

FAQ

Can the Independent Living Program help me get my driver's license?

Yes, the IL program will assist in obtaining your drivers license before you exit the program.

How will the Independent Living Program help me after I exit foster care?

Transitional housing is available to young adults who have transitioned into independency. In addition, on-going services are available such as counseling and financial support, life skills instruction, educational support and employment and community linkages.

Will the Independent Living Program help me with financial aid for college or trade school?

Yes, the IL program offers Educational and Training Vouchers (ETV). The number of scholarships awarded is based on availability of funds. Other scholarships are available through community and civic organizations.

Our Purpose

Empowering youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities in order to ensure youth in care are adequately prepared for self-sufficiency with continuing after care services to promote future success.

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THE CHILD
FIRST.**

DELAWARE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Division of Family Services

Delaware Children's Department

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Wilmington, DE 19805

Independent Living Program



**FOR YOUTH AGING
OUT OF
FOSTER CARE**

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What is the Independent Living Program?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) of Delaware is designed to assist and empower youth by providing supportive services and training opportunities. The program offers:

- **Individual Plan for Independence**— a plan for each youth that is soon to exit care developed by a team which includes YOU, a coordinator, case manager, care giver, and other key players
- **“Real life” experiences** designed to promote processes of maturation and skill development

Goals and Expectations

- Youth and young adults will be adequately prepared for self-sufficiency and the transition to adult independence

Expected skills youth will develop are:

- financially self-supporting including obtaining housing, food, and clothing
- social skills, participate in social activities
- ethical/moral values
- problem solving skills
- develop a supportive network of friends and family

ILP Services

Mentors
Youth Conferences and Workshops
Tours (colleges, technical schools)
Life Skills Training

- Social Skills
- Consumerism
- Employability
- Special Needs
- Student Issues

After Care

Supportive services are provided to young adults who have transitioned into independence with assistance from Service Providers including:

- Financial support
- Life Skills instruction
- Educational support
- Employment and community linkages
- Housing

Young Adults exiting transitional living placement will have knowledge, skills, and abilities to access the following resources:

- Transportation
- Employment
- School
- Housing
- Ongoing support services
- Counseling to maintain self-support and self-sufficiency

Eligibility

- Youth in the custody of the Division of Family Services (DFS) ages 16 and older
- youth who are no longer in foster care because they have reached age 18, but have not reached age 23

Service Providers

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

West End Neighborhood House

710 North Lincoln Street
Wilmington, DE 19805

658-4171

Progressive Life Center

262 Chapman Road
Newark, DE 19702

302-738-7850

People's Place

240 N. James Street
Newport, DE 19804

302-422-8033

The Children's Choice

707 Walker Road
Dover, DE 19904

302-678-0404

KENT COUNTY

The Elizabeth W. Murphy School, Inc.

42 Kings Hwy, Dover, DE 19901
302-734-7348

The Children's Choice

707 Walker Road
Dover, DE 19904

302-678-0404

SUSSEX COUNTY

People's Place

1120 Airport Road
Milford, DE 19963

302-422-8033

The Children's Choice

707 Walker Road
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