

List of Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Resources for Advocates in California and Nationwide

This document is a list of all of the tools and resources Youth Law Center and partners have developed around the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Voucher Program. The list describes the document and provides the link to each document.

Please note that the first series of documents are for stakeholders in California. The second list contains documents and tools for national stakeholders.

CALIFORNIA FYI DOCUMENTS AND TOOLS

Title of Document	Description	Link
Overview of FYI and FUP Housing Choice Vouchers in California	A general fact sheet about the FYI/FUP Programs for advocates in California.	Link
FYI Toolkit for California	This toolkit contains fact sheets for the following stakeholders in California: young people, public housing authorities, public child welfare agencies, landlords, advocates, judges, city council, and Board of Supervisors. Each fact sheet focuses on the unique role of each stakeholder in making the FYI program work for young people and communities.	Link
FYI Vouchers in California: The Role of Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation Agencies	This fact sheet details how the child welfare agency and juvenile probation department can partner with local PHAs to request FYI vouchers.	Link
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FYI Vouchers in California: The Role of Judges	This fact sheet describes how judges can help ensure that young people are connected with housing resources, like FYI and FUP vouchers, as part of the transition planning process before they leave foster care.	<u>Link</u>
FYI Vouchers in California: The Role of Public Housing Authorities	This fact sheet describes how Public Housing Authorities in California can partner with child welfare and juvenile probation agencies to be able to draw down FYI vouchers.	<u>Link</u>
FYI Vouchers in California: The Role of the Board of Supervisors	This fact sheet describes how members of the Board of Supervisors can support the development of expansion of FYI programs in their counties.	<u>Link</u>
FYI Vouchers in California: The Role of City Council	This fact sheet describes how members of the City Council can support the development of expansion of FYI programs in their counties.	<u>Link</u>
Referral Letter Packet (CA and National)	The following template letters can be used as part of your advocacy to (1) request that a youth be referred for a FYI voucher and/or a FUP voucher; (2) a request from a young person to be referred for a FYI or FUP voucher; and (3) to request that your child welfare agency take action to begin an FYI program. These tools can be used by advocates in all states	Link
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California Bench Card: Ensuring Housing Security for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care by Utilizing FYI Vouchers	A document to provide judges with questions and guidelines to help them make decisions to support effective transition planning, including ensuring that young people have access to FYI vouchers.	Link
Important Updates on FYI in CA	This fact sheet provides an update for child welfare agencies and juvenile probation departments about recent improvements in the FYI program and the availability of funding in CA.	Link
FYI Best Practices	A list of successful practices in the implementation of the FYI and FUP programs for stakeholders in California, especially jurisdiction new to FYI/FUP	<u>Link</u>
Frequently Asked Questions About the FYI Program	This is a resource that has been developed by the Youth Law Center to respond to questions YLC has received from stakeholders.	<u>Link</u>

NATIONAL FYI DOCUMENTS AND TOOLS

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