
**AFTERCARE
SERVICES, MDHHS
PUBLICATION 858**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Publication 858, After Care Services, describes programs available for youth aging out of foster care in Michigan. Indian youth are eligible for the same aftercare services as non-Indian youth. Information regarding services for Indian children aging out of foster care must be provided to an Indian youth by the Indian youth's assigned caseworker at the time the decision is made to assist the Indian youth to move into independent living, out of foster care.

Publication 858 also includes space for the worker and Indian youth to input contact names and numbers, resource information, and service provider information. In addition, there is also a reminder to the worker to ensure the Indian youth has copies of his or her vital records, such as the birth certificate, tribal membership, and social security card.

Publication 858 is available at local MDHHS offices or on the MDHHS public web site at: www.michigan.gov/dhs-publications.

**YOUTH IN
TRANSITION (YIT OR
CHAFEE)**

Indian youth, like non-Indian youth, are eligible for Youth in Transition (YIT) funds. For eligibility and application information see FOM-950, Youth In Transition; see Tribal Agreement Manual (TAM) for YIT agreements with tribes for additional resources.

**YOUNG ADULT
VOLUNTARY
FOSTER CARE
(YAVFC)**

Indian youth are eligible for Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) services. ICWA/MIFPA apply to YAVFC cases (Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, P.L. 110-351; see FOM 722-16, 902-21, and 902-21a).

**FOSTER CARE
TRANSITIONAL
MEDICAID (FCTMA)**

Indian youth who age out of foster care (FC) are eligible for Foster Care Transitional Medicaid (FCTMA) once the foster care case is closed. This applies to ALL Indian youth who have aged out of FC regardless of when the FC case closed. To be eligible, Indian youth must meet the following criteria:

- Under 21 years of age; and
- At the time of the youth's 18th birthday he/she is in an out-of-home placement under the responsibility of the Michigan Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) or tribal court; and
- The youth is not currently incarcerated.

For additional information see FOM 803, Medicaid.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (42 USC 18001 et seq), Indian children and families may waive their automatic entry into the Foster Care Transitional Medicaid (FCTMA) to obtain Indian Health Services (IHS) tribal health care benefits; see FOM 801-805.

**EDUCATION AND
TRAINING
VOUCHERS (ETV)**

Indian youth are eligible for an ETV if they are eligible for the YIT program; see FOM 960, Education and Training Vouchers.

**TUITION INCENTIVE
PROGRAM (TIP)**

All persons are entitled to equality of access to student financial resources and information. For information on the tuition incentive program go to the TIP Web site.

Student financial aid assistance is also available online at Paying For College: http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5453_5526-15511--,00.html.

**MICHIGAN YOUTH
OPPORTUNITIES
INITIATIVE (MYOI)**

Current or former foster youth, aged 14 - 23, who were in foster care at some point after they turned age 14, may be eligible for the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative. Access to the MYOI is available from the Foster Youth In Transition (FYIT) website.

The FYIT website (<http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5439-161180--,00.html>) provides information on a variety of issues important to current and former foster youth. The site provides links on how to develop supports, find services, and get answers to important questions.

LEGAL BASIS

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, 42 USC 675 et seq.

Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC 1901 et seq.

Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, 42 USC 18001 et seq.

Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, MCL 712B. 1 - 41.