



Foster Youth Resources

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Cal-FURS The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is a Free 24/7/365 Hotline for current or former foster youth and their caregivers to call and get <u>immediate</u> help for any big or small issues you may be having. FURS also has a Mobile Response Team of caring and trained individuals that can come directly to where you are to help you solve problems and connect you to local services and support. FURS services are for YOU, are voluntary, and are driven by your input on how they can be the support team you need.	Call or Text 833-939-3877 https://www.cal-furs.org/
National Suicide Prevention Hotline At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.	Call or Text 988 Or 1-800-273-8255 https://988lifeline.org/
Transgender Suicide Hotline Trans Lifeline's Hotline is a peer support phone service run by trans people for our trans and questioning peers. Call us if you need someone trans to talk to, even if you're not in a crisis or if you're not sure you're trans.	Call 877-565-8860 https://translifeline.org/
Trevor Project Lifeline Crisis counselors are trained to answer calls, chats, or texts from LGBTQ+ young people who reach out on our free, confidential and secure 24/7 service when they are struggling with issues such as coming out, LGBTQ+ identity, depression, and suicide.	Call 866-488-7386 Text 678-678 https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help/
Human Trafficking Hotline If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, we're here to provide the support you need.	Call 1-888-373-7888 Text 233733 https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en
PFLAG PFLAG is creating a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.	https://pflag.org/
National Runaway Safeline a federally designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth, available 24/7/365, providing access to resources and listening professionals.	1-800-RUNAWAY https://www.1800runaway.org/
Los Angeles LGBT Center Since 1969, the Los Angeles LGBT Center has cared for, championed, and celebrated LGBTQ individuals and families in Los Angeles and beyond.	323-993-7400 https://laigbtcenter.org/
San Francisco LGBT Center The SF LGBT Center connects community members to opportunities, resources, and each other.	415-865-5555 https://www.sfcenter.org/
JV218 A JV-218 form asks the foster youth how they feel about their medication. The foster youth can tell the judge if they agree or do not agree to take the medications or if they are unsure.	https://courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/courts/default/2024-11/jv218.pdf



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California College Pathways California College Pathways (CCP) is a statewide initiative led by John Burton Advocates for Youth that is helping foster youth across the state achieve their higher education goals and move on to fulfilling careers	https://cacollegepathways.org/
California Chafee Grant Program The California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth (Chafee Grant) awards up to \$5,000 a year to eligible foster youth. The Chafee Grant may be used at any eligible California college or university, or career or technical school.	https://chafee.csac.ca.gov
California Community Colleges Resources for Foster Youth- Next Up NextUp provides community college students like you with resources that make a difference. The program offers eligible current and former foster youth support and services that could include help with books and supplies, transportation, tutoring, food, and emergency housing.	https://icangotocollege.com/financial-aid/foster-youth-support
California State University Resources for Foster Youth Students who've experienced life in a foster home or group home often need extra support and resources to ensure they succeed in college. Here you'll learn about the many ways your CSU campus can help you thrive from the day you start your academic career until you earn your degree.	https://www.calstate.edu/attention/student-services/foster-youth
JBAY Youth Resources John Burton Advocates for Youth improves the quality of life for youth in California who have been in foster care or homeless by advocating for better laws, training communities to strengthen local practices and conducting research to inform policy solutions.	(415) 348-0011 https://jbay.org/resources/
Independent Living Program The ILP provides training, services, and benefits to assist current and former foster youth in achieving self-sufficiency prior to, and after leaving, the foster care system. In California, each county has the flexibility to design services to meet a wide range of individual needs and circumstances, and to coordinate services with other Federal and State agencies engaged in similar activities.	https://www.cdss.ca.gov/information/sources/foster-care/county-contacts-for-efc-thp-and-ilp
CalKids The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) was launched in 2022 by the State of California with a clear mission: to help jumpstart college savings for children statewide by awarding scholarship accounts to youth across the state.	https://calkids.org/
My Life, My Rights We believe all foster youth can achieve their dreams. This website is a guide to getting an education, getting a job, and getting on with your life after foster care. Get answers to common questions for foster youth. Learn about your rights and take charge of your future.	http://www.mylifemyrights.org/
HopSkipDrive Get every student to school on time. HopSkipDrive is a leader in supplemental student transportation, offering access to safe, reliable rides as well as RouteWise AI™, the world's first student transportation intelligence platform, all powered by transformative technology.	https://www.hopskipdrive.com/
AdvoKids Advokids provides the only free telephone helpline offering legal services to anyone concerned about a child in foster care in California.	877.ADV4KID (877.238.4543) https://advokids.org/



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<p>California Youth Connection (CYC) California Youth Connection (CYC) is a youth-led* organization that develops and grows leaders who empower each other and their communities to transform the foster care system through legislative and policy change. [<i>*CYC youth members lead the movement to improve the systems that impact their lives through local and statewide advocacy efforts. They also lead through partnering with the Board and Executive Director to set the organization's priorities.</i>] Our vision is that youth impacted by child welfare and intersecting systems are empowered to have their needs met and the support to grow into healthy and vibrant adults.</p>	<p>https://calyouthconn.org/</p>

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