Extended Foster Care provides youth a better path to success in life. Youth who transition from foster care without the needed network of support experience very poor outcomes at a much higher rate than their peers in the general population.

- 20% will become homeless after age 18.
- 58% will graduate high school by age 19.
- <3% will earn a college degree by age 25.
- 50% are employed at the age of 24.
- 25% will be involved in the justice system within two years.
- 71% of young women will be pregnant by 21.

151 Youth "Aged Out" of Foster Care in Louisiana in 2018

Every $1 invested in youth in extended foster care brings $1.35 back to the state. Lower public assistance costs, lower criminal justice costs, lower unemployment.

*Washington State study*
ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

2018 PROGRAM

- Reached age 18 while in foster care on or after June 1, 2018; and
- Not yet reached age 21; and
- Enrolled in high school or an equivalency program.

Eligibility ends at 21 or graduation, whichever occurs first.

EXPANDED PROGRAM (2019)

- Reach age 18 while in foster care; and
- Not yet reached age 21; and
- Meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Enrolled in a post-secondary vocational or educational program;
  - Enrolled in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment;
  - Employed at least 80 hours per month; OR
  - Have a medical condition that renders the young adult incapable of engaging in any of these activities.

No child deserves to have their destiny sealed by the circumstances beyond their control.

Jarvis, former foster youth
Testimony before the Louisiana Select Committee on Women and Children, May 2017

Louisiana joins 28 other states in extending foster care to age 21.

THE MODEL

YVLifeSet

- Evidence-based
- Small caseloads
- Extensive training

Frequent contact with youth, including at least one in-person visit per week

Regular clinical consultation with a Youth Villages consultant

Worked with Annie E. Casey Foundation to survey programs in other states and find the best model.

Received a 3-year grant to implement the program.

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