

Youth Transitions Funding Guidelines

YT funding can be used for the following items, services and extra-curricular activities that will help young people (age 14 to 23) achieve the goals identified in their transition plan while gaining life skills for a successful transition to adulthood.

Cell phones



- Cell phones - **\$400** max per life of case
- Monthly service - **\$400** max per life of case (up to 6 months of support, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment)

Cars insurance and maintenance



- Car insurance (with driver's ed completion only) – **\$1,200** max per life of case (up to 6 months of coverage, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment)
- Maintenance and repairs - **\$250** max per fiscal year

DMV fees



Payments are made out to the local DMV office unless it's a reimbursement.

Bikes and skateboards



- Bike, skateboard, longboard, etc. – **\$300** max every 24 months
- Safety equipment and accessories – **\$150** max every 24 months

Housing start-up costs (moving costs, household items, bedding, etc.)



- If furniture is included - **\$1,200** max per life of case
- Without furniture - **\$800** max per life of case

One-time housing (required deposits, rent, monthly expenses)



Must be eligible for either Chafee Housing or ILP Housing Subsidy Program funding.

Laptops



- **\$350** max through junior year*
- **\$500** max senior year and beyond*

*Written educational recommendations are required for potential additional funding. Laptops under warranty will be repaired or replaced as allowed. Replacements are only available after 24 months and after warranty expiration.



High school costs

- Yearly activity fees, yearbooks – **\$300** max
- Yearly school supplies – **\$150** max
- Senior photos – **\$250** max
- Graduation packages – **\$175** max



Camp fees

- **\$500** max yearly



Other allowed expenses

- Securing or replacing personal documents
- Special equipment (tools, uniforms, work attire)
- Tutoring or music lessons (written provider agreement is required)



Items not covered by YT funding

- YT does not replace lost or stolen cash.
- YT does not cover orthodontic, medical, vision or dental care.
- YT does not cover major car repairs.
- YT does not cover non-work related clothing.



Documentation and signatures

All submissions require pertinent **signatures** (young person, caseworker, Tribal Nation worker, ILP provider, etc.) and **documentation** (how request connects to transition plan, receipts, screen shot showing items and cost, quotes, estimates, etc.).

- Child Welfare Branch Manager approvals are required for any \$500+ requests.
- Receipts are required and will be tracked. When receipts are not provided, future funding opportunities will be limited to vendor direct payments or reimbursements only.
- Receipts within 90 days of purchase are required for all reimbursements.

Incomplete requests will be sent back and will need to be resubmitted.

Oregon Resources to Support Pursuit of What Comes Next

Post-secondary Paths and Resources for Citizen Review Board Member Considerations in Case Review

This Oregon State University doctoral program internship project was created by Melissa Bowers, Lane County CRB Board Member.

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Preface, how to use this document:

1. This document is a resource to help Citizen Review Board (CRB) members review cases where youth are 14 or older and/or at the age of starting to explore their post-secondary plans, or as they prepare to transition to independent living.
2. This document attempts to link static sites, in need of little update, and relies on the sites for current and further information.
3. This document may spark thinking about the possibilities for such youth or be helpful in identifying resources to support career tracks, college tracks, job skill building, and/or supplemental resources.
4. This is not intended to be a resource to counsel youth, instead this resource is to help inform supportive options for what the youth signals as their interests.
5. The resources within may be helpful to CRB members when they are not familiar with the options in nature and/or geographically.
6. The document is not intended to promote one path over another, rather to be a resource of what might align with what makes sense for an individual case and as a supplemental resource when and if a CRB member finds such a resource helpful. Use of this document is optional.
7. Upon downloading and in current versions of Word, the document is bookmarked in the Navigation Pane and with jump links to each topic. In this document hyperlinks (to external websites) and jump links to each section within the document are in blue text and will change color when clicked by a user.
8. The document is not intended to be all encompassing and other resources can serve as supplements to this document.
9. The resources are listed as five broad sections on page two of this document and are organized throughout the document in these corresponding sections.

Post-secondary path and resource categories:

1. Career Track:



- A. [Licensed Career School Resources](#)
- B. [Pre-Apprenticeship Programs](#)
- C. [Apprenticeship Programs](#)

2. College Track:



- A. [Academic and Financial Prep, 11th Grade College Prep Checklist](#)
- B. [Community Colleges](#)
- C. [Public Four Year+ Degree Colleges/Universities & pre-college program links](#)
- D. [Private Colleges with pre-college program links](#)
- E. [Paying for College](#)

3. Job Skill Building:



- A. [Career Readiness](#)
- B. [Youth Employment Resources](#)
- C. [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

4. Job Exploration and Job Seeking:



- A. [Career Paths](#)
- B. [Workforce Training](#)

5. Supplemental Resources:



- A. [Other Resources](#)
- B. [Independent Living and Independent Living Program](#)
- C. [Military and Enlisted Service Resources](#)

1. Career Track:



In this section, Career Track Resources are outlined for the State of Oregon. Additionally, see 2. B. Community College Section as a source of career training.

A. Licensed Career School Resources

- Higher Education Coordinating Commission : [Explore Private Career Schools : Access College & Training : State of Oregon](#)
- Oregon [Master School List by Alpha.pdf](#)
- Sample: <https://weldcerts.com/> Welding School (Lane County)

B. Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

Gain relevant work experience and life skills. View apprenticeship opportunities. Explore high-wage and high-need career opportunities in Oregon. Learn about the changing labor market.

- Pre-apprenticeship programs: [BOLI : Pre-apprenticeship programs : Apprenticeship : State of Oregon](#)

C. Apprenticeship Programs

Explore Oregon apprenticeship opportunities and apply by type of job, county, and opening.

Search or browse available apprenticeship programs to view information about the trade, contact information, requirements for the program, as well as opening notices for application.

- Apprenticeship Programs Bureau of Labor and Industries: [BOLI : Apprenticeship opportunities : Apprenticeship : State of Oregon](#)
- [Oregonapprenticeship.org](#) also provides more information for apprentices.
- [Look up programs by county here.](#) **Note:** Minimum qualifications for program applicants, unless otherwise listed, are 18 years of age and holding a High School Diploma or GED.

2. College Track:



Explore Oregon Colleges and Universities: explore degrees and credentials offered by Oregon’s community colleges, public universities, private degree-granting colleges and universities, and private career schools.

In this section, pre-college program links are provided by school when they can be found. Helpful search tools at post-secondary organizations for supporting foster youth are “pre-college”, “visit”, “TRIO”, “Upward Bound”, “Advising”, and “Admissions”.

A. Academic and Financial Preparation 11th Grade College Prep Checklist

Student checklist for the year including several helpful links about career search, choosing a college, finding scholarships and more

- [11th Grade College Prep Checklist | Federal Student Aid](#)

B. Community Colleges

- [State of Oregon: Blue Book - Community Colleges](#)

Need to find and add links for pre-college and foster youth programs (see public college, green text for sample).

1) Blue Mountain Community College

- Address: 2411 NW Carden Ave., PO Box 100, **Pendleton** 97801
- Web: bluecc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 1,682
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7,089
- Location in Hermiston

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Advising - Blue Mountain Community College](#) and [TRIO - Blue Mountain Community College](#)

2) Central Oregon Community College

Address: 2600 NW College Way, **Bend** 97703

- Web: cocc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 5,844
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,334

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [High School Student Options - Central Oregon Community College](#)

3) Chemeketa Community College

- Address: 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, PO Box 14007, **Salem** 97309
- Web: chemeketa.edu

- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 9,106
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,345

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Admission | Chemeketa Community College](#) and [Academic Advising | Chemeketa Community College](#)

4) Clackamas Community College

- Address: 19600 S Molalla Ave., **Oregon City** 97045
- Web: clackamas.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 7,834
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,345

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Get Started | CCC](#) and [Student Resources | CCC](#)

5) Clatsop Community College

- Address: 1651 Lexington Ave., **Astoria** 97103
- Web: clatsopcc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 962
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,356

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Upward Bound | Clatsop Community College](#) and [Student Support | Clatsop Community College](#)

6) Columbia Gorge Community College

- Address: 400 E Scenic Dr., **The Dalles** 97058
- Web: cgcc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 839
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7,650

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Youth Compass Program - Columbia Gorge Community College](#) and [GED®/Pre-College Experiences - Columbia Gorge Community College](#)

7) Klamath Community College

- Address: 7390 S 6th St., **Klamath Falls** 97603
- Web: klamathcc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 2,203
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,300

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [KLAMATH Community College | First Year Experience](#) and [KLAMATH Community College | Student Resources](#) and

8) Lane Community College

- Address: 4000 E 30th Ave., **Eugene** 97405
- Web: lanecc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 7,689
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7,455

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Experience Lane | Lane Community College, Costs & Admission | Lane Community College](#) and [CARE at Lane & Community Resources | Career Pathways | Lane Community College](#)

9) Linn-Benton Community College

- Address: 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, **Albany** 97321
- Web: linnbenton.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 6,739
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7,316

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Future Students | LBCC](#), [Current Students | LBCC](#), and [Success Teams | LBCC](#)

10) Mount Hood Community College

- Address: 26000 SE Stark St., **Gresham** 97030
- Web: www.mhcc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 7,533
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,559

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Steps to Apply for Admission](#), [College Career Success Courses](#), and [Explore Resources](#)

11) Oregon Coast Community College

- Address: 400 SE College Way, **Newport** 97366
- Web: oregoncoast.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 871
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,930

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Guided Pathways 2024 - Oregon Coast Community College](#), [Student Resource Navigator - Oregon Coast Community College](#), and [Apply Now - Oregon Coast Community College](#)

12) Portland Community College

- Address: PO Box 19000, **Portland** 97219
- Web: pcc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 27,031
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,514

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.fosterclub.com/resources/oregon-portland-community-college-fostering-success> and <https://www.pcc.edu/board/wp-content/uploads/sites/165/materials/2016-10-20/foster-care.pdf>

SAMPLE YOUTH SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For current and former foster youth, [PDX Bridge](#) provides a support network and personalized services to enable students who have experienced foster care to successfully complete career and educational

goals. They offer virtual enrollment support through text messaging, referral to campus-based resources, and a conduit to service providers.

13) Rogue Community College

- Address: 3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass 97527
- Web: roguecc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 4,730
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,570

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [RCC Guided Pathways](#), [Admissions and Recruitment Steps to get Started](#), and [Virtual Student Center](#)

14) Southwestern Oregon Community College

- Address: 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay 97420
- Web: socc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 2,067
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7,530

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Pathways & College Degrees | SWOCC](#), [Enrollment at Southwestern Oregon Community College](#), and [College Experience | SWOCC](#)

15) Tillamook Bay Community College

- Address: 4301 Third St., Tillamook 97141
- Web: www.tillamookbaycc.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 924
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,120

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Home | Admissions | MyTBCC Home, Campus Life | Campus Life | MyTBCC Home](#) and [Advising - Tillamook Bay Community College](#)

16) Treasure Valley Community College

- Address: 650 College Blvd., Ontario 97914
- Web: tvcc.cc
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 1,721
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$6,345

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Admissions](#) and [College Services](#)

17) Umpqua Community College

- Address: 1140 Umpqua College Rd., Roseburg 97470
- Web: umpqua.edu
- Fall 2023 Enrollment: 3,186
- 2024-25 Tuition: \$7044

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [High School & Youth Summer Programs - Umpqua Community College](#), [Become a Student - Umpqua Community College](#), and [Academic Advising - Umpqua Community College](#)

C. Public Four Year+ Degree Colleges/Universities & pre-college program links

Tuition and fee figures are based on 15 credit hours per term for undergraduate resident students. Certain programs are assessed at different rates than noted. Enrollment numbers were recorded in a fourth-week hand count taken in fall 2023.

- Public Universities: [State of Oregon: Blue Book - Higher Education: Public Universities](#)

Note: Tuition and fee figures are based on 15 credit hours per term for undergraduate resident students in each instance. Certain programs are assessed at different rates than notes. Enrollment numbers were recorded in a fourth week hand count taken in Fall 2023. Only schools with undergraduate programs are included (e.g., not OHSU).

1) Eastern Oregon University

- Address: One University Blvd., La Grande 97850
- Web: eou.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 2,798
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$11,076

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Summer Institutes](#) | [Early College Initiatives at EOU](#), [Campus Visits](#) | [Admissions](#)

2) Oregon Institute of Technology

- Address: 3201 Campus Dr., Klamath Falls 97601
- Web: oit.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 5,111
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$15,289

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Pre-College Programs](#) | [Oregon Tech](#) and [Programs | Precollege Programs](#) | [Oregon State University](#)

3) Oregon State University

- Address: 634 Kerr Administration Building, Corvallis (Main Campus) 97331 and Bend
- Web: oregonstate.edu | osucascades.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 36,636
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$14,535

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Precollege Programs](#) | [Oregon State University](#)

4) Portland State University

- Address: PO Box 751, Portland 97207

- Web: pdx.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 21,040
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$11,788

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [PSU TRIO Pre-College Programs | Portland State University](#)

5) Southern Oregon University

- Address: 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., **Ashland** 97520
- Web: sou.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 5,175
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$12,762

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Youth Programs Summer Camps: Stay Engaged All Year Long](#) and [College Credit: Accelerate Your Education Journey - SOU Youth Programs](#)

6) University of Oregon

- Address: 110 Johnson Hall, **Eugene** 97403
- Web: uoregon.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 23,834
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$16,137

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: SAIL Program, Summer and year round mentorship and essay editing: [Summer SAIL | UO First-Year Programs](#), [Year-Round Programs | UO First-Year Programs](#) and pre-college resources [Junior Guide | Admissions](#) and Indigenous Pre-college Academy: [Indigenous Pre-College Academy | Admissions](#); Center for Multicultural Academic Excellence Pre-college program: <https://inclusion.uoregon.edu/content/oregon-young-scholars-program>

7) Western Oregon University

- Address: 345 N Monmouth Ave., **Monmouth** 97361
- Web: wou.edu
- Fall 2021 Enrollment: 3,951
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$11,592

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [WOU Fostering Success – WOU's Fostering Success Program](#) and <https://wou.edu/admission/visit/>

SAMPLE FOSTER YOUTH PROGAM SPOTLIGHT: FOUR YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE

Western Oregon University's [Fostering Success](#) works to connect students with the many support services available at WOU and in the community. We contribute to a foster-friendly campus environment through education, awareness, mentorship, and support services. Most importantly, we strive to create a community and college campus that foster students can call "home."

WOU fostering success has several benefits and hosted events for foster students:

- Student led Foster Club Organization
- Paid internship opportunities
- Scholarship and grant application workshops
- Foster care awareness month
- Luncheons
- Honorary Foster success Cords

D. Private Colleges with pre-college program links

- Independent College and University Listings: [State of Oregon: Blue Book - Independent College and University Listings](#)

Unless otherwise noted, the independent, nonprofit higher education institutions listed below are accredited by NWCCU and have independent or exempt status from ongoing regulatory oversight by Oregon's Office of Degree Authorization.

1) Bushnell University, Eugene

- Web: bushnell.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$35,850

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Academic Programs | Bushnell University](#), [Undergraduate Admissions | Bushnell University](#), and [Student Life | Bushnell University](#)

2) Corban University, Salem

- Web: corban.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$38,304

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Apply to Corban | Corban University](#) and [Admission Requirements | Corban University](#)

3) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Portland

- Web: worldwide.erau.edu/locations/portland
- (accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges)

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Admissions & Financial Aid](#) and [Degrees & Programs](#)

4) George Fox University, **Newberg**

- Web: georgefox.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$42,750

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Academics at George Fox University](#), [Admissions | George Fox University](#) and [Visit | Undergrad Admissions | George Fox University](#)

5) Lewis & Clark College, **Portland**

- Web: lclark.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$64,838

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Houseless & Foster Youth • Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement \(IME\) • Lewis & Clark](#), [Admissions • Lewis & Clark](#) and [Academic Programs • Lewis & Clark](#)

6) Linfield University, **McMinnville**

- Web: linfield.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$50,780

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Pre-Orientation Programs | Linfield University](#), [Academics | Linfield University](#), and [Academic Advising | Linfield University](#)

7) Mount Angel Seminary, **Saint Benedict**

- Web: mountangelabbey.org/seminary
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$35,850

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: [Admissions - Mount Angel Abbey](#) and [Seminary Life - Mount Angel Abbey](#)

8) Multnomah Campus of Jessup University, **Portland**

- Web: multnomah.edu

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.multnomah.edu/apply/>

9) National University of Natural Medicine, **Portland**

- Web: nunm.edu
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$12,795

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: Prospective student program <https://nunm.edu/admissions/> and visit information <https://www.multnomah.edu/visit/>

10) Pacific University, **Forest Grove**

- Web: [pacificu.edu](https://www.pacificu.edu)
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$36,374

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.pacificu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/plan-visit>, see future student advising <https://www.pacificu.edu/directory/college-arts-sciences/advising-center/contact-us>

11) Reed College, **Portland**

- Web: [reed.edu](https://www.reed.edu)
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$69,350

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.reed.edu/admission-aid/visit/> and Summer College Week <https://apply.reed.edu/register/?id=d324abfc-121a-43c8-bf9e-44a12bf9e237>

12) University of Portland, **Portland**

- Web: [up.edu](https://www.up.edu)
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$59,634

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://admissions.up.edu/portal/campus-visits> and pre-college <https://www.up.edu/precollege/>

13) University of Western States, **Portland**

- Web: [uws.edu](https://www.uws.edu)

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.uws.edu/community/visit-uws/> and <https://www.uws.edu/human-nutrition-functional-medicine/admissions-information/>

14) Walla Walla University School of Nursing, **Portland**

- Web: [wallawalla.edu](https://www.wallawalla.edu)

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.wallawalla.edu/admissions-and-aid/visit-wvu> and <https://www.wallawalla.edu/academics/student-academic-services/academic-advisement>

15) Warner Pacific College, **Portland**

- Web: [warnerpacific.edu](https://www.warnerpacific.edu)
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$22,220

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.warnerpacific.edu/admissions-aid/visit/> and mentors: <https://www.warnerpacific.edu/academics/learning-communities/>

16) Western Seminary, **Portland**

- Web: [westernseminary.edu](https://www.westernseminary.edu)

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.westernseminary.edu/admissions/visit-us> and <https://www.westernseminary.edu/academic/handbook-advising/handbook-academic-advising?view=article&catid=59>

17) Western University of Health Sciences, **Lebanon**

- Web: [westernu.edu](https://www.westernu.edu)
- (accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges)

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://www.westernu.edu/admissions/> and Summer Program: <https://www.westernu.edu/lead/#accordion-2-button>

18) Willamette University, **Salem**

- Web: [willamette.edu](https://www.willamette.edu)
- 2024-25 Tuition and Fees: \$49,004

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: https://apply.willamette.edu/portal/cas_visit?tab=home and https://apply.willamette.edu/portal/cas_visit?tab=second

19) Willamette University Pacific Northwest College of Art, **Portland**

- Web: pnca.willamette.edu

College Readiness/Programs for Foster Youth: <https://pnca.willamette.edu/admissions/visit/undergraduate> and <https://my.willamette.edu/site/advising-college/firstyear-students/index>

E. Paying for College

- [Foster Youth | Oregon Student Aid](#)
- <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition/pages/financial-aid.aspx>
- <http://ofpa.com/teens-and-aging-out-scholarships-for-current-and-former-foster-youth/>
- <https://www.fosteruskids.org/blog/college-scholarships-for-foster-youth>

3. Job Skill Building:



Resources for those preparing to enter the workforce.

A. Career Readiness

WIOA: The US Department of Labor provides resources under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 enacted a comprehensive youth employment program for serving eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment.

- <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/wioa-formula>

Local programs provide youth services in partnership with American Job Centers and under the direction of local Workforce Development Boards.

- [Find your nearest American Job Center](#)
- [WIOA Youth Program Fact Sheet](#)

Services: The WIOA Youth program includes the following program elements: tutoring; alternative secondary school services; paid and unpaid work experiences, which include: summer and year round employment opportunities, pre-apprenticeship programs, internships and job shadowing, and on-the-job training; occupational skill training; education offered concurrently with workforce preparation and training; leadership development opportunities; supportive services; mentoring; follow-up services; comprehensive guidance and counseling; financial literacy education; entrepreneurial skills training; services that provide labor market and employment information; and postsecondary education and training preparation activities.

B. Youth Employment Resources

Oregon Youth: Gain Meaningful Job Experience

Gain meaningful work experience and workforce training such as summer jobs, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and job shadows. Learn valuable skills, and in some cases obtain educational credit while earning a wage.

- [Oregon Youth Works](#) includes five workforce development grant programs that support paid work experiences for thousands of youth statewide.
- [Learn more about the programs supported by Oregon Youth Works.](#)

C. Vocational Rehabilitation

ODHS Vocational Rehabilitation Youth Services

Youth who have a disability and are between the ages of 14 and 24 can get help building job skills, exploring career interests, and learning to advocate for themselves at work.

- Who qualifies and how to get services: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/vr-youth-services/Pages/default.aspx>
- Inclusive Career Advancement Program (ICAP): <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/inclusive-career-advancement/Pages/default.aspx>
- Vocational Rehab Services from ODHS for youth with disabilities: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/vr-youth-services/Pages/resources.aspx>

4. Job Exploration and Job Seeking:



Resources for those ready to enter the workforce.

A. Career Path

Career Awareness and Exploration Resources

- [Oregon Department of Education : Career Awareness and Exploration : Career Connected Learning : State of Oregon](#)

The CCL team at the Oregon Department of Education, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and the CCL System Navigators have partnered with education service districts and professionals around the state to create a suite of Career Connected Learning tools. These CCL resources are designed to provide parents, mentors, educators, industry leaders and community based organizations with tools to help students navigate learning about—and preparing for—a career of their choice.

- <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/access/Pages/career-training.aspx>

B. Workforce Training Resources

1) Students and Learners: Get Started With Career and Training Resources

- [View WTDB Resources for Students to explore your options.](#)

Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) website can help you connect to resources and services to support you as you make important decisions about your education, training, job, and/or career.

2) Job-seekers: Explore Career-Boosting Opportunities

Get matched with open jobs. Update your work history. Learn about apprenticeships. Explore career-boosting opportunities. The WTDB website features numerous resources for workers and job-seekers.

- [View WTDB Resources for Workers to explore your options.](#)
- Job-seekers and individuals seeking training or other career advancement opportunities can also explore opportunities directly at [WorkSource Oregon](#). WorkSource Oregon is the statewide set of programs and services helping Oregonians find jobs.

3) Explore OregonServes and AmeriCorps Opportunities

Learn and grow while giving back to your local community. Volunteer with local nonprofits to help make a difference in your community. Serve with AmeriCorps to gain valuable work experience, learn new skills, and network with professionals in your desired field. AmeriCorps members receive a monthly stipend, healthcare and childcare benefits, credits and certifications, and an end-of-service term award.

The Segal Education Award, worth the value of a Pell Grant, can be used to pay back student loans, enroll in a certificate program, or obtain a degree.

- [Learn more about OregonServes and AmeriCorps opportunities.](#)

4) Workforce Training Opportunities Supported by Future Ready Oregon

Through Future Ready Oregon, the state has recently invested in expanding workforce education and training opportunities to help Oregonians prepare for good-paying jobs and meaningful careers, with emphasis on the fields of healthcare, manufacturing, and technology. Organizations across the state are receiving support to expand education and training opportunities and related services for Oregonians, with a focus on underserved and underrepresented communities.

- [Learn about the programs supported by the Future Ready Oregon investment.](#)
- [View WTDB Resources for Workers to explore your options.](#) Job-seekers and individuals seeking training or other career advancement opportunities can also explore opportunities directly at [WorkSource Oregon](#). WorkSource Oregon is the statewide set of programs and services helping Oregonians find jobs.
- [Explore WorkSource Oregon.](#)

5) Workforce and Talent Development Boards:

- [Workforce Talent Development Board : Local Workforce Development Boards : About Us : State of Oregon](#)

SAMPLE YOUTH SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: LANE COUNTY

Connected Lane County aims to improve outcomes for underserved youth/young adults in Lane County. Collaborating with Lane County school districts, industry partners, and community organizations, they create opportunities and prepare youth for life beyond high school. They focus on bridging gaps, changing systems, and creating safe spaces to help youth succeed.

Locations:

Spark on 7th: 22 West 7th Ave., Eugene, OR

Spark at Booth Kelly: 303 S 5th Street, Ste, 150, Springfield, OR

Phone: 541-654-4095

Drop-In Services (Booth Kelly): Support in resume building, interview practice, career mentorship employment assistance, housing and healthcare resources, college research, and financial aid applications.

5. Supplemental Post-Secondary Resources:



A. Other Resources

1) Career College Collaborative Resources

- The Oregon Department of Education's framework of career awareness, exploration, preparation, and training is both learner-relevant and directly linked to professional and industry-based expectations. Career College Collaborative Bringing the community together and helping provide the tools needed for career and college readiness. <https://c3-oregon.org/>

2) Other Opportunities & Options

- Postsecondary institutions, choosing a college, and College Scorecard <https://www.projectlemonadepdx.org/>
- STEM Partnership catalyzes Oregon students to become college, career and community ready, to better prepare for whatever pathways they choose for their future: <https://connectedlane.org/spark/>

3) Transcripts, transferring credits, and postsecondary contacts:

- [Oregon Department of Education : Accelerated Learning : Accelerated Learning : State of Oregon](#)

B. Independent Living and Independent Living Program

1) Housing and independent living

- Chaffee Housing (help towards paying for housing) youthvillages.org
- Dorothy Lemonson Housing: newavenues.org
- Housing Assistance: [Oregon Housing and Community Services : Homeless Services Programs : For Providers : State of Oregon](#)

2) ILP (Independent Living Program) providers, resources, and support organizations

Transition services help young people move from foster care to becoming an independent adult. Eligible young people who are in foster care or who have experienced foster care can use these services to support their journey.

- [Oregon Department of Human Services : Transition Services for Young People with Foster Care Experience : Foster Care Transition Services : State of Oregon](#)

- Locate Resources by county and provider: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition/Pages/default.aspx#resources>
- [Independent Living Program — Looking Glass Community Services](#) (Lane County)

3) Life Supports

- Oregon WIC Programs: [Oregon Health Authority : Welcome to WIC : Oregon WIC Program : State of Oregon](#)

C. Military and Enlisted Service Resources

Child Welfare Information Gateway: A Guide to Assist Youth in Foster Care and Their Caregivers in Navigating the Military Enlistment Process, this guide was developed through a collaborative committee of many young people and professionals, including individuals from: Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; National Resource Center for Youth Development; Independent Living Coordinators; FosterClub.

- https://cwlibrary.childwelfare.gov/discovery/delivery/01CWIG_INST:01CWIG/1218391790007651

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Free Driver Ed for Young Adults with Foster Care Experience



If you experienced Foster Care as an older teen (age 14+ and had at least 180 days of foster care after age 13), Driver Ed may be free for you. Oregon Department of Human Services has funding to pay the costs of your driver education class. You can pick any APPROVED provider and your caseworker or ILP Provider will make the arrangements.

Why Driver Ed?

- Young people who complete the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved Driver Ed course have a 21% lower crash rate than young people who don't.
- Young people who take Driver Ed have a 57% lower rate of traffic convictions and can save up to 15% on car insurance.
- Young people who complete an ODOT approved Driver Ed course get to waive the Oregon DMV driver test to get their license.



**TALK TO YOUR CASEWORKER OR
ILP PROVIDER TODAY!**

Find a Provider:
Why Drive With Ed

<https://www.whydriewithed.com/find-a-provider/>





\$500 Education Incentive



Young people in the custody of Child Welfare who earn their high school diploma or GED after October 1, 2022 will receive \$500

How?

Caseworkers must upload the young person's diploma or GED into the OR-Kids file cabinet and update their education tab. Then they will submit notification with the young person's name, person # and the caseworker's branch address to ILP.Central@odhsoha.oregon.gov using the subject line Education Incentive Verification.

*Direct deposits are also available and encouraged.



Youth Transitions



INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) SERVICES

EFFECTIVE 10.1.23

1

GROUPS (AGES 14-23)

Group-based skills workshops and experiential learning events (at least 90 minutes in duration) shall be provided monthly to allow for peer exposure and community building. Group events will rotate target populations monthly within a quarter (older population, younger population, and group outings/experiential learning in the community). Ongoing ILP services are not required to participate!



2

ILP SKILL BUILDING SERVICES (AGES 14-23)

ILP Skill Building Services (minimum of 60 minutes, one-on-one and in person) are to facilitate access to individualized services and supports across all independent living domains guided by the young person's transition plan goals or immediate needs. Contractor shall include the young person in determining the services to be provided. ILP services require the development of a YAS and YTP within 90 days of enrollment. Flex Funds are available as a means to promote engagement.

3

ILP PLUS (AGES 16-23)

ILP+ additional skill building activities are intended to support a young person that would benefit from more intensive skills training focused on developing internal assets and external resources, during a time of higher need or transition. Services can be provided in increments of 30 minutes (not to exceed 150 minutes/month).



4

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (AGES 16-23)

Young people will be supported to access leadership activities, which allow them to develop their skills, work closely with others, share ideas and influence change. ILP skill building services will assist in preparing, supporting and debriefing the experience. Young people will be compensated for their time by being provided a leadership stipend.

5

ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS ONLY (AGES 14-23)

Engagement Efforts Only is a service type to support the Contractor's unsuccessful attempts to engage a young person in group or skill building activities within a given month.

