

HOUSING VOUCHERS

Former foster youth are eligible for two types of housing vouchers provided through the Public Housing Authorities. Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI). Youth can receive up to 36 months of housing assistance via a Housing Choice Voucher. Vouchers can be extended an additional 24 months for a total of 5 years. Support services are also provided, which include assistance with applying for the voucher, housing navigation, and ongoing supportive services.

Eligibility Criteria

- Age 18-24
- Have left foster care or will leave within 90 days
- Was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older



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FYI & FUP vouchers are typically awarded once a year.
Not everyone who is eligible will be awarded.

If you feel you meet eligibility, click on the link above to find your vouchers point-of-contact. Reach out to them directly to request a FUP or FYI voucher. If they indicate they have no more vouchers, ask if they can request an on-demand FYI voucher.



FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE

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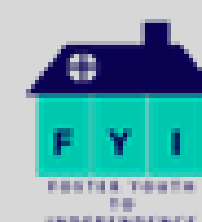
surfing/homeless or at risk
of homelessness?

Did you leave foster
care or will leave foster
care within 90 days?

Are you 18-24 years old
(have not reached your 25th birthday)?

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**If you've answered YES to these questions,
You may be eligible for FYI!**



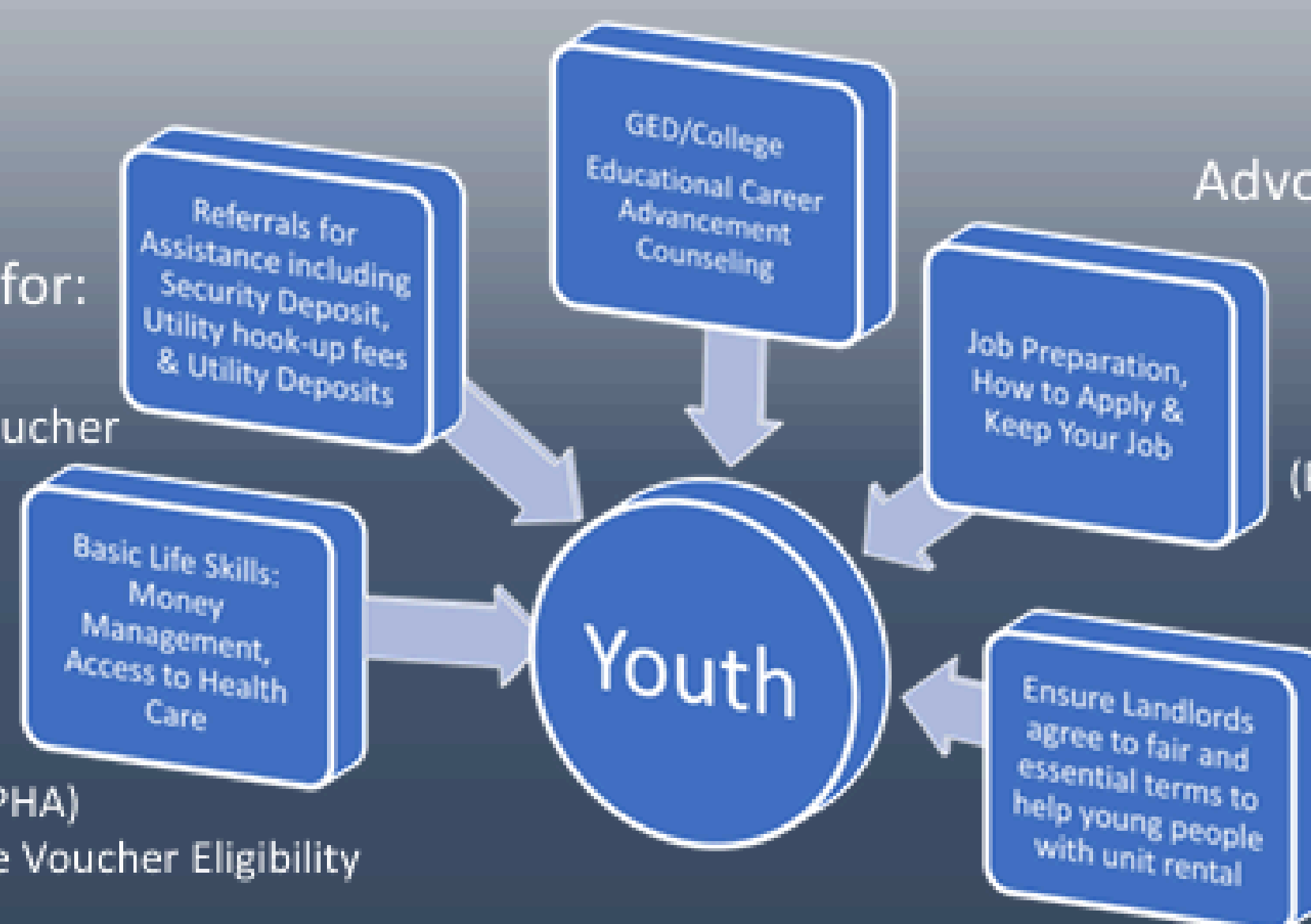
FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE

You May Be Eligible for:

Housing Assistance /Voucher
&
Support Services

Public Housing Authority (PHA)
determines Housing Choice Voucher Eligibility

Contact your local PHA @
<https://resources.hud.gov/>



Advocate /Ask Questions
Speak with your Counselor

Public Child Welfare Agency
(PCWA) determines Child Welfare
Involvement

Get Referred
for FYI!

Become Self-Sufficient!

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program can HELP
you Achieve your Goals, Dreams and Desires!



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FACT SHEET

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Family Unification Program (FUP)

Office of Housing Voucher Programs

****December 2023****

What is FUP?

FUP is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) are provided to:

- Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in either:
 - The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care.
 - The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.

There is no time limitation on FUP family vouchers.

- Youth at least 18 years old and not more than 24 years old who:
 - Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act; and
 - Are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

FUP vouchers used by youth are limited, by statute, to 36 months of housing assistance unless the youth meets the requirements to receive an extension of assistance under the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) amendments. FSHO provides FUP youth with an extension of the 36-month time limit for up to an additional 24 months if they meet certain requirements. FSHO applies to FUP youth who first leased or leases a unit after the date of enactment of FSHO, i.e., December 27, 2020. HUD published an FSHO implementation notice in the Federal Register on January 24, 2022 ([87 FR 3570](#)).

Families and youth may use the vouchers provided through FUP to lease decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private housing market.

How does the program work?

Public housing agencies (PHAs) administer FUP in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs). The PCWA initially determines if the family or youth meets the FUP eligibility requirements, certifies that the family or youth is eligible, and refers those families or youths to the PHA. Once the PCWA makes the referral, the PHA places the FUP applicant on its HCV waiting list and determines whether the family or youth meets HCV program eligibility requirements, including income eligibility. The PHA conducts all other processes relating to voucher issuance and administration.

In addition to rental assistance, the PCWA must provide or secure the provision of supportive services to FUP youths for the time period set forth in the applicable Notice of Funding Availability/Opportunity (NOFA/O) under which the vouchers were awarded.¹ Examples of the skills targeted by these services include money management skills, job preparation, educational counseling, and proper nutrition and meal preparation. The program does not require PCWAs to provide supportive services for families; however, PCWAs may make them available to families as well.

While the FUP program is administered in accordance with HCV program regulations, the FUP NOFA/O issued by HUD provides specific program information and requirements such as the targeted population, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by which PHAs and PCWAs establish their partnership, and rating criteria for review and selection of applications, among others.