



Consolidated Appropriations Act – Chafee Funding

New federal legislation enacted on December 27, 2020^[1] expands the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee Program).^[2] The Chafee Program expansion increases funding for individuals, expands eligibility requirements, and waives certain criteria during the COVID-19 pandemic period through September 30, 2021.

If you are an individual aged 15-26 years who has experienced foster care between the ages of 14 years or older, you may be eligible to receive additional support through the Chafee Program. Individuals that meet the program's criteria^[3] may be eligible for financial support for post-secondary education or training and/or financial support to cover expenses that foster independence such as:

- Room and board
- Books, supplies, and technology
- Transportation assistance such car repairs or driver's education training
- Childcare

Please contact the Department of Children, Youth and Families, 1-888-RIFAMILY (1-888-743-2659) for more information regarding eligibility.

^[1] Public Law 116-260, Division X and Section 305 of Title III of Division CC of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

^[2] U.S. Congress. (1934) United States Code: Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 301- (Suppl. 4 1934). Sec. 477. [42 U.S.C. 677]

^[3] Additional eligibility criteria may apply based on Chafee Program rules and regulations such as citizenship, personal asset limits, and other criteria