

Foster Youth to Independence & Family Unification Voucher Programs



FYI & FUP Voucher Programs

- Seattle Housing Authority and King County Housing Authority administer these programs in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).
- DCYF must certify eligibility for families and youth prior to referring to the housing authorities.
- Once referred to the housing authority, families and youth will complete a voucher application to determine eligibility for Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance.

Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)

The Foster Youth to Independence is designed for youths who are at least 18 years old and not more than 24 years old who:

- Have been in foster care between their 16th and 18th birthday or will leave foster care within 90 days, and
 - Are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Term-limited: 3 years of assistance (up to 5 years if youth participates in Family Self-Sufficiency program)
 - Case management support from YMCA
 - If youth is enrolled in Extended Foster Care (EFC), must be willing to exit EFC 90 days after signing lease with their voucher

FYI Agency & Self-Referral Process

- **Referral**
 - Youth can submit a self-referral form at <https://forms.office.com/r/huKgDghdGG>
 - Information provided on the self-referral form will be used to verify eligibility and submit a referral to DCYF to certify.
- **Application**
 - Youth will be connected with an FYI Voucher Specialist at the YMCA who will assist them with collecting needed documentation and submitting voucher application.
 - Seattle Housing Authority and King County Housing Authority will review and approve the application and issue the voucher after the youth completes a voucher orientation.

Family Unification Program (FUP)

The Family Unification Program is designed for families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in either the:

- Imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, or
 - Delay of discharge of a child or children to the family from out-of-home care.
- DCYF identifies households eligible to be referred for voucher and supportive services (self-referrals not accepted)*

Contact

- For questions regarding Foster Youth to Independence or Family Unification Program vouchers, you can contact:

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