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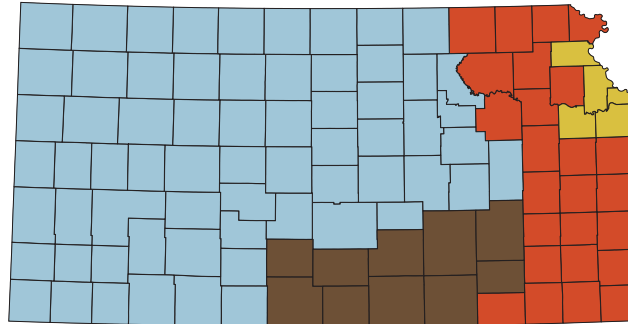
The tuition waiver is administered through DCF. Tuition and fees are waived at selected schools and colleges. The list of eligible post-secondary institutions can be found at [www.kansasregents.org](http://www.kansasregents.org).

- You must be in/have been in DCF custody, in a foster care placement at age 18, adopted at/after age 16 or in guardianship at/after age 16.
- You must have graduated high school or received your GED while in DCF custody and out-of-home placement.

### HOW TO APPLY

Apply through your IL coordinator. Ask to fill out the application for the Foster Child Assistance Program and learn how submit the application to post-secondary institutions.

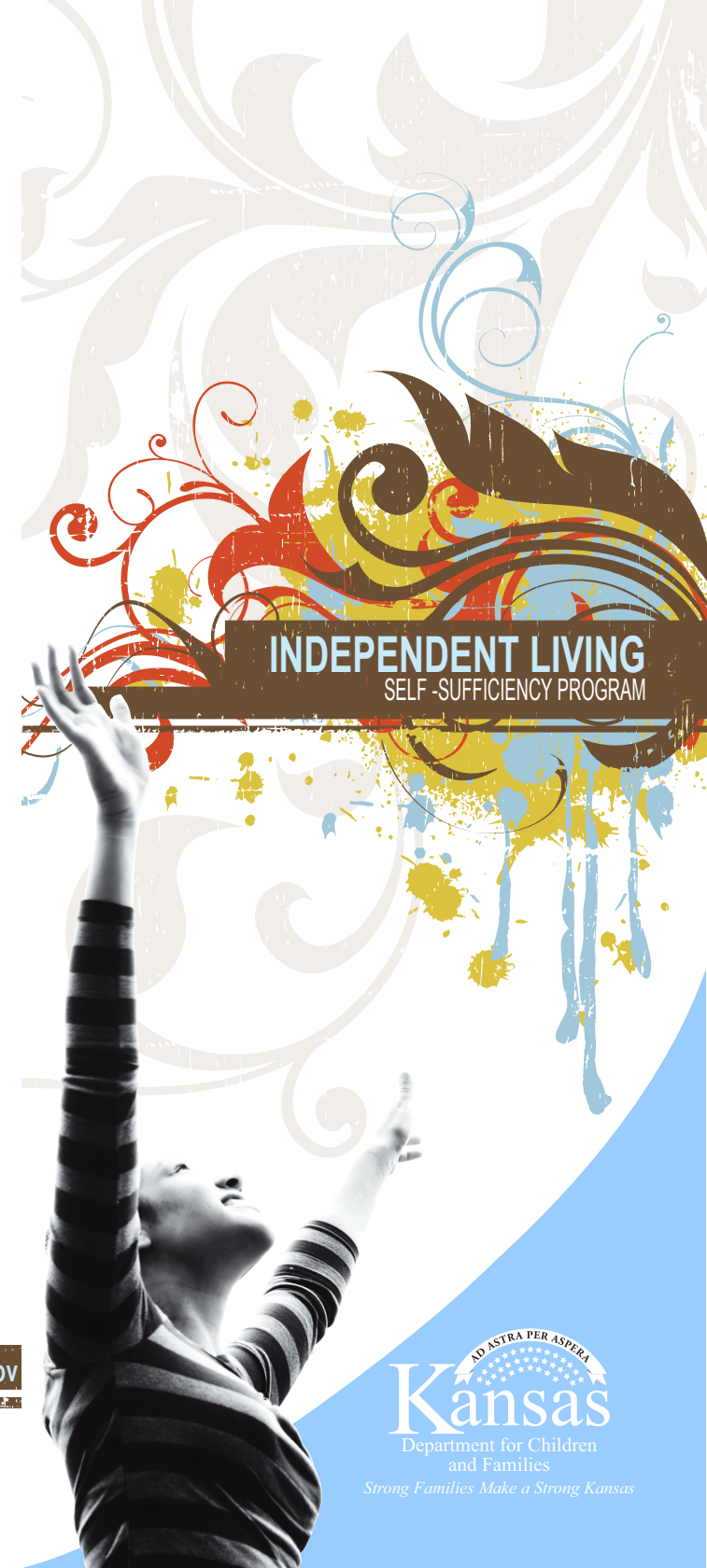
**Not all youth will be eligible for all IL program services. Contact your IL coordinator to determine your eligibility. Awards are subject to available funding.**



## FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, FAMILY PRESERVATION AND REINTEGRATION SERVICES PROVIDERS

- EAST:** DCF Ginger Bouza  
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PLEASE CONTACT 785-296-4653 OR GO TO <http://IL.dcf.ks.gov>



**INDEPENDENT LIVING**  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

## WHAT THE INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) PROGRAM CAN DO FOR YOU

### MEDICAL COVERAGE

Medical coverage is provided until the last day of the month when you turn 26. Limited vision and dental are included with your coverage.

- You must have been in Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) or Tribal Authority care at age 18.
- You must live in Kansas and have a current address on file with DCF.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING SUBSIDY

The Independent Living Subsidy provides monthly assistance to help with living expenses based upon need. Eligibility lasts until you turn 21.

- You must have aged out of DCF custody, KDOC- JS or Tribal Authority at age 18.
- You must be a Kansas resident.

- Marital status does not impact eligibility for the subsidy.
- You must be financially responsible for maintenance and expenses.
- Living alone, with a roommate(s) or in a family setting is acceptable.
- A plan for education to obtain a high school diploma or GED or full-time employment is required.
- You need a mentor.

### BASIC CHAFEE

Chafee funds are available to help former foster youth achieve self sufficiency. Basic Chafee can be utilized to support high school graduation, GED completion, daily living, budgeting, money management, transportation and clothing needed for school and work.

You may be eligible for a one time allowance for rental deposit assistance, start-up household goods and car repair assistance. Eligibility lasts until you turn 21.



### EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV)

Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds are available to assist with post secondary education completion. These funds can assist with attending a vocational school, community college or university. You may receive the ETV until you turn 23, if you are enrolled in post-secondary educational program at the age of 21 and making satisfactory progress towards completion of the program.

- You must have aged out of DCF custody from an eligible placement at age 18, be a high school graduate and/or obtained a GED while in eligible, foster care placement, or be in a permanent order of guardianship or custodianship after age 16.
- You may also be eligible if you were in an out-of-home placement for any length of time after you turned 15.