

Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus)

Program Description

THP-Plus is a transitional housing program opportunity for young adults who exited from foster care (including those supervised by probation) on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age (25 in counties that have opted to extend services per SB 1252). These are youth whose dependency jurisdiction, delinquency jurisdiction, or transition jurisdiction was terminated by the court pursuant to section 391, 607.2, or 452, respectively, of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). The program provides a safe living environment while helping youth 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, the Independent Living Program Coordinator, and other supportive persons and details the goals and objectives necessary to transition into adulthood. For details on this program, refer to WIC sections 11403.2(a)(2) and 16522.

Eligibility and Participation Requirements

Participant Eligibility

- Eligible youth are those who exited foster care at or after age 18.
- Time and age limits for THP-Plus participation are 24 cumulative months and age 24.
- For counties that have opted to extend services per SB 1252, the time and age limits are 36 cumulative months and age 25. The extended services must be available to all youth in the county and cannot be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Participation Requirements

- As a condition of participation, youth must be actively pursuing the goals of their TILP, which is reviewed annually.
- 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.
- Youth receiving services beyond 24 months or beyond their 24th birthday, in a county that has opted to extend services, must be completing secondary education or be enrolled in a postsecondary institution.

Housing

- 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.

County Certification of Provider

The county must certify that 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.

Provider Certification of Housing Units

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. 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.

Becoming a Provider

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

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

For more information, please contact

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