

Services Available Under TN DCS Independent Living: Tip Sheet (July 1, 2012)

- 1. For Custodial Youth ages 14-19 (Placed in a community setting):**
 - Independent Living (IL) Wrap Services
 - Life Skills Instruction
 - Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) and state-funded scholarship for youth ages 16-19 attending post-secondary program
- 2. For Custodial Youth ages 14-19 (Placed in a secure facility):**
 - Life Skills Instruction
 - State-funded scholarship for youth ages 16-19 attending post-secondary program
- 3. For Young Adults 18-21 who are completing high school or GED and who were released from custody at or after age 18 (not open to youth who turn 18 in a secure facility):**
 - Foster Care Placement Services for young adults who wish to stay in a foster home OR an Independent Living Allowance (ILA) for young adults who wish to live independently.
 - Case Management Services
 - Life Skills Instruction
 - Independent Living Wrap Services
- 4. For Young Adults 18-21 who are enrolled in a post-secondary or vocational education institution and who were released from custody at or after age 18 (not open to youth who turn 18 in a secure facility)**
 - Educational and Training Voucher: up to \$2500 semester/ up to \$5000 year
 - Foster Care Placement Services for young adults who wish to stay in a foster home OR an Independent Living Allowance for young adults who wish to live independently.
 - Case Management Services
 - IL Wrap Services
 - Life Skills Instruction
- 5. For Young Adults 18-21 who are “Unable to Attend School” due to Serious Health Issues**
 - Foster Care Placement Services
 - Case Management Services and Court Review
 - Life Skills Instruction
 - Independent Living Wrap Services
- 6. Limited DCS Service Options (ETV & State-Funded Scholarships):**

Educational and Training Voucher and limited IL Wrap only:

 - Youth who exit state custody at age 16 or older to adoption or subsidized permanent guardianship

Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) only:

 - Youth 21-23 who were receiving an ETV at age 21

State-funded Scholarship only:(up to \$2,500/semester or \$5000/year, available up to age 24)

 - Youth who exit to permanency at age 16 or older
 - Youth who have exited state custody from a Youth Development Center (YDC) or detention after age 16
 - Youth who are in a YDC or detention who are attending a post-secondary program
 - Youth who lose eligibility for Educational and Training Vouchers
- 7. Youth Villages Transitional Living Program**
 - For youth ages 17-22 who were in state custody and in a foster care placement for at least one year after their 14th birthday OR emancipated to adulthood while in state custody
 - Assessment available to youth ages 17 and older while in custody

All Youth in DCS custody should have an IL Plan (14-16) or a Transition Plan (17+) regardless of permanency goals, placement or adjudication.