

POLICY

When seeking services for a delinquent youth, the juvenile justice specialist (JJS) must refer the youth to applicable Department of Human Services (DHS) support services required to address his/her needs.

PURPOSE

To prevent a youth from engaging in additional delinquent acts and to provide appropriate services for which the youth is eligible.

AUTHORITY

The Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.115b(1).

Youth Rehabilitation Services Act, 1974 PA 150, as amended, MCL 803.301 et seq.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
SECURITY
INCOME (SSI)
BENEFITS
DETERMINATION**

A youth may be SSI-eligible if:

- The youth has a physical or mental condition(s) that can be medically proven and which results in marked and severe functional limitations.
- The medically proven physical or mental condition(s) is expected to last at least 12 months or expected to result in death.

The youth may not be considered eligible if he/she is working at a job considered to be substantial work.

See FOM 902-10, SSI Benefits Determination, for additional SSI screening and application procedures.

**YOUTH IN
TRANSITION
PROGRAM (YIT)**

Michigan's Youth in Transition Program is designed to help meet the specialized needs of youths. Some delinquent youths may be eligible for services from this fund if they meet the youth in

transition (YIT) program eligibility criteria and were in an appropriate DHS placement at or after age 14. Additionally, dual wards who are 18-21 years old when their delinquency case is closed can receive closed case services. For further information on the YIT program, see FOM 950, Youth in Transition (YIT) Program.

TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

TIP is recognized as a state funding resource for students who wish to further their education and attend college; see FOM 722-12, Foster Care - Financial Support.

TIP assists in the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for students of low-income families to attend college at participating institutions. This may include students in foster care, state wards, court wards and Family Independence Program, Medical Assistance, State Disability Assistance and Food Assistance Programs only recipients.

Phase I & II Requirements

To qualify a youth must:

- Apply **before** graduation from high school or have received a general educational development (GED) certificate.
- Be receiving (or have received) Medicaid from the Department of Human Services for 24 months within a 36 consecutive month period.
- Graduate from high school or receive a GED certificate before becoming age 20.
- Be a U.S. citizen and meet the participating institution's residency requirements.
- Provide to the participating institution's financial aid office an official copy of the youth's high school diploma (or GED certificate) and proof of age.
- Enroll in associate's degree or certificate program courses equivalent to at least a halftime student according to institutional policy.

**Benefits and
Tuition**

- **Community colleges:** TIP pays 100 percent of current in-district resident tuition rates and mandatory fees towards the completion of an associate's degree.
- **Public universities:** TIP pays up to 100 percent of current lower level undergraduate tuition rates and mandatory fees.
- **Independent, nonprofit colleges/universities:** TIP pays a maximum of \$48 per credit hour and mandatory fees.

TIP does not pay for books, mileage, room and board, or extra tuition for out-of-district students.

- College/university courses must be taken within four years following high school graduation or GED completion.
- TIP will pay for a maximum of 80 semester or 120 term credits.

**Phase II (Letter
of Credit)
Additional
Benefits**

- Phase II (letter of credit) forms must be used within 2 1/2 years of the expiration of Phase I.
- TIP will provide up to \$2,000 (\$500 per semester) in tuition benefits to qualified students continuing their education beyond the associate's degree or certificate program level. Students must attend a Michigan four-year college or university and must have an associate's degree or at least 56 accepted semester credits from a participating TIP college or university.

**JUVENILE
PROGRAMS IN-
HOME SERVICES
FUND**

Services/items such as special clothing allowances, school expenses, medical and dental treatment, may be approved through non-scheduled payments. Unless otherwise specified, the non-scheduled payment categories are applicable to all children who are placed with or committed to the department by the court; see

FOM 903-9, Non-Scheduled Payments DHS-634, for details and instruction.

**EDUCATION AND
TRAINING
VOUCHER (ETV)
PROGRAM**

The Chafee Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program provides resources specifically to meet the education and training needs of youths aging out of foster care. This program provides vouchers of up to \$5,000 per fiscal year to eligible youths attending post-secondary education and vocational programs. See FOM 960, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program, for information on eligibility, institution type, attendance, funding sources, and allowable expenses.

**YOUNG ADULT
VOLUNTARY
FOSTER CARE**

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (PL 110-351) includes an option for states to extend foster care maintenance payments for a youth ages 18 to 21 who meets specific eligibility requirements.

To implement this option, Michigan has implemented the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Act, 2011 PA 225-230.

Youth who are dual wards at the time they become 18 years of age may be eligible for young adult voluntary foster care. See FOM 902-21, PR Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) Funding and Payment, and FOM 722-16, Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care, for all eligibility and program requirements.