



CHAFEE PROGRAM

The Chafee Program provides assistance to current and former foster care youth in a variety of areas:

-  Crisis management
-  Education
-  Employment
-  Grocery shopping
-  Housing
-  Life skills
-  Meal preparation
-  Money management
-  Personal and home safety
-  Peer socializing
-  Study skills

NORTH DAKOTA

FOSTER OR ADOPT

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This brochure was created by the North Dakota Department of Human Services for current and former foster care youth to see if they qualify to participate in continued foster care services effective January 1, 2012.

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NORTH DAKOTA 18+ CONTINUED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

ARE YOU READY TO BE
INDEPENDENT?



18+ ELIGIBILITY

North Dakota has expanded foster care services to allow for youth to remain in or return to foster care after age 18.

Youth must meet one of these categories:

EDUCATION

Participate in high school, GED classes, college, tech/vocational school, etc.

EMPLOYMENT

Work at least 80 hours per month.

PREPARATORY EMPLOYMENT

Participate in programming that removes barriers to employment (Job Corps, etc).

MEDICAL CONDITION/ DISABILITY

Be unable to participate in education or employment due to a diagnosed medical condition or disability.

If you want to remain in foster care and do not meet one of the above categories, talk to your case manager.

TO QUALIFY YOU MUST:

- Need continued foster care services.
- Be between the ages of 18 and 21.
- Have aged-out of foster care at age 18 or greater from Human Service Zone services (county), Tribal Social Services or Division of Juvenile Services.
- Qualify in at least one eligibility category (located on left panel).
- Agree to and sign the 18+ Continued Foster Care Agreement (SFN 60).
- Return to foster care within six months of your last discharge date, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

CONTINUE IN CARE

If you are almost age 18 and are unsure about being ready to live on your own, tell your foster care case manager! This is your life, let your voice be heard. **SPEAK UP!**

RETURN TO CARE

North Dakota's 18+ Continued Care program is voluntary foster care. An agreement must be signed by three parties (agency, foster care provider, and you) in order to return to foster care. You have six months to return to care, unless otherwise approved by the Department!

Want To Come Back?

Contact your previous case manager.