ALOOKAT TRANSITION AGE YOUTH IN KENTUCKY

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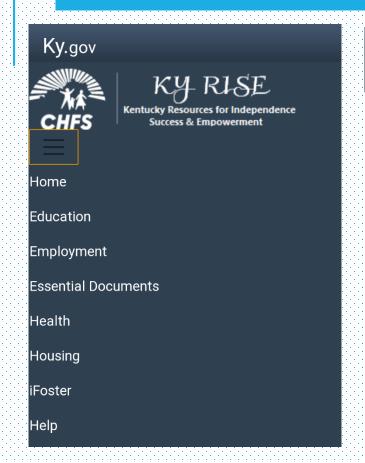


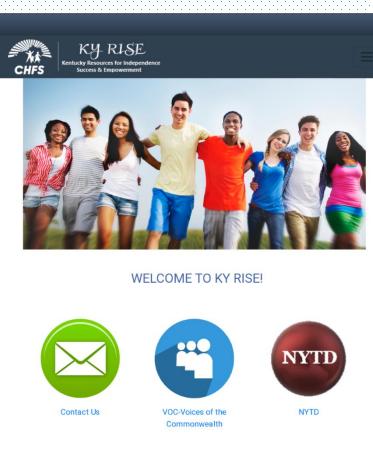




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Preview Youth Topics



Aftercare Services

Sometimes we could all use a little

Services is a resource for youth who have aged out of foster care. Click here to learn about a variety of

services and resources available to eligible youth between the ages of

extra help in life. The Aftercare



Check out our most asked questions to get answers quickly.



Resources

Click here to fearn about resources available to foster youth in your area.





Click here to learn skills to handle a variety of challenges and demands you may be faced with in everyday life



Rights & Benefits

What are my rights as a foster youth? Click here to find out.

Kentucky's one stop shop for transition age foster youth, foster parents, and other stakeholders to access information about the array of resources and services available to current and former foster youth.



TRANSITIONAL SERVICES - NEW INITIATIVES

- Car insurance and driver's education funding
- LYFT curriculum
- New and improved program for youth on extended commitment
 - Skills for self-sufficiency
 - Savings account
 - Stable housing
 - Post-secondary education
 - Permanent connections
- Expanded aftercare services







Voices of the Commonwealth

Mission statement:

The Voices of the Commonwealth
Leadership Council exists to educate foster
youth about the options, resources and
services available to them while striving to
advocate for positive change within the
Commonwealth of Kentucky's foster care
system.





VOICES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

- Comprised of current and former foster youth 16 23
- Currently has 15 members across the state
- Role includes:
 - Advocacy for changes to policy and legislation
 - Training and recruitment of foster parents
 - Educating and empowering foster youth
 - Planning regional events
 - Work with Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) leadership on policy development



VOICES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

- Youth Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) meetings
- Foster parent pre-service trainings
- Targeted recruitment workgroup
- Transition age workgroup
- Family First Prevention Services Act regional convenings
- National Chafee grantee meeting



VOICES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

- Second phase of transformation workgroups
- Continue to support the regional youth CQI meetings across the state
- Continue to improve and recruit high quality foster homes
- Continue to empower foster youth to be their own best advocates
- Continue to advocate for change in policy and legislation
- Continue to educate the public around the needs of foster youth
- Continue to partner with DCBS on policy development



FOSTERING SUCCESS

Fostering Success is a 10-week workforce development initiative sponsored by DCBS that provides current and former foster youth the opportunity to participate in a paid internship while receiving professional development and career planning support.





FOSTERING SUCCESS

- 4th year
- •118 youth applied
- 82 youth participated
- Job coach
- Financial literacy and soft skills training
- Strengths + interests = internship
- DCBS offices across the state
- 85 private and public partners





FOSTERING SUCCESS

- Goodwill industries
- Boys and Girls Club
- Salvation Army
- Shadeland Remodeling
- Kentucky Kingdom
- Catholic Charities
- Southern Recycling, LLC
- RADIT Builders Log Structures
- Midas
- Community Action Council
- Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities
- Kentucky Center for Assisted Living
- Northern Bluegrass Chamber of Commerce



TRANSITIONAL SERVICES - FUTURE INITIATIVES

- Expanding partnership with Workforce Development
- Developing partnership with post-secondary colleges and universities



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

