

### Supervised Independent Living Placement (18-21 yo, open cases)

#### **Fact Sheet**

#### HISTORY & PURPOSE

In 2020, the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office - Homeless Initiative provided a one-time allocation to the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) of \$300,000 to support the housing needs of foster youth participating in Assembly Bill (AB) 12/Extended Foster Care. Up to \$2,500 (maximum) can be awarded for each youth that is referred to the program. Funding is available until June 30, 2021. The allocation was funded for fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Youth must be participating in AB12/Extended Foster Care.
- Youth must be in a SILP in Los Angeles County.
- The funds will be awarded to meet housing needs only (first & last rent, rental assistance, dorm deposits, security deposits, appliances, furniture, etc.).
- · One-time request per youth.
- Up to \$2,500 (maximum) awarded to each youth.
- Children's Social Worker (CSW) must refer via silpplus@dcfs.lacounty.gov <u>OR</u>
   Supportive Therapeutic Options Program (STOP) on DCFS 5540 form. All STOP funds documentation/signatures required.

#### REFERRAL PROCESS

- Case carrying CSW must submit a STOP funds request with required supporting documentation and approval signatures.
- The request will be identified as eligible for funding and referred to the STOP Program Manager.
- The STOP Program Manager will forward to Supportive Housing Division (SHD) for review and approval in order to generate a request for funding.
- A check will be requested and mailed to the youth or directly to a vendor.

# SILP Facts & Eligibility

SILP are the most independent types of placement. Youth live on their own in a space with a supportive adult.

Youth have to be determined to be ready for a SILP through a SILP Readiness Assessment Tool.

If determined to be SILP-ready, youth must find a place to live that is approved by their social worker or probation officer.

May receive foster care payments - \$1,258/mo (2025) In July, 2027, monthly SILP payments will increase to \$2,288/mo

#### Eligible housing options include

- Room rental
- Apartment
- House
- College/University housing
- Tribal SILP
- Residential treatment facility
- Sober living
- Single room occupancy hotel



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If you are feel you meet eligibility, talk to your social worker about starting the process.

## THP-NMD

## Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (18-21 yo, open case)

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Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD)

### What is the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD)?

On September 30, 2010, Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) Extended Foster Care (EFC) was signed into law. AB12 allowed California to extend foster care up to age 21 for young adults who met the federal participation conditions for continued eligibility after age 18, including those served under State-Tribe IV-E agreement and supervised by probation. These young adults are referred to as Non-Minor Dependents (NMD).

In Los Angeles County, (THPP-NMD) is an innovative program which will further the goals of the federal Independent Living Program (ILP), serving to ensure foster/probation youth are properly trained, and have attained a level of independence and self-sufficiency that allows them to exit care successfully.

#### GOALS

- Offer high-level independent living classes to provide the NMD with the training and skills necessary for exiting care and living independently; or remaining in care and transitioning to a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP)
- Help NMDs exit care with the skills and financial means to move towards independence

#### TARGET POPULATION

DCFS or Probation Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) who meet one or more of the following AB12 participation conditions:

- 1. Completing high school or an equivalent program
- 2. Enrolled in college or vocational education
- 3. Participating in a program designed to promote or remove barriers to employment
- 4. Employed for at least 80 hours per month
- Is incapable of enrollment in school or employment due to a documented medical condition
  - Are age 18 through 20 (up to, but not including, 21)
  - Current court dependents
  - Responsible enough to share an apartment or house with another NMD

#### LENGTH OF PROGRAM

The program is up to 3 years or age 21, whichever comes first. However, no NMD may remain in THPP-NMD once they turn 21 years old.

## THP-NMD

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THP-NMD provides fully-funded housing and comprehensive supportive services. Housing is provided by non-profit providers, and support services include counseling, case management, 24-hour crisis intervention, education and job advocacy and support, allowance to purchase food and necessities, life skills training, and assistance finding affordable housing upon exiting the program.

#### Eligible Housing Models

- Remote Site
  - Provider owns or leases residences in the community. Provider staff check in with the youth regularly for support
- Single Site (Staffed)
  - Proivder owns or leases a single family building or complex. Staff lives on site.
- Host Family
  - Provider finds and arranges youth to live in a rented room with a family.
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