Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are there eligibility requirements to participate in Extended Foster Care?
A: Yes. To be eligible for Extended Foster Care, you must be:
  • Enrolled in a secondary educational program or a program leading to an equivalent credential; or
  • Enrolled in an institution that provides post-secondary or vocational education; or
  • Participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment; or
  • Employed at least 80 hours per month; or
  • Incapable of these educational or employment activities due to a medical condition.

Q: Do I have to participate in the YVLifeSet program to participate in Extended Foster Care?
A: Yes. All participants in Extended Foster Care must participate in the services offered through YVLifeSet. However, once you have completed the YVLifeSet program, you may continue in Extended Foster Care until you reach the age of 21 or decide to leave care.

Q: I need housing. Does this program help me find an apartment?
A: Yes. The Extended Foster Care program will assist you in finding the best type of housing to meet your needs. In many circumstances, the program also provides some funding toward types of housing.

Q: Where do I meet my specialist?
A: Wherever you like. Your specialist must meet with you at least once a month where you live, but the rest of your weekly meetups can be in the community at places and times convenient for you.

Q: Is there any cost to me?
A: No. Extended Foster Care is free to participants and is a voluntary program.

The Gift of a Good Start

Sometimes the first steps are the most critical. At the edge of adulthood, choices about education, employment, relationships and health can be overwhelming. YVLifeSet™ is a proven method for helping new adults get it right. Begun by Youth Villages in 1999, YVLifeSet has given more than 11,000 young people the support they need to realize their own amazing potential.

We believe in the potential of every single young person to become an incredible adult.

For additional questions, please contact our Program Supervisor:

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When Jonathan was 3 years old, he and his father left their native Haiti. Placed into foster care at age 12 due to abuse, he quickly learned to be independent. After being placed in seven foster homes, he finally aged out when he turned 18. Although he had a job and an apartment, things began unraveling soon, and Jonathan lost his home and income. Homeless and with nowhere else to turn, he searched online for “helping foster youth” and found YVLifeSet.

He enrolled in the YVLifeSet program and was matched with a specialist who is helping him work on achieving his goals. Typically, young adults ask us to help them:

- Obtain a high school diploma or GED
- Find, apply and enroll in college or a job training program
- Learn parenting skills
- Obtain a Social Security card, driver’s license/permit or birth certificate
- Find and maintain employment
- Establish support network
- Find and maintain affordable and stable housing
- Access community resources
- Resolve family or relationship conflict; form healthy relationships or reconnect with family
- Write a resume and learn skills to get a job
- Obtain or continue health care coverage and medication
- Learn budgeting and responsible use of banking and credit services
- Learn time management and scheduling skills
- Attend court dates and assist with basic legal matters

There are many challenges ahead, but YVLifeSet is giving Jonathan the support he needs to become a productive, independent adult.