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COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH IN CALIFORNIA

DID YOU KNOW?

In June 2020, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 79, which allowed California counties to extend Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services and suspend its age eligibility and participation conditions in order to support former foster youth through the pandemic. For counties that have decided to implement this extension, the state requires the extension to apply to all youth in the program. It cannot be applied on a case-by-case basis.

EXTENSIONS

- **THP-Plus services** for program participants in counties that have opted in are extended through June 30, 2021. If you are unsure if your county has implemented the extension, you can reach out to your **county contacts** directly to request confirmation. If you need further help, email **CDSS TAY policy unit**.
- City and County of San Francisco and Marin County report they are honoring the option to extend THP-Plus housing for all former foster youth.
- In addition to the COVID-19 extension, you may be entitled to a **student extension** for a year.



POST-PANDEMIC RESOURCES

- Did you know you may be eligible as a former foster youth (age 18–24) for a housing voucher through the **Family Unification Program** and for Public Housing Agencies' Tenant Protection Vouchers through **HUD's Foster Youth to Independence initiative**?
- Did you know that the 2020–21 state budget includes **funding** that **establishes homeless housing assistance**, and 8% of that funding is dedicated to addressing homelessness among youth?



OTHER RESOURCES

- Free cell phone for foster youth
 - Food assistance program
 - Free food
 - Work resources
 - Self-care through creativity
- Bay Area Legal Aid Youth Justice Project
Hotline: **(510) 250-5277**

The [Youth Justice Project](#) provides legal advice and represents young people between the ages of 14 to 25 for free.

LEARN MORE

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