

# Youth In Transition (YIT) Fact Sheet

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## What is Youth In Transition?

Youth In Transition (YIT) is a funding source available to cover expenses **NOT** covered by other government or community resources, or to augment or supplement services from other funding sources.

### Who is eligible for YIT?

- Youth 14 and older with an open foster care case.
- Youth 14 and older with an open Juvenile Justice (JJ) case, provided they are in an approved DHS placement (Residential JJ-only placements not eligible.)
- Youth ages 18 to 21, who have been in foster care on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday but are no longer under DHS supervision.
- Youth ages 16- 17, who had an open foster care case after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and utilized YIT funding prior to their case closing.



### Where does a youth apply for YIT?

- Youth that are supervised by DHS
  - Open foster care case- contact their worker in the county of jurisdiction.
  - Closed foster care case- contact the local DHS office in the county of residence.
- Youth that are only supervised by a tribal court
  - Contact DHS Central Office YIT analyst at 517-373-9219.

## **What can YIT be used to pay for?**

- **Education- Pre-college**
  - Books, supplies, computer
  - Tuition, tutoring, internships
  - ACT/SAT testing
  - GED Preparation/Testing
  - Extracurricular activities/Sports/Clubs
  - Senior Pictures/Class rings/Senior Dues/Yearbooks
  
- **Vocational/Employment**
  - Career Exploration/Job Placement/Retention
  - Transportation
  - Uniforms/Fees/Tools
  
- **Independent Living Skills Training**
  
- **Mentoring & Family Connection**
  
- **Housing**
  - Lifetime limit of \$1,000 for first month's rent/security deposit (For youth age 18 and older)
  
- **Start-Up Goods**
  - Lifetime limit of \$1,000 for start-up goods
  
- **Medical & Health Needs**
  
- **Parenting**
  - Classes, trainings, etc.
  - Child care, not covered by FIP
  
- **Money Management**
  
- **Memberships**
  
- **Transportation**
  - For education and/or employment goals
  - Driver's training
  - Bus cards

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