

# InTERdependent Living

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Everything you always wanted to know  
but didn't know who to ask

# Policies

- 16.51 – Interdependent Living Plan
- 16.52 – Eligibility
- 16.53 – Identifying and Accessing Services
- 16.54 – Provision of Post Custody Services
- 16.55 – Post-Secondary Scholarships
- 16.56 – Interdependent Living Allowances

## 16.51

- ALL youth MUST have an IL Plan beginning at age 14
- Incorporated into the Permanency Plan
- Based upon the results of the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment
- Increasing in focus and intensity as the youth ages.

# ACLSA

- [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org)
- Updated annually
- Alternative life skills assessment available
- Two components
  - Youth portion
  - Caregiver portion

# Important!!!

In order to provide a service for a youth utilizing Chafee funds, the IL Program **MUST** have an updated IL Plan expressing the needed service or resource.

## 16.52

- Youth in care 14-19
  - Full array of services
  - Must be included in Plan
- Youth exiting care at 18
  - Voluntary Post custody services
  - Services are personalized and dependent on need
  - Educational assistance
- Youth adjudicated Delinquent
  - Dependent on placement
- Youth exiting care after 16
  - Educational assistance

## Youth in high school after age 18

- Must have certification from school of “reasonable expectation” of graduation BEFORE 19<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Must have clinical justification for placement greater than Level 1
- Must maintain level of case management

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- Must be associated with assessed need and concrete goal
- Can be accessed through DCS FSW or IL Specialist
- Provided based upon the need and availability
- Must be reasonably related to one of the key domains of the Plan

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- Available for youth who exited custody at or after age 19, from an eligible placement
- Designed to provide support for youth who are actively participating in post secondary education or valid job training
- Designed to be a support for youth who are progressing toward interdependence.
- Designed to supplement, not supplant the youths progress

## 16.55

- Available to youth who exit care after age 16
- Available to cover the cost of attendance at an approved college or job training program
- Available to both D/N and JJ
  - Education and Training Vouchers
  - State Funded Scholarship
- Administered through Scholarship Coordinator
  - Dave Shonts – 615-532-9646

# 16.56

- Youth exiting care at 18 MAY be eligible for IL Allowance
- Supplemental daily rate payments
- Requires educational plan
- Requires specialized financial planning training

# Transitioning into Adult Services

- Must be on the Transition list by age 16
- Service can continue IF adult services have been approved
- Social Security application is crucial
- Planning must incorporate adult provider agency

# Additional Resources

- <http://www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/manuals/InterdependentLivingManual.pdf> --- Its all there now!!!!
- Regional IL Coordinators
  - West – Kerelynn Davis 901-348-3759
  - Middle – Chrystalyn Hall 615-360-4356
  - East – Tammy Rohane-Henderson 615-532-9647
  - Director – Lane – 615-532-9644
  - Scholarship Coordinator – Dave Shonts -615-532-9646
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