



# Income - Based Housing for Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care

## Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) & Family Unification Program (FUP) Housing Choice Voucher

### Key Features:

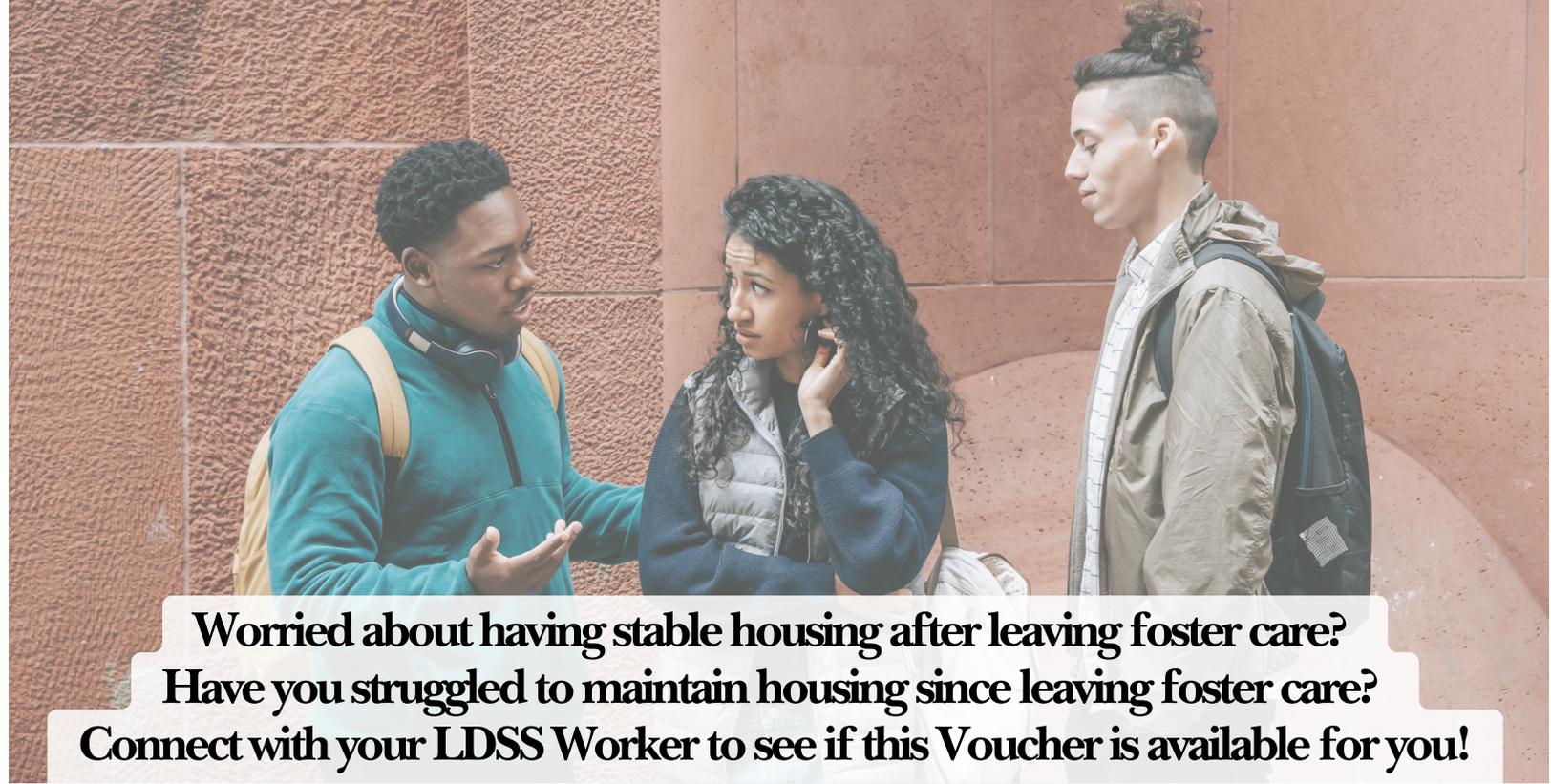
- **Tenant Rent Contribution: 30-35% of income**
- **Voucher Duration: 3 years (with a possible 2-year extension for eligible participants)**
- **Income-Based Housing for youth transitioning out of foster care**
- **Portable Voucher: Allows youth to move and retain housing assistance**



### Eligibility for both Vouchers:

- Between 18 years and 25 years old
- Have been in foster care or will leave foster care within 90 days
- Have a risk of homelessness

Struggling to find access to the voucher or have questions about the program?  
Call Emerging Phoenix at 1-833-651-1539  
We can connect you to FYI/FUP Vouchers in Virginia.



**Worried about having stable housing after leaving foster care?  
Have you struggled to maintain housing since leaving foster care?  
Connect with your LDSS Worker to see if this Voucher is available for you!**

Much like a Section 8 voucher youth pays 30-35% of their income for rent and utilities.

Here is the difference:

1. No long waitlist for young adults from foster care.
2. Can only be used for 3 years (36 months -two year extension for those who qualify).
3. Supportive Services are available to improve self-sufficiency.

### **What is the process to get a Voucher?**

\*Process can vary from area to area, reach out to your local dept of social services to start.

1. The Department of Social Services sends a **referral** to the housing agency.
2. The housing agency provides the youth with an **application**, verifies their income, and conducts a background check (A criminal history doesn't disqualify an individual).
3. Upon approval, the youth receives a voucher award and is briefed on how to use **the FYI/FUP Voucher**.
4. The youth finds a **suitable unit** (house, apartment, trailer, dorm, etc.) within the voucher rental limit. The landlord approves the tenant, and the unit must pass a **safety inspection** before signing the lease.
5. The youth is connected with **voluntary support services** while receiving the voucher (Some supportive services may allow the voucher to extend an additional 2 yrs (5 total).

The youth is responsible for paying the security deposit & their portion of the rent.

The voucher is portable, allowing the youth to move and retain the voucher.

The voucher must be **renewed annually** to ensure continued eligibility and support.

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