

Transitional Independent Living Plan: Services to provide each participant with a written transitional independent living plan which shall be based on an assessment of his or her needs and shall be incorporated into the youth's case plan.

Family and Support Persons Involvement: Services to involve the biological parents and, if appropriate, extended family members, foster parents, and other relevant parties, including Indian tribes, in the development of the youth's Independent Living Plan and services.

Independent Living Skills - Counseling and instruction in basic living skills such as money management, home management, consumer skills, decision-making, time management, parenting, health care, access to community resources, transportation, leisure activities, and housing options, including coordination of resources and/or development of contracts with appropriate service providers.

Educational and Vocational: Educational and training funds as needed to ensure completion of educational programs that would result in obtaining job related employment. Counseling and other assistance related to educational and vocational training (including preparation for a General Equivalency Diploma (GED), high school graduation, vocational education, and higher education) and the coordination of resources and/or development of contracts with appropriate service providers.

Employment: Counseling and other assistance related to employment, such as job readiness training, job search assistance, and employment placement programs, and the coordination of resources and/or development of contracts with the Idaho Department of Employment, the Private Industry Councils, Vocational Rehabilitation, and other employment service providers, including tribal employment and training programs.

Human Sexuality Issues: Counseling, education, and other assistance related to human sexuality issues, such as reproductive health, abstinence programs, family planning & pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted diseases, and avoidance of high-risk sexual behaviors.

Counseling: Counseling and other assistance related to self-esteem, interpersonal relationships, and social skills development, such as individual, family counseling, group counseling, and issues that are of cultural relevance.

Room and Board: Provision of room and board assistance for eligible youth between the ages of 18 and 21 years who have aged out of the foster care system upon reaching the age of 18 years or older.

Self Sufficiency: Provision of other necessary services and assistance designed to improve participant's opportunities to successfully transition to self-sufficiency.

Outreach: Establishment of a system of outreach which would encourage youth currently in foster care to participate in the independent living program.

Increasing Services: Ongoing development of community organizational efforts aimed at increasing available services to youth.

Support Networks: Development of ongoing support networks for youth leaving foster care including contracted services and involvement of the youth's natural support system.

Training: Training for agency and tribal staff, foster parents, residential care facility staff, and related groups to assure their preparation and competence to address the challenges and issues of youth preparing for independent living.