

Consolidated Youth Services

Life Skills Program

Program Description:

Life Skills begins with the completion of a Holistic Youth Assessment that consists of youth, key adults, and CYS staff discussing the youths' strengths and needs. The Holistic Youth Assessment utilizes the strength based Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment tools and result in the generation of a score report that is sent to the DCYF worker, the youth, and CYS staff.

The input from youth, the consultation with the DCYF worker, and the results of the score report allow CYS staff to develop a individually tailored Life Skills Education program. Youth attend classes for the "domains" or areas that were identified as needing improvement.

Life Skills classes will be conducted in geographically diverse places around the state on a regularly scheduled basis.

Who is Eligible?

Any youth upon their 16th birthday, or any youth who enters care after their 16th birthday.

What are the Direct Benefits to Youth?

Youth receive thorough and useful learning experiences through Life Skills education and information from the Holistic Youth Assessment can be used to inform their transition plans.

Youth receive information and can be referred to other Consolidated Youth Services at the time of Assessment to facilitate their use of all that is available to them.

Youth receive a \$20 stipend for the completion of each domain. The stipends are paid to the youth upon completion of the Life Skills program.

What are the Program Requirements?

Youth must complete all components identified by the assessment in order to receive their stipend.

What is the Referral/Application Process?

Referrals are made by the DCYF Worker via a RICHIST semi-automatic referral.

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