

What is Youth in Transition?

Youth In Transition (YIT) is a funding source available to cover expenses NOT covered by other government or community resources, or to augment or supplement services from other funding sources.

Who is eligible for YIT?

- ⇒ Youth 14 and older with an open foster care case.
- ⇒ Youth 14 and older with an open Juvenile Justice (JJ) case, provided they are in an approved MDHHS placement (Residential JJ-only placements not eligible).
- ⇒ Youth ages 18 to 23, who have been in foster care on or after their 14th birthday but are no longer under MDHHS supervision.
- ⇒ Youth ages 16-17, who had an open foster care case after their 14th birthday and utilized YIT funding prior to their case closing.

Where does a youth apply for YIT?

- ⇒ Youth that are/were supervised by MDHHS or a partner agency
 - Open foster care cases-contact their worker in the county of jurisdiction.
 - Closed foster care cases-contact the local MDHHS office in the county of residence.
- ⇒ Youth that are only supervised by tribal court
 - Contact MDHHS Program Office at
MDHHS-YouthInTransition@michigan.gov

What can YIT be used to pay for?

⇒ **Education-Pre College**

- Books, supplies, computer
- Tuition, tutoring, internships
- ACT/SAT testing
- GED Preparation/Testing
- Extracurricular activities/Sports/Clubs
- Senior Pictures/Class Rings/Senior Dues/Yearbooks

⇒ **Vocational/Employment**

- Career exploration/Job Placement/Retention
- Transportation
- Uniforms/Fees/Tools

⇒ **Independent Living Skills Training**

⇒ **Mentoring & Family Connection**

⇒ **Housing**

- Lifetime Limit of \$1,500 for first month's rent/security deposit (For youth age 18 and older who turned 18 while in foster care)

⇒ **Start-Up Goods**

- Lifetime limit of \$1,000 for start-up goods with an additional \$500 lifetime limit available to assist youth with obtaining baby related items. (For youth age 18 and older who turned 18 while in foster care).

⇒ **Medical & Health Needs**

⇒ **Parenting & Money Management**

- Classes, trainings, etc.

⇒ **Transportation**

- For education and/or employment goals
- Driver's training
- Vehicle Purchase up to the life time limit of \$5,000
- Vehicle Repair up to the lifetime limit of \$900
- Vehicle Insurance up to the lifetime limit of 6 months of coverage
- Bus Passes/Tokens