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Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Independent Living (IL) Funding for Transitioning Youth

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Historical Purpose of Chafee and TANF IL Funding:

- ❖ Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 established Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (Chafee) and the Educational and Training Voucher (ETV). *(Please see the handout that highlights all eight purposes)*
- ❖ Chafee funds are allocated based on the number of youth in foster care per state based on AFCARS. The federal funds allocated equal 80% with a 20% state match. This has been actively implemented since 2001.
- ❖ Chafee Rule References -
 - ❖ OAC 5101:2-42-19 and 5101:2-42-19.2 and 5101:9-6-35
- ❖ TANF Rule Reference –
 - ❖ OAC 5101:9-6-08.6



Purpose

Eight Purposes of the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) – Children likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age.

- 1) To help make the transition to self-sufficiency.
- 2) To help the children receive education, training and services necessary to obtain employment.
- 3) To help children prepare for and enter post-secondary training and education institutions.
- 4) To provide personal and emotional support (mentors & positive interactions with dedicated adults.



Purpose (continued)

- 5) To provide supports and services in the areas of financial, housing, counseling, employment, education to complement their efforts to transition into adulthood.
- 6) To make available vouchers for education and training.
- 7) To provide services to children 14 & older who left foster care for kinship, guardianship or adoption.
- 8) To ensure children have regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age/developmentally appropriate activities.

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Chafee and TANF IL Funding History (continued)

- ❖ Ohio also issues annual Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Independent Living (IL) allocations to provide additional funding to public children services agencies to support them in the ability to provide needed Independent Living services and programming for foster youth who are fourteen years of age or older. TANF IL funding is also intended to assist with needed services and programming for young adults who are age eighteen to twenty-one that have emancipated from the agency's care (up to 4 months).
- ❖ TANF IL funding is intended to fill in the gap to enhance primary funding that is made available from Chafee, ETV, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other community resources. These primary funding streams must be utilized first for services that are allowable within those programs, before using TANF IL funds (with a couple of exceptions):
 - ❖ After 30% of the annual Chafee allocation has been spent on Room & Board/Housing, TANF IL funds can then be used.
 - ❖ Emancipated youth can receive furniture items (up to \$1,000 max), car repairs (up to \$2,000 max), and used cars (for those who are gainfully employed and able to maintain them).

Independent Living and Post-Emancipation Requirements

5101:2-42-19 / 5101:2-42-19.2



Academic
support



Post –Secondary
educational
support



Career
Preparation



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Employment
programs



Budget &
financial
management



Housing
education



Independent Living and Post-Emancipation Requirements

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Health
education



Family
support



Mentoring



Independent Living and Post-Emancipation Requirements

5101:2-42-19/ 5101:2-42-19.2



Room & Board



Educational
financial
assistance



Other financial
assistance





Fiscal Rule Changes

5101:9-6-08.6 (TANF IL) and 5101:9-6-35 (Chafee)

❖ Allocation Methodology -

❖ TANF IL

- ❖ \$1,000 base
- ❖ Average of last two year reported Expenditures

❖ Chafee – no changes to existing methodology

- ❖ \$5,000 base
- ❖ Number of children 14 yrs old in substitute care as compared statewide

❖ Timelines to expend the funds

- ❖ TANF IL is funded on a State Fiscal Year (Jul-Jun) basis with a liquidation period of Jul-Sept
- ❖ Federal Chafee is funded on a Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sep) basis with a liquidation period of Oct-Dec



Financial Expenditure and RMS Codes - Chafee and TANF IL

Expenditure codes for contracts and purchased services as defined below:

- ❖ JFSFP 635 (TANF IL) Contracts, purchased services, and other costs for TANF IL program in accordance to OAC rules 5101:2-42-19 and 5101:2-42-19.2.
- ❖ JFSFP 872 (Chafee 18-21) Room and board costs paid on behalf of young adults. This does not include costs associated with foster care in situations where a voluntary agreement exists. Aggregate amount cannot exceed 30% for room and board of a PCSA's allocation in any given year.
- ❖ JFSFP 873 (Chafee-other) Non-room and board related services for youth receiving IL services under the above listed rules.
- ❖ *RMS Code for salaries 774* (Chafee) Activities related to preparing youth for living on their own.



Guidance Sheet & Scenarios of Using Both Funds

Sam

- *18 years old & emancipated*
- *Employed full time*

Sam's needs:

- *Secure an apartment*
- *Rent, deposit, utilities*
- *Household furnishings and necessities, small appliances*



Examples of How to Use Independent Living Funds

Tony

- *18 years old & emancipated*
- *College Student*

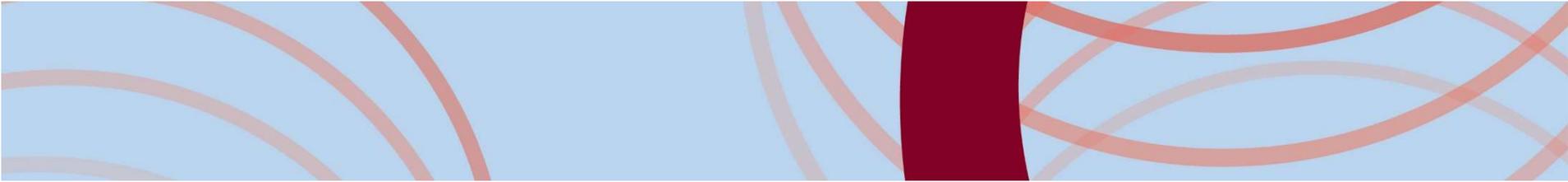
Tony's needs:

- *Some assistance with tuition*
- *Books & Supplies*
- *Typical dorm necessities*
- *Laptop, printer, software*
- *Spending money*



Resources & Handouts

- Eight Purposes of the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program
- Family, Children and Adult Services Procedure Letter No. 289, TANF Independent Living Allocation and Spending FAPMTL No. 368.
- Independent Living Funding Guidance & Codes
- Examples of How to Use Independent Living Funds
- Incentives 2017



Question & Answer

- For additional questions, please feel free to contact us at either:
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Thank You!