

Contact Us

We want you to keep in touch so that you can be invited back each year and assist you when you need it!

You can keep in touch, or receive additional information by contacting:

The Independent Living Provider in your area.

Contact information can be found under the Resources section of this brochure

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

www.dcf.la.gov/YouthLink
Youth.Link@LA.GOV

NYTD Events, information, & surveys

Christy Tate (225) 342-5676
Youth.Link@LA.GOV

For Independent Living Services

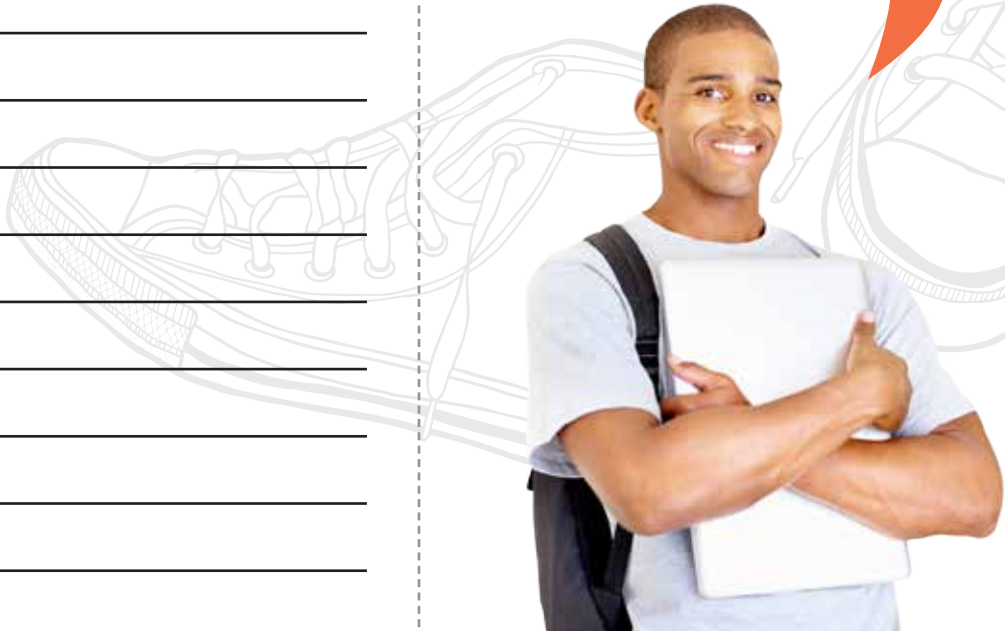
Contact your local case manager (if you have one), your Independent Living Provider, or email: Youth.Link@LA.GOV



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NOTES

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Resources for Youth
Information and Services Brochure



Independent Living Providers Serving Youth Ages 15-21

Region:	Provider:
Orleans	Catholic Charities of New Orleans (504) 340-5100 or melisailsp@ccano.org dbanksilsp@ccano.org
Thibodaux	Catholic Charities of New Orleans (504) 340-5100 or pringo@ccano.org
Baton Rouge	Catholic Charities of New Orleans (985) 269-7120 or kschexnayder@ccano.org
Covington	Southeastern Louisiana University Independent Living Program (985) 549-2582 or linda.isaac@selu.edu
Lafayette	Gulf Coast Social Services 1 (800) 285-8123 or ilp@gcssla.org
Lake Charles	Gulf Coast Social Services 1 (888) 436-6635 or darrelldumont@gcssla.org
Alexandria	Goodwill Industries of North LA (318) 427-7590 or mrobinson@goodwillnla.org
Shreveport	Goodwill Industries of North LA (318) 868-4701 or mrobinson@goodwillnla.org
Monroe	Methodist Children's Home Independent Living Program (318) 255-3717 or angie.thomas@lmch.org

CHECK OUT THE DCFS WEBSITE FOR
RESOURCES, UPDATES AND SO YOU CAN
STAY CONNECTED WITH US!
WWW.DCFS.LA.GOV/YOUTHLINK

ETV Program Educational Training Vouchers

Educational Training Vouchers provide financial assistance for post-secondary educational or vocational programs.

Youth can apply through the financial aid office, at their chosen learning programs.

To find out more go to:
www.osfa.state.la.us
Click on LOSFA Programs or call
LA Office of Student Financial Aid.
(225) 219-7708

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Criteria for ETV Program:

- Enroll in an accredited post-secondary educational or vocational program and maintain a 2.0 GPA or satisfactory progress
- Foster youth ages 16 and up likely to remain in foster care in DCFS or OJJ custody until age 18
- Former foster care youth who aged out of foster care at age 18 with DCFS or OJJ, who are not yet 21
- Youth who were in OJJ custody had to be eligible for Title IV-E funded services prior to turning 18.
- Youth adopted from foster care or those entering a guardianship subsidy arrangement with DCFS after attaining the age of 16 but prior to turning 18.
- Youth participating in the ETV Program at 21 are eligible until 23 (must be continuously enrolled making satisfactory progress)
- Youth from out-of-state who meet same criteria.
(318) 255-3717 or angie.thomas@lmch.org

LYLAC Program

- LYLAC provides a platform to current and former foster care youth ages 16 to 21
- LYLAC representatives advocate for change, share their experiences and serve on boards that influence policy
- Each region has a board that meets monthly
- The Statewide board meets quarterly
- For more information or to become a member, contact Elizabeth Anthon at (225) 342-3936 or Youth.Link@LA.GOV

NYTD

NYTD is comprised of youth in each state.

The NYTD survey allows you to give input about your experience and the services you received and change the future for foster youth!!

Some 17 year olds will be randomly chosen to complete a survey again at ages 19 and 21.

If you are one of the randomly selected 17 year olds, someone will contact you when you turn 19 and again when you turn 21 to complete the additional survey.

Resources

- www.dcfs.la.gov/YouthLink
Department of Children and Family Service - Youth Link
- www.fosterclub.com
Foster Club
- www.nilausa.org
National Independent Living Association
- www.1800runaway.org or 1-800-RUNAWAY
National Runaway Safeline
- www.dhh.louisiana.gov
Department of Health and Hospitals: info. on Medicaid
- www.lhc.la.gov
Louisiana Housing Corporation Link
- nsteens.org
Internet Safety for Teens/Youth
- www.careeronestop.org
Career Choice and Planning Resources
- www.knowhow2go.org
Continuing Education Resources post High-school
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
Federal Student Aid and Post Secondary Education Resources