



COLORADO

Office of Children,
Youth & Families

Division of Child Welfare

Child Welfare Transition Age Youth Programs

Program Name	Age Range	Child Welfare Experience Requirements	Other Eligibility Requirements	Services Provided	For More Information
Foster Youth in Transition Program	18-21	<p>In foster care for one day or more on or after the youth's 16th birthday; or</p> <p>In non-certified kinship care plus adjudicated dependent or neglected on or after the youths 16th birthday; or</p> <p>A named child in an open dependency and neglect case on the youth's 18th birthday.</p>	<p>The youth must be doing one of the following (or intend to):</p> <p>Enrolled in an educational program full or part-time;</p> <p>Working full or part-time;</p> <p>Participating in a program meant to remove barriers to the work or school requirements; or</p> <p>Having a medical condition that prevents the youth from doing one of those activities.</p>	<p>Voluntary extended foster care for youth 18-21</p> <p>Any services available that child welfare offers that are not limited by other statutes are available including, assistance with living expenses, providing case management, assistance with accessing therapeutic services, and judicial oversight.</p> <p>Eligible youth may reenter this program until they reach the age of 21.</p>	<p>cdhs_fosteryouth@state.co.us</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Contact your local county child welfare agency.</p>
Chafee	14-23	<p>In foster care for one day or more on or after the youth's 14th birthday; or</p> <p>Adopted from foster care on or after their 16th birthday; or</p>	<p>Youth who are in the custody of the Division of Youth Services and were placed in a community placement on or after their 14th birthday are also eligible;</p> <p>Youth who aged out of foster care in other states are also eligible for</p>	<p>Chafee is a voluntary program that works collaboratively with eligible youth on the goals that will enable them to successfully transition to adulthood.</p> <p>Services center on the following main areas:</p>	<p>CDHS Chafee Website</p>



		Entered Relative Guardianship Assistance (RGAP) on or after their 16th birthday	Chafee services; U.S. citizen or qualified non-resident.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment 2. Education (GED, High School Diploma, Higher Education) 3. Housing assistance 4. Health and Wellness 5. Permanent connections 	
Colorado Foster Youth Successful Transition to Adulthood grant program	18-23	In foster care for one day or more on or after the youth's 14th birthday; or Adopted from foster care on or after their 16th birthday; or Entered Relative Guardianship Assistance (RGAP) on or after their 16th birthday	Youth who are in the custody of the Division of Youth Services and were placed in a community placement on or after their 14th birthday are also eligible; Youth who aged out of foster care in other states are also eligible for services.	The same as the Chafee services identified above.	Colorado Foster Youth Successful Transition to Adulthood Grant Program Advisory Board Website
Foster Youth Financial Assistance Program	No limits	In foster care for one day or more on or after the youth's 13th birthday; or In non-certified kinship care plus adjudicated dependent or neglected on or after the youth's 13th birthday.	The student must be a resident of Colorado; Attend a publicly funded institution of higher education, local district college, or area technical school in Colorado; and Maintains good academic standing.	Waives the cost of attendance for eligible students up to 132 semester hours or 192 quarter hours at a qualifying institution	CDHE Website fcnavigator@che.state.co.us
Education and Training Voucher Program	At least 17 years old up to 26	In foster care for one day or more on or after the youth's 14th birthday; or Adopted from foster care on or after their 16th birthday; or Entered Relative	Has been accepted into/enrolled in a degree, certificate, or another accredited program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school U.S. citizen or qualified non-resident *To remain eligible for ETV funding,	ETV Grant recipients can receive a maximum among of \$5,000 per year *Maximum number of years a student can receive ETV funding is five (5) years (consecutive or intermittent)	CDHE Website fcnavigator@che.state.co.us



	<p>Guardianship Assistance (RGAP) on or after their 16th birthday</p> <p>Youth who are in the custody of the Division of Youth Services and were placed in a community placement on or after their 14th birthday are also eligible</p>	<p>youth must show progress toward a certificate of completion, associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree</p>		
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Important Definitions:

“Foster care” means the placement of a child or youth into the legal custody or legal authority of a county department of human or social services for physical placement of the child or youth in a kinship care placement; supervised independent living placement, as defined in section 19-7-302; or certified or licensed facility, or the physical placement of a juvenile committed to the custody of the state department of human services into a community placement.

“Noncertified kinship care” means a child is being cared for by a relative or kin who has a significant relationship with the child in circumstances when there is a safety concern by a county department of human or social services and where the relative or kin has not met the foster care certification requirements for a kinship foster care home or has chosen not to pursue that certification process.

"Institution of Higher Education" or "Institution" means a State Institution of Higher Education, as defined in section [23-18-102 \(10\)\(a\)](#); local district college, as defined in section [23-71-102](#); or area technical college, as defined in section [23-60-103](#).

