

PURPOSE

Young adults who age out of foster care typically experience more negative outcomes, such as lack of a support system, homelessness, decreased academic achievements, criminal justice involvement, unplanned parenting, and unstable employment or unemployment.

This voluntary program allows young people to continue working with their local DSS as they navigate their transition to adulthood.

Young adults can enter, leave, and re-enter the program as often as needed as long as they are meeting eligibility criteria and are not yet 21.

WHAT NEXT?

If you are a young adult/support person for a young adult interested in learning more, reach out to your local DSS!

LET'S CONNECT

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FOSTER CARE 18 TO 21

North Carolina's Extended Foster Care Program

- Eligibility
- Placement
- Benefits
- Services

START





PLACEMENT

Participants may reside in a licensed foster home, a college/university dorm, or in a semi-supervised independent living setting such as an apartment, a host home, with a relative or a biological parent.

ELIGIBILITY

Young adults who have aged out of foster care must be either:

- Enrolled in secondary education, post-secondary education or a certificate program
- Working at least part time (20 hours/week, 80 hours/month)
- In a program to eliminate barriers to employment
- Incapable of completing educational or employment requirements due to a medical condition or disability

Young adults must also be residing in an approved placement and meet with their social worker regularly.

BENEFITS

- A minimum of monthly case management to help you achieve your goals
- Monthly stipend to supplement living expenses

SERVICES

Young adults also remain eligible for support from NC LINKS including transitional and housing funding, SaySo, ETV, NC Reach, & Extended Foster Care Medicaid.

