

## How Can I Get ASSIST?

- ⇒ Meet Eligibility Criteria
- ⇒ Complete Financial Literacy Training
- ⇒ Apply through your independent living worker
- ⇒ Complete a budget worksheet
- ⇒ Complete the Readiness Assessment
- ⇒ Complete the ASSIST Agreement

## Transitional & Independent

### Living Providers

#### Kent County

Elizabeth Murphey School 302-734-7348

#### New Castle County

Progressive Life: Independent Care Action Network (ICAN)

302-738-7850

People's Place 302-422-8033

West End Neighborhood House

302-658-4171

#### Sussex County

People's Place 302-422-8033

#### Statewide

Children's Choice 302-678-0404

DFS IL Office 302-633-2538

## THE ASSIST PROGRAM

## ACHIEVING SELF SUFFICIENCY & INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SUPPORTED TRANSITION



## History

The Delaware Youth Advisory Council comprised of youth ages 14 and older that have experienced foster care informed legislators that they needed additional supports once leaving foster care. Through their advocacy and the collaborative effort with the Delaware Youth Opportunities Initiative (DYOI), HB 163, known as Ready By 21 was passed in June 2013. This law enhanced independent living services including making needs based stipend funds available to help with the living costs for youth that have aged out of foster care. The name of the stipend program is ASSIST (Achieving Self Sufficiency & Independence through Supported Transition).

## ASSIST Program Eligibility

- ◆ Youth that were in foster care & turned 18 on or after 7-12-12 or were otherwise eligible for independent living services.
- ◆ Eligible through age 23 (based upon funding availability)
- ◆ Youth must complete a financial literacy training (total of 6 hours of training)
- ◆ Youth must be active with an TIL provider
- ◆ Youth must work/attend school/volunteer



## What Can ASSIST Be Used For?

- ◇ Housing
- ◇ Living Expenses
- ◇ Education Expenses
- ◇ Employment Expenses
- ◇ Savings
- ◇ Insurance
- ◇ Transportation