

Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus)

Program Description:

THP-Plus is a transitional housing program opportunity for young adults, at least 18 and up to their 24th birthday, who exited from foster care, including those supervised by probation, at age 18 or older. The program's goal is to provide a safe living environment while helping to develop life skills for successful independent living. The program provides supervised transitional living housing and supportive services based on a Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). The TILP is developed by the young adult and other supportive persons and details the goals and objectives necessary to transition into adulthood. For further details on this program, please refer to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections 11403.2(a)(2) and 16522.

Program Requirements:

Participant Eligibility:

- Eligible young adults who exited from foster care/probation on or after age 18.
- The maximum time for THP-Plus participation is 24 cumulative months.

Other Requirements:

- Any changes to the conditions in the TILP must be reported to the ILP coordinator by the participant, including but not limited to changes in address, living circumstances, and educational training.

Housing Requirements:

- Acceptable residential units include apartments, single family dwellings, condominiums, college dormitories, and host family models.
- Publicly supervised or privately operated shelters, or other living situations, including those with friends, family members, and others that provide temporary accommodations are NOT acceptable.

Services:

THP-Plus supports youth exiting the foster care system, including probation youth in a foster care placement, by providing stable housing and services such as education assistance, counseling, employment support and training, and mental health services.

Certification Guidance:

The THP-Plus provider that serves only eligible former foster youth who exited foster care at age 18 or older is exempt from licensure provided it has obtained certification from the applicable county and obtained a local fire clearance. Please refer to Health and Safety Code section 1505(l)(4). General information related to certification standards can be found in section 30-920 of the California Department of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures.

County Requirements:

- Certify the program is needed by the county, the provider is capable of effectively operating the program, and the provider is suitable to meet the needs of the identified population.
- SB 1013 eliminated the requirement for counties to submit a county plan to CDSS for this program.

Provider Requirements:

- To become a THP-Plus provider, contact the county's Social Service Agency, ILP Coordinator.

Funding:

THP-Plus was formerly funded 100% General Fund. The state general funds previously allocated for this program were realigned in Fiscal Year 2011-12 to the counties and are now included in each county's local revenue fund.

Additional information or regulations may be found at www.dss.cahwnet.gov, listed under Find Services, Foster Care.

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