LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Homeless Services & Housing

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DCFS is now accepting referrals for Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers

LA County Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) is happy to share that DCFS is now accepting the **DCFS FYI Screening Tool** for the Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) Section 8 Vouchers. Complete the attached application and submit it via email to **burnsla@dcfs.lacounty.gov**. Incomplete applications will be returned to be completed.

DEADLINE:

Wednesday, September 30 @ 5:00 PM

Applications sent after 5PM on that date will not be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (HUD GUIDELINES)

- Ages 18–24 years old
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness at the age of 16 years old
- DCFS foster care case has closed, or will close within the next 180 days

NEXT STEPS AFTER SUBMISSION

- Eligible applicants will be contacted directly via email to schedule an interview with DCFS Supportive Housing Division (SHD) staff.
- Individuals identified for the voucher will be referred to the Public Housing Authority (PHA) to complete their application and process.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- This is a lengthy process with a number of steps before obtaining a voucher.
- Time from referral to PHA to being leased up can take 6–12 months, varying per young adult.
- DCFS' role is to identify eligible young people and refer them to the PHA.
- The PHA has its own separate application process, including a background check and income verification.
- Vouchers come from the PHAs, not from DCFS. HSH will provide ICMS to each voucher holder.
- Young people must be found eligible under HUD criteria to be referred to the PHA for vouchers.

QUESTIONS? Contact DCFS at thp-plus-closedcases@dcfs.lacounty.gov