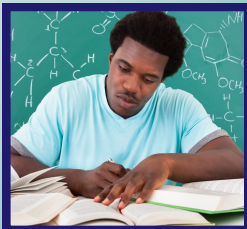


Adolescent Program Mission

The DCYF Adolescent Program mission is to ensure that current and former youth in care obtain the preparation, resources, and positive youth development they need to establish connections with caring adults and become healthier, self-sufficient, and successful adults.

The program gives youth the opportunity to participate in the Adult Living Preparation Process, NH Trails, the DCYF Youth Advisory Board, the annual DCYF Teen Conference, and Aftercare Services.



If you have questions regarding the DCYF Adolescent Program or Aftercare Services contact the DCYF Adolescent Worker in your area.

DCYF Adolescent Workers

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/documents/adolescentworkers.pdf>

Adolescent Program Administrator	603-419-0312
Berlin	603-752-7800
Claremont	603-542-9544
Concord	603-271-6202
Conway	603-447-3841
Keene	603-357-3510
Laconia	603-524-4485
Littleton	603-444-6786
Manchester	603-668-2330
Rochester	603-332-9120
Seacoast	603-433-8300
Southern	603-883-7726



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[Facebook.com/NHYouthVoices](https://www.facebook.com/NHYouthVoices)

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Aftercare Services

Aftercare Services is a voluntary program that assists youth formerly in the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) out-of-home placement either through Child Protective or Juvenile Justice Services, in their pursuit of education, employment, housing, and well-being goals.

Youth receiving Aftercare Services are eligible for one or both of two federal funds based on their exit status, availability, and personal needs. Education and Training Voucher (ETV) and Chafee funds are designed to compliment the youth's efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.

Eligibility Requirements for Aftercare Services?

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/aftercare.htm>
or contact the nearest Adolescent Worker (see back cover for list)



"I just got to a point where I realized I wanted to make something of myself"
~ Ashley age 21

How Does It Work?

After a youth has requested Aftercare Services and been determined eligible, they will be matched with a DCYF Child Protective Services Worker (CPSW).

The youth will discuss their needs and goals with the CPSW. These will be recorded in a self-sufficiency plan that will indicate the efforts the youth will make towards their independence and the assistance that the CPSW will provide.

The youth is responsible for maintaining monthly contact with the CPSW who will provide them with guidance, support, and limited financial assistance.

ETV Funds

ETV funds are for youth between the ages of 18 and 26 who are attending college or a career training school. ETV can be used for "cost of attendance items" such as:

- ◆ Tuition and fees
- ◆ Room and board
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Child care expenses



CHAFEE Funds

Chafee funds are for youth between the ages of 18 and 23. Chafee is for non "cost of attendance items" for youth in college or a career training school and is also available for youth with other needs and goals. These funds can be used for:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ HiSet / High school costs
- ◆ Medical and Car insurance
- ◆ Car expenses
- ◆ Counseling



How Do I Sign Up?

Interested youth should talk to their CPSW or their Juvenile Probation and Parole Officer (JPPO) prior to exiting state care. They can also contact the DCYF Adolescent Worker in their area. Youth who have already left DCYF care may request Aftercare Services by contacting the Adolescent Worker in their area.

Youth attending the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, or Plymouth State University or one of the NH Community Colleges may be eligible to apply for a waiver of tuition and fees. <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/adolescent.htm>