

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH OVER 18 - A GUIDE FOR PROFESSIONALS



YOUTH RESOURCES ELIGIBILITY CHART		RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT AGE 18+							
		Youth Circles	Independent Living Services	HI HOPES Match	Imua Kākou	Extended Assistance	FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS		
							Higher Ed	Geist Scholarship	ETV
LEGAL STATUS	Reunified before age 14	✓ *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Reunified at age 14+	✓ *	--	✓	--	--	--	✓	--
	LG via CWS before age 16	✓	--	If in care after 14 th birthday	--	--	✓	✓	--
	LG via CWS at age 16+	✓	--	✓	** Case by case	✓	✓	✓	Only if LG with kin/relative
	Adopted via CWS before 16	✓	--	If in care after 14 th birthday	--	--	✓	If in care after 14 th birthday	--
	Adopted via CWS at age 16+	✓	--	✓	** Case by case	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Turned 18 in foster care ***	✓	✓	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓

* Limited availability. Please consult with the EPIC 'Ohana Youth Circle program (ycreferrals@epicohana.org).

** Extended Assistance should be the first option. If young adult's relationship with legal guardian or adopted parent is disrupted, they may be found eligible for IK on a case by case basis. For questions, please email modo@epicohana.org.

*** Turned 18 with the legal status of Foster Custody (FC), Permanent Custody (PC), Voluntary Foster Custody (VFC), or Temporary Foster Custody (TFC) with a court order.

YOUTH RESOURCES DESCRIPTIONS

Youth Circles (ages 14-27)	<p>Youth Circles are a youth-centered transition planning process. The Youth Circle brings together a youth and the youth's chosen supporters to have a facilitated discussion to identify accomplishments, strengths, goals, and brainstorm options and provide resources to create a tailored transition plan for the youth.</p> <p>Provider: EPIC 'Ohana, Inc. Contact: ycreferrals@epicohana.org More info: https://www.epicohana.org/youth-circle</p>
Independent Living (IL) Services (ages 12-27)	<p>Provides outreach and life skills building in groups or case management to support young people in care and transitioning out of care in a variety of ways.</p> <p>Providers and contact information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O'ahu: Hale Kipa (www.halekipa.org) (808) 589-1829 ext. 251 • Hawai'i island: The Salvation Army (https://hawaii.salvationarmy.org/hawaii/fis) East HI (808) 959-5855, West HI (808) 323-8081 • Maui county: Maui Youth and Family Services (www.myfs.org) (808) 579-8414 • Kaua'i: Hale 'Opio (www.haleopio.org) (808) 245-2873
HI HOPES Match (ages 17-26)	<p>Young people complete a Financial Literacy Training and then have a bank account opened with Bank of Hawai'i. Young people can have their money matched dollar for dollar up to \$3000 while eligible to make purchases on approved assets.</p> <p>Provider: EPIC 'Ohana, Inc – HI HOPES Initiative Contact: Geisha Dela Pena (gdelapena@epicohana.org) More info: www.hihopes.org</p>
Imua Kākou (ages 18-21)	<p>Imua Kākou is Hawai'i's voluntary extended foster care to 21 program. Young adults can receive a monthly living stipend of \$776 and clothing allowance until age 21 if they meet one of the 5 eligibility criteria: 1) completing high school/GED, 2) attending college/vocational, 3) working 80+ hours per month, 4) in a program or activity to remove barriers to employment, or 5) have a medical condition that prevents them from doing one of the other activities. The young adult must also meet with their case manager at least once per month and work towards their goals of being independent.</p> <p>Provider: Case management through providers listed under IL Services listed above</p> <p>Apply at: https://shakatown.com More info: www.imua21.org</p>
Extended Assistance (ages 18-21)	<p>For young adults who entered legal guardianship or were adopted after their 16th birthday, they are eligible for extended Permanency Assistance or Adoption Assistance until age 21 if they are participating in the equivalent activities listed under Imua Kākou. Extended Assistance continues to be paid to the guardian or adoptive parent. If the young adult has severed physical and emotional ties with the guardian(s) or adoptive parent(s), the young adult may apply for Imua Kākou on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Provider: DHS Contact: Interested parties should contact the assigned DHS payment worker</p>
Higher Ed (ages 18-27)	<p>The DHS Higher Education program provides a monthly stipend of \$776 (up to a total of 60 months) for living expenses while the young person is attending an accredited post-secondary institution for higher education including colleges, universities and vocational programs.</p> <p>Provider: DHS with case management available through providers listed in IL Services above</p> <p>Apply at: https://shakatown.com/</p>
Geist Scholarship (all ages)	<p>The Victoria S. and Bradley L. Geist Foundation Scholarship is available for college students of all ages who spent at least one day in care after their 14th birthday. Must be a Hawai'i resident.</p> <p>Apply at: www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org Deadlines: February 1 for Fall semester, September 30 for Spring semester</p>
ETV (ages 18-26)	<p>The Education and Training Voucher is a federal Chafee program that can provide up to \$5000 per year for college students whose cost of attendance is greater than the financial support they receive via scholarships and grants.</p> <p>Provider: DHS Apply at: https://shakatown.com/</p>