability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Life: 12 months of rent and utility assistance & case management; employment incentive. - FUP/FYI: 36 months of income based rent assistance. - Mainstream: Permanent income based Housing. 	Contact Regional ILS.	Regional ILS
Healthcare Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18-26 years old. - Must have been in foster care on 18th birthday. - No min./max. income requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides Medicaid health insurance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must notify local Medicaid office of change of address. - Must apply yearly to keep coverage. 	Contact Regional ILS with any issues.
After Care Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18-23 years old. - Youth who were in care on 18th birthday. <p>Note: cannot be used if in Project Life.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds to help with education, employment, housing, or transportation, Second Chance Scholarship. 	After Care Services Application.	Regional ILS
LifeSet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18 – 23 years old. - In state’s care on 17th birthday. - Resides in Louisville, Lexington or surrounding county (within 60 miles). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case management support to identify and accomplish goals. 	Referral submitted by ILS.	Regional ILS