

BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

POLICY NO.: 6.2	SUBJECT: EMANCIPATION ASSISTANCE POLICY
OAC: 5101:2-42-19.2	EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/15
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PURPOSE: To ensure that emancipated foster youth have the support and information needed to be successful within their community.

POLICY:

1. Emancipated foster youth shall be provided the opportunity to access support based on their current need. The assistance, services and support will be provided to the youth to help them achieve self-sufficiency and will be available until their twenty first (21) birthday.
2. The Emancipation Coordinator and emancipated youth will develop a plan for what services are needed to help youth achieve self-sufficiency. Referrals for community services will be provided as deemed necessary.
3. Post emancipation services shall be provided to the young adult based on the following topics:
 - Academic support
 - Post-secondary educational support
 - Career preparation
 - Employment programs or vocation training
 - Budget and financial management
 - Housing (education and home management training)
 - Health education
 - Family support
 - Healthy marriage education
 - Mentoring
 - Room/Board financial assistance
 - Supervised independent living placement.

PROCEDURE:

1. In order to receive assistance from BCCS, the emancipated youth will need to contact BCCS for assistance. Upon contacting BCCS an Emancipated youth FINS case will be opened to capture services and assistance provided to the youth. Financial assistance will be provided to emancipated youth on a one time basis.

2. If the emancipated youth is requesting financial assistance with rent, the youth will need to be employed. Youth will need to provide evidence of such employment to ensure the rent for the apartment can be maintained after BCCS assistance is completed. The agency is able to provide a rental deposit and up to three (3) months of rent.
 - (a) All financial assistance will be sent directly to the landlord of the apartment complex.

3. Other assistance that can be provided to an emancipated youth includes but is not limited to:
 - Furnishings and furniture for an apartment/dorm room
 - Food voucher to local grocery (typically Kroger) up to the amount of \$300. Can be provided as one large voucher or broke up into 3-\$100 vouchers
 - Bus pass when applicable
 - Assistance with the application for Job and Family Services assistance
 - Referrals to therapeutic services in the community
 - Referrals to Ohio Means Job for employment assistance
 - Assistance in the completion of college forms (financial aid applications, college applications and other needed documents for youth to begin attending college)

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Approval Date:


William Morrison, Director