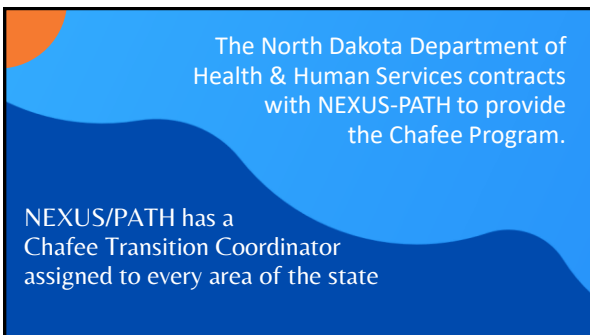




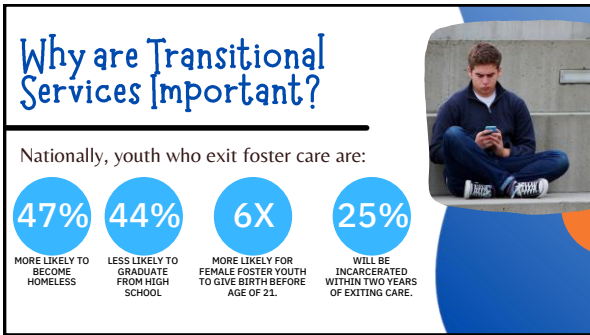
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Federal Law...

Federal law requires all foster youth age 14+ have their transition needs assessed and addressed and a transition plan in place.

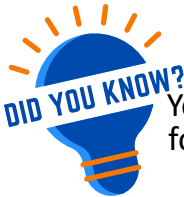
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North Dakota...

It is the responsibility of the legal custodian to ensure all foster youth age 14+ have their transition needs assessed and addressed and a Transition Plan in place.

North Dakota foster care policy requires that foster care youth be referred to and offered Chafee programming upon turning age 16 and identified as likely to age out of foster care.

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Did You Know? Youth who have been in foster care at the age of 14 or older can participate in the Chafee Program until the age of 23



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Age 18...



- Youth is given the option of remaining in the ND 18+ Continued Foster Care Program.
- Youth must meet eligibility for ND 18+ Continued Care
- If youth remains in foster care, the youth continues participation in the Chafee Program as a "Current Foster Youth".
- If youth does not participate in the 18+ Continued Foster Care, then the youth has the option of participating in the Chafee Program as a Foster Care Alumni.

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Foster Care Alumni: Age 18 to 23

- Foster Care Alumni work with the Chafee Transition Coordinator to create and update their Chafee Transition plan on a regular basis – at a minimum of annually.
- Chafee assessments are completed and data is collected annually.
- The Wraparound Process continues to be utilized.
- Youth who have aged out of foster care at age 18 or older are generally eligible for Room and Board & General Flex Funds
- Youth who have aged out of foster care at age 18 or older; or graduated from high school or obtained their GED after the age of 14 while still in foster care, are generally eligible for ETV funding.

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Foster Care Alumni: Age 23 to 26

Youth participating in the Education and Training Voucher Program can remain eligible until they turn 26, as long as they are making satisfactory academic progress toward completing their educational goals.

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General Flex Funds

...are payments made, or tangible resources given, directly to the eligible youth, or made on behalf of the eligible youth, i.e.

- Reasonable incentives to encourage participation or goal achievement (gift cards, cash, fun activities)
- Non-housing related goods or services on behalf of the youth (car repairs, work clothes/shoes/equipment, bike, bus passes, cell phone)
 - Up to \$250 general flex per/year

Room & Board Funds

= Used to assist the youth to move into permanent housing.

1st months rent, deposits, room & board arrangements and utilities.
(\$1000 lifetime maximum)



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Education & Training Vouchers (ETV's)

ELIGIBILITY...

- Youth has been discharged from foster care on or after their 18th birthday or in 18+ Continued Care past their 18th birthday, or are 14+ years of age and have graduated from high school or obtained their GED while in foster care.
- Youth adopted or entered kinship guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday.
- Youth are eligible until their 26th birthday providing they are making satisfactory academic progress and remain a Chafee Program participant.
- Award preference will be given to youth in ND Foster Care for 12 months or greater.

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WHAT IS AN ETV?

ETV funds are similar to a "scholarship"...
Eligible youth can receive up to \$2,500 per semester
and do not have to pay this money back!

ETV funds are paid to the college or trade school to help the youth cover:

- Tuition, fees, equipment/materials
- Books and supplies
- Laptop computer
- On or off campus room and board
- Transportation costs
- Childcare expenses

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Lifetime maximum = \$25,000
Annual maximum = \$5,000
Maximum years eligible = 5

ETV Awards

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Kinship/Relative Care Placements

Youth are eligible for consideration in Chafee
IL if in kinship or relative placements.

These youth may be eligible for:

- General Flex Funds
- Room and Board Flex Funds
- ETV funding



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Guardianship Care
Youth are eligible for consideration in Chafee II.
As current foster care youth or Foster Care Alumni

These youth may be eligible for:

- General Flex Funds

Not eligible for:

- Room and Board Flex Funds
- ETV funding

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Supervised Independent Living Program

Supervised independent living program" means a licensed or approved setting providing supervision and service delivery to youth transitioning into adulthood.

Licensed November 1, 2019....

- PATH Accommodated SIL
- PATH Supported SIL

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Final Thoughts...

Chafee is OPTIONAL, not required

- The youth decides if they want to be involved.

Chafee is not just a funding source, but funding to assist youth is available if appropriate.

Chafee is youth driven...

- There is no curriculum and no ending point.
- Programming is determined by the youth's needs and most importantly WITH the youth's input.

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Thank you! 
