

Job Development Section

On December 14, 1999 the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program amended part of the Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility to assist youth in transition from foster care to self-sufficiency. Foster youth between the ages of 14 and 21 years old are eligible for a full range of Independent Living Program services and funds. One of the services provided is Employment Services; this service is to provide employment resources for Transition Age foster youth. The goal of our employment service is to assist the foster youth with their job search.

Employment Services will be responsible for job recruitment by networking with various County departments and the private sector to identify entry-level jobs/positions for transition age foster youth throughout Los Angeles County.

Services consist of, but not limited to; Job referrals, employment resources, Career programs, transportation expenses, job training programs, job leads and other work related expenses. Youth will be notified of job fairs and other employment related events, as they become available.

Employment staff conduct presentations regarding employment services at DCFS offices, Teen Clubs, Group Homes, and Foster Parent Associations. Transition Age foster youth are referred to Employment Services through; CSW's, DCFS ILP and Probation ILP workers, Children's Court, Foster Parents and individuals who have knowledge of our services.

Transition age foster youth may contact the Youth Development Services Division and/or ILP Transition Coordinator for employment resources and information at (213) 351-0100 to schedule an appointment and to receive services