

FINDING SUPPORT IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

The child welfare system can provide you with many supports to help you get to and succeed in higher education and training. Here are a few to explore:

1 If you are in foster care, ask for your transition plan to include help with planning and preparing for college.

2 Stay in extended foster care or re-enter care to help get support with housing, meeting your basic needs, and to have the support of a caseworker, lawyer and judge until age 21.

3 If you aged out of foster care and are under age 23, you can get help from your Independent Living (IL) program or through aftercare.

4 If you were in foster care at age 18 or older, make sure you have health insurance through the Medicaid program until age 26.

5 Apply for Chafee Education and Training Grant (Chafee ETG) to help pay for college and training until age 26. Find the form here: <https://bit.ly/ChafeeETGrantForm>

6 Apply for the tuition waiver if you are attending a school in Pennsylvania. Learn how here: <https://bit.ly/PATuitionWaiver>