

Help for Youth and Young Adults Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act

Are you under the age of 27?
Aged out of the Texas Foster Care System?
Participating in Texas Extended Foster Care?

If so, you may be eligible for the time-limited Federal pandemic relief benefits to help with:

- *Basic Needs*
- *Rent*
- *Educational Assistance*
- *Utilities*
- *Child Care*
- *Other expenses*
- *Groceries*
- *Car insurance*

If you left care on or after January 27, 2020 and are interested in the option to return to care, you can re-enter care even if you are older than the traditional age to be in care, i.e. 21, or 22 (for those attending high-school or a GED program). This option only lasts through September 30, 2021.

If assistance is needed and you are eligible for available services, please reach out to the following:

- If you are currently participating in extended care, reach out to the [Regional Preparation For Adult Living \(PAL\) Coordinators](#).
- If you recently left care and are interested in re-entry into extended foster care, reach out to the [Regional Preparation For Adult Living \(PAL\) Coordinators](#), your direct PAL staff or previous CPS caseworker.
- If you are participating in Educational Training Voucher program (ETV) program, or lost eligibility at age 23, you can submit a supplemental budget for the fall 2020 semester and the spring 2021 semester or a new application for consideration of funds at <https://discoverbcfs.net/texasetv/>.

- If you aged out of foster care and are 18 or older but have not turned 27, you can seek resources through [PAL Aftercare Case Management Services](#).
- If you are 14 or older, and you are in foster care or participating in extended foster care, you can seek resources through your current PAL staff or [Regional Preparation For Adult Living \(PAL\) Coordinators](#).
- If you aged-out of foster care and are 21 or older but have not turned 27 with a critical need(s), you can reach out to the [Regional Preparation For Adult Living \(PAL\) Coordinators](#) for assistance.
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