



Independent Living Program / Self-Sufficiency Services Annual Report

SFY 2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

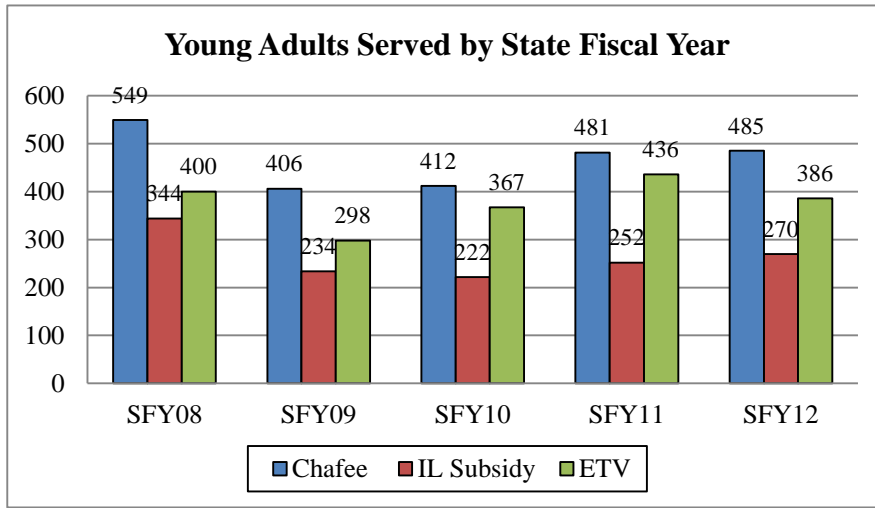
This report examines five years of data for young adults who received financial assistance as part of Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency services through Prevention and Protection Services (SFY 2008-2012). Young adults may be eligible for Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency services including financial assistance if they meet specific eligibility criteria and were in the custody of the Secretary of Department for Children and Families, the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice Authority, or Tribal custody. The two primary funding sources for the Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency program are Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP and referred to as Chafee in this report) and Educational Training Vouchers (ETV).

Chafee funds may be used for services and supports to help young adults leaving foster care achieve self-sufficiency. Chafee funds may be available to approved young adults through age 21. ETV funds may be available to youth currently or previously in foster care for post-secondary education. ETV funds may be available to approved young adults up to age 23. Independent Living Subsidy (IL Subsidy), a service funded through Chafee, is used to assist with room and board expenses of young adults who were released from custody at age 18. IL Subsidy is available until age 21. The Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act, commonly referred to as the Kansas Tuition Waiver, is available to young adults up to the age of 23 who enroll in undergraduate programs at state schools in Kansas. Young adults may receive funding for services through Chafee, ETV, and the Kansas Tuition Waiver simultaneously.

Executive Summary:

- In SFY2012, 485 young adults received services through the Chafee program, and 270 young adults received the IL Subsidy.
- Post-secondary educational assistance was provided to 386 young adults through ETV in SFY2012.
- Total Chafee payments were down in SFY2012 compared to SFY2011, while IL Subsidy payments were at the highest level of the five years shown. The SFY2012 ETV payment total was an increase over the past few years, but was lower than the SFY2008 payment total.
- In SFY2012, 178 young adults were approved to receive the tuition waiver. This is a slight decrease from the number of young adults approved to receive the tuition waiver in SFY2011.

Part I: Young Adults Served in Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency Program

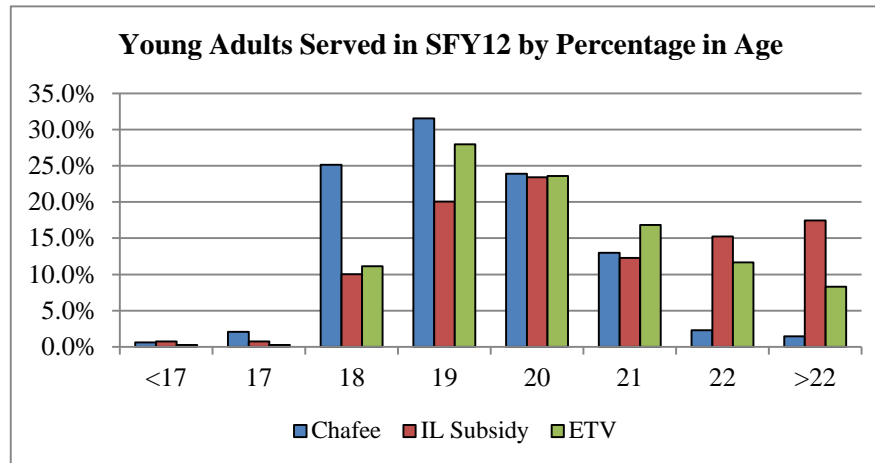


Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

In SFY2012, 485 young adults received services through Chafee funding, 270 received funding through the IL Subsidy, and 386 received ETV funding. Some young adults may have been served by multiple programs.

The number of young adults receiving ETV funding decreased approximately 13% from SFY2011 to SFY2012.

Some young adults may receive funding through multiple sources. A total of 702 (unduplicated) young adults received funding from at least one of these sources in SFY2012.



Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

The largest percentage of young adults served by Chafee and ETV were 19 year olds (31.5% of young adults served by Chafee and 28.0% of young adults served by ETV). The largest percentage of young adults served by the IL Subsidy were 20 year olds.

The majority of young adults receiving Chafee funding (59.4%) were under the age of 20, while the majority of young adults receiving the IL Subsidy (68.4%) and the majority receiving ETV funding (60.4%) were 20 years or older.

Part II: Chafee Foster Care Program

In SFY 2012, the Chafee Foster Care Program payment total was \$312,569.62. This is a 17% decrease compared to SFY 2011 payment totals. Also, slightly more young adults were served in SFY 2012 than in SFY 2011. (Table 1).

Table 1: Chafee Foster Care Program Young Adults Served SFY2008 - SFY2012

	SFY2008	SFY2009	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012
Young Adults Served	549	406	412	481	485
Payment Totals	\$361,892.82	\$263,716.44	\$317,297.42	\$378,423.44	\$312,569.62
Average per Young Adult	\$659.19	\$649.55	\$770.14	\$786.74	\$644.47

Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

The Wichita Region continues to serve the largest percent of young adults receiving Chafee funds, a trend that began in SFY 2009. (Table 2).

Table 2: Chafee Foster Care Program Young Adults Served by Region SFY2008 - SFY2012

	2008	Percent	2009	Percent	2010	Percent	2011	Percent	2012	Percent
East	128	23.3%	87	21.4%	106	25.7%	113	23.5%	110	22.7%
Kansas City	136	24.8%	75	18.5%	77	18.7%	104	21.6%	117	24.1%
West	120	21.9%	105	25.9%	81	19.7%	104	21.6%	114	23.5%
Wichita	129	23.5%	116	28.6%	122	29.6%	139	28.9%	144	29.7%
Unable to Determine*	36	6.6%	23	5.7%	26	6.3%	21	4.4%	0	0.0%
Total	549	100.0%	406	100.0%	412	100.0%	481	100.0%	485	100.0%

*County information was used to group information into the current Regional alignment and was not available on all records.

Source: Self-Sufficiency Information System.

Part III: Independent Living Subsidy

The Independent Living Subsidy (IL Subsidy) is a time-limited financial plan for youth between the ages of 18 and 21. It is used to assist with room and board expenses. The IL Subsidy is funded through the Chaffee Foster Care Independent Living Program. The maximum amount available to a young adult is \$350.00 monthly, and is based upon the young adult's income and need, with a step down scale every 6 months.

Table 3: Independent Living Subsidy Young Adults Served SFY2008 - SFY2012

	SFY2008	SFY2009	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012
Young Adults Served	315	234	222	264	270
Payment Totals	\$371,712.50	\$263,083.39	\$278,717.66	\$362,965.26	\$398,895.67
Average per Young Adult	\$1,180.04	\$1,124.29	\$1,255.48	\$1,374.87	\$1,477.39

Note: The source for past reporting years was determined to be missing payments. These figures have been revised for all fiscal years represented.
Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

In SFY2012, 270 young adults received services through the IL Subsidy, with \$398,895.67 in total payments. This was an increase from SFY2011 in both number served and total payments (Table 4). The average subsidy amount per young adult served in SFY2012 was \$1,477.39.

Table 4: Independent Living Subsidy Young Adults Served by Region SFY2008 - SFY2012

	2008	Percent	2009	Percent	2010	Percent	2011	Percent	2012	Percent
East	71	22.4%	56	23.9%	72	32.4%	79	29.9%	58	21.5%
Kansas City	85	27.0%	63	26.9%	41	18.5%	49	18.5%	52	19.3%
West	83	26.2%	67	28.6%	64	28.8%	82	31.1%	92	34.1%
Wichita	61	19.5%	38	16.2%	34	15.3%	43	16.3%	56	20.7%
Unable to Determine*	15	4.9%	10	4.3%	11	5.0%	11	4.2%	12	4.4%
Statewide	315	100%	234	100%	222	100%	264	100%	270	100%

*County information was used to group information into the current Regional alignment and was not available on all records.
Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

Part IV: Education and Training Voucher Services (ETV)

Table 5: Educational Training Voucher Young Adults Served SFY2008 – SFY2012

	SFY2008	SFY2009	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012
Young Adults Served	400	298	367	436	386
Payment Totals	*	\$469,772.86	\$595,659.49	\$620,675.63	\$ 645,509.35
Average per Young Adult	*	\$1,576.42	\$1,623.05	\$1,423.57	\$1,672.30

* Reliable expenditures are not available for SFY2008.

Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

In SFY2012, 386 young adults received ETV services. This was a decrease of 13% compared from the number served in SFY2011 (Table 6). Regional distribution of young adults served continues to fluctuate, with Wichita tending to serve a slightly larger percentage than the other regions.

Table 6: Educational Training Voucher Young Adults Served by Region SFY2008 - SFY2012

	2008	Percent	2009	Percent	2010	Percent	2011	Percent	2012	Percent
East	63	15.8%	56	18.8%	83	22.6%	93	21.3%	83	21.5%
Kansas City	104	26.0%	74	24.8%	92	25.1%	116	26.6%	92	23.8%
West	83	20.8%	69	23.2%	71	19.3%	100	22.9%	92	23.8%
Wichita	116	29.0%	77	25.8%	90	24.5%	108	24.8%	118	30.6%
Unable to Determine*	34	8.5%	22	7.4%	31	8.4%	19	4.4%	1	.3%
Total	400	100%	298	100%	367	100%	436	100%	386	100%

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Source: KAECSES and SMART via Self-Sufficiency Information System.

Part V: Foster Care Educational Assistance Act Program (Tuition Waiver)

Table 7: Young Adults Served through Tuition Waiver from SFY2008 to SFY2012

Initial Semester of Participation	# of Youth Approved for Tuition Waiver				
	SFY08	SFY09	SFY10	SFY11	SFY12
Fall	87	162	171	175	184
Spring	31	54	93	80	61
Summer	8	31	35	36	29
Total	126	247	299	291	274

Source: Self-Sufficiency Information System

The Kansas Tuition Waiver Program waives tuition and required fees at state educational institutions in Kansas, including vocational-technical schools, community colleges, state universities, and technical colleges. The waiver is available to eligible young adults who are enrolled in undergraduate programs through the semester of their 23rd birthday.

In SFY12, 274 new applicants were approved for the Tuition Waiver Program (Table 7).