



Housing & Services – YMCA Young Adult Services

Below are select programs for foster youth, alumni of foster care, and homeless youth offered through the YMCA. “Alumni of foster care” may refer to former dependents of WA State or a broader definition, depending on how a program is funded. Contact the YMCA Center for Young Adults at (206) 749-7550 for more information about these and other Y programs.

Housing

Transitional (Short-Term) Housing – up to 18-24 months

- Young Adults in Transition – 20 studio units in Downtown Seattle’s historic Y building for homeless young adults
- Shared Homes – 29 units located in six houses—all sited near community colleges—for alumni of foster care
- Alumni Voucher Program – 51 vouchers for alumni of foster care and families at risk of foster care

Permanent (Long-Term) Housing

- Independent Youth Housing Program – 22 units for alumni of foster care
- Therapeutic Housing Program – 20 units for homeless young adults (includes clinical support)
- Permanent Housing Program – 27 units for homeless young adults
- Home at Last Program – 15 units for chronically homeless young adults (includes clinical support)

Additional Housing Support

- Rental Assistance Program – Emergency short-term assistance to prevent homelessness
- Chafee Program – Move-in costs for alumni of foster care

Services

Employment

- WAGES Program – Paid internships at YMCA and partner nonprofits
- UPS Partnership – Job placement and career development with United Parcel Service
- Employment Drop-In – Job readiness support
- Chafee Program – Job readiness support

Education

- Transitions Scholarship – College scholarship for alumni of foster care
- Chafee Program – Select expenses for alumni of foster care

Life Skills

- IDA Financial Education Program – Matched savings accounts for foster youth and alumni of foster care
- Workshops – Budgeting, health, transportation, and many other life skills classes
- Independent Living Program – Coaching and education for foster youth and alumni of foster care