



# Youth Resources

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*Looking for help with housing, college, paying for college, finding a job, job training, or healthcare? Below are some resources to help you find the answers you need.*

## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

FAFSA is the application for college “help” used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs. *Want to go to college? Sign up for college by using google to search for the school of your choice. Then fill out the application for FAFSA to see what help and benefits you can get. All students interested in financial aid for college will need to complete this form.*

<https://fafsa.ed.gov>

## **California College Pathways**

Supporting Opportunities and Success for Foster Youth Scholars

This website is for current and former foster youth interested in going to college. There is information on planning for college, paying for college, scholarships, housing, grants and scholarships.

<http://www.cacollegepathways.org>

## **Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency**

This site includes mentoring opportunities for young adults (ages 18-25) who are transitioning out of foster care. The program offers guidance, activities, and travel with successful adults who offer their genuine support.

<http://scffaa.org/>

## **Foster Adopt Resources in Los Angeles App**

**Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency** also has a “**Foster Adopt Resources in Los Angeles**” App that includes crisis hotline phone numbers, safe houses and other useful links and resources available at the Google play store.

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app\\_scffaa1.layout&hl=en](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_scffaa1.layout&hl=en)

## **Youth Moving On Peer Resource Center**

Peer resource center for youth 16-25, helping youth transition into stable and successful adult living. YMO helps develop life skills. Services include: well-being & mental health groups, career & educational planning, life skills development, computer lab and internet access, centralized support services.

<http://youthmovingon.org/resource-center>

## **The Independent Living Program**

Website for transition age youth (current and former foster/probation youth) in Los Angeles County. Includes links to services and resources to assist transition age youth (TAY) successfully transition from dependency to self-sufficiency: independent living programs, housing, healthcare, PCC cash for college, former foster youth free health insurance, etc.

<http://www.ilponline.org>

**Youth Today**

*Youth Today* is a nationally distributed newspaper that covers issues including: job training, education, child welfare, grants, juvenile justice, etc.

<http://youthtoday.org/>

**StudentMentor.org**

College students can get advice from professionals for free. Visit website and signup to be paired with a mentor. *Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, counsel, friendship, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee. Mentors are good listeners, people who care and want to help young people bring out strengths that are already there.*

<http://www.studentmentor.org/>

**Los Angeles Youth Network**

Visit the LAYN website for youth shelters, emergency shelters for up to 30 days, group home programs for long term housing, support services, education help, tutoring, mentoring and employment services.

<http://layn.org/>

**Hathaway-Sycamores**

Transitional Independent Living Services for youth emancipating from the foster care system provide housing and help to acquire the skills young people need to become independent and live on their own.

<http://www.hathaway-sycamores.org/programs/transitional-independent-living-services/>

**Resource Directory****A Guide for Current and Emancipated Foster Youth**

Provided by the California Department of Social Services (Published January 2009)

This publication contains lots of information about your rights, jobs, education and health. It has phone numbers, email addresses and links to even more information. It was written in 2009, so some of the information may have changed.

<http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/PDFs/PUB448.pdf>