

AFTERCARE SERVICES

Young adults who do not participate in either Extended Foster Care or PESS may receive services or funding from the state's new After Care Program which goes into effect January 1, 2014.

The After Care program is temporary in nature and intended to provide only a safety net; services should be designed to help transition the young adult either to independence or to help them return to Extended Foster Care or PESS. Services/supports that can be provided through the After Care program include, but are not limited to, mental health services and substance abuse counseling; life skills classes, including financial literacy skills training; assistance with enrolling in or continuing Medicaid and preventive health activities; parenting classes; job and career skills training; mentoring and tutoring; counselor consultations; and temporary financial assistance for necessities, including, but not limited to, education supplies, transportation expenses, security deposits for rent and utilities, furnishings, household goods, and other basic living expense.

The specific services to be provided, including financial supports, are to be determined by a case manager's assessment of the young adult and delivered by the community-based care provider or through referrals in the community. An application will be available before January 1, 2014.