



Independent Living Program / Self-Sufficiency Services Annual Report

SFY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

The Independent Living (IL) program assists youth transitioning from foster care into adulthood, which can include self-advocacy, accessing community resources and supports, daily living skills, and efficiently managing financial resources. Kansas Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) provides for an array of services and supports to youth who are likely to "age out" of the foster care system. Kansas CFCIP services includes Basic Chafee, Subsidy, Start-Up Costs, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, Transportation Costs, Education and Training Voucher (ETV), and Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act, and Aged Out Medical.

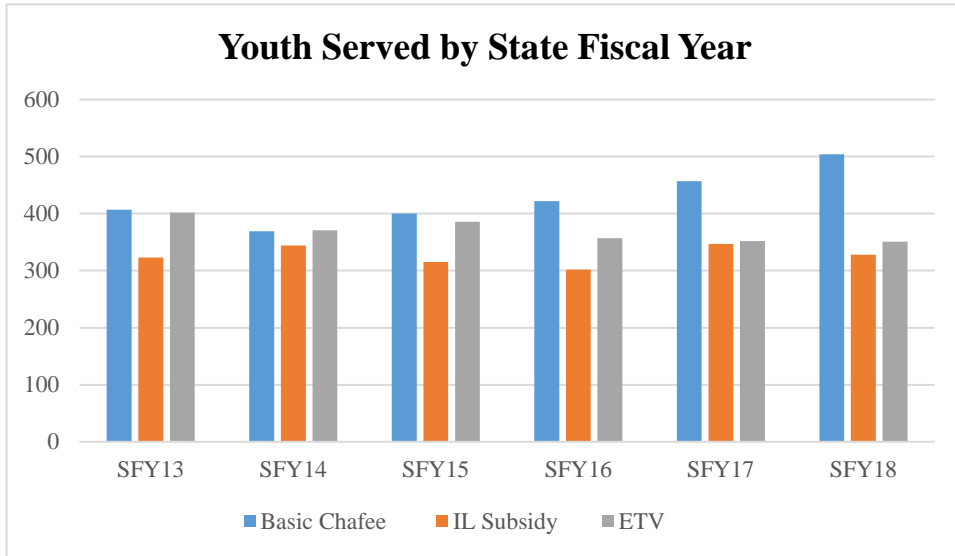
- ❖ Basic Chafee funds are used to help youth with education, employment, financial management, housing and emotional support. Youth must meet Chafee eligibility criteria of: 1) Youth who are in an eligible out of home placement in the custody of DCF, KDOC-JS, or Tribal Authority for any length of time on or after the 15th birthday and 2) Chafee eligibility ends at age 21.
- ❖ Independent Living Subsidy (IL Subsidy) funds are used to assist youth working towards completion of secondary education and/or obtaining/maintaining stable employment. Young adults must meet Subsidy eligibility criteria of: 1) Released from an eligible out of home placement in the custody of DCF, KDOC-JS, or Tribal Authority on or after their 18th birthday and 2) Subsidy eligibility ends at age 21.
- ❖ ETV are available to youth for post-secondary education or certified training program expenses. Youth must meet ETV eligibility criteria of: 1) Youth served by DCF, KDOC-JS, or Tribal Authority currently or previously in foster care for any length of time on or after the 15th birthday, 2) Youth earned a high school diploma or GED, 3) are enrolled in a post-secondary education that is a pre-accredited, accredited, or certified training program, and the youth meets one of many sub-criteria, and 4) Youth can continue to receive ETV supports until age 23 if a student is in good standing at age 21. ETV eligibility will end at age 23.

This report examines six years of data on youth who received Basic Chafee, IL Subsidy, ETV and/or Kansas Foster Child Education Assistance Act as part of Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency services through Department for Children and Families Prevention and Protection Services between SFY2013-2018.

Executive Summary:

- Independent Living Program served a total of 782 (unduplicated) young adults in SFY2018.
 - ◆ Of the 782 youth, a total of 504 received Basic Chafee funds, 328 received the IL Subsidy and 351 were provided post-secondary educational assistance through ETV. Youth may receive funding through multiple sources based on eligibility and Self-Sufficiency Plans.
- The majority of youth served by the IL Program within SFY2018 were female at 70.08% while 29.80% were male.
- Kansas Tuition Waiver new applications increased slightly compared to SFY2017.

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

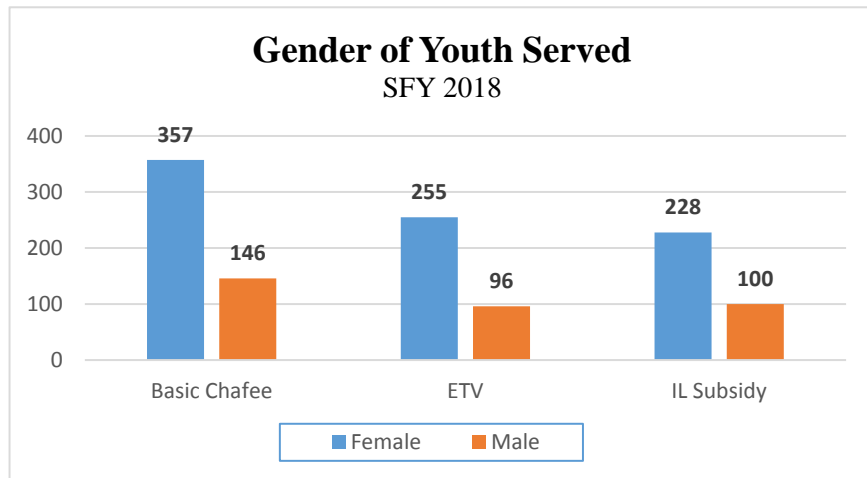
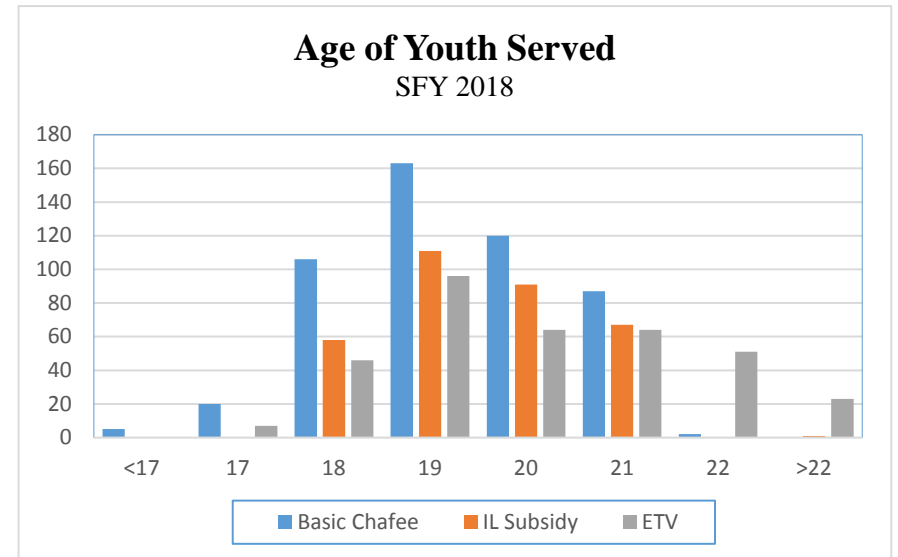


IL/Self-Sufficiency Program Trending over SFYs.

- Basic Chafee youth receiving Chafee funds was 504 for FY2018.
- IL Subsidy youth participation was 328 was FY2018.
- ETV youth participation was 351 for FY2018.

Nineteen year olds represented the largest age group for all three programs: 1) Basic Chafee - 32.3%; 2) ETV - 27.4%; and 3) IL Subsidy - 33.8%.

The majority of youth receiving Basic Chafee funds (58.3%) and IL Subsidy (51.5%) were under the age of 20 while the majority of youth receiving ETV funding (57.5%) were 20 years or older.



Young adult gender breakdown by IL program include:

- Basic Chafee, 70.83% were female while 28.97% were male.
- ETV, 72.65% were female while 27.35% were male.
- IL Subsidy, 69.51% were female while 30.49% were male.

Part II: Basic Chafee Funds

Basic Chafee activities and programs include, but are not limited to, help with education, employment, financial management, housing, emotional support and assured connections to caring adults for older youth in foster care.

Table 1: Basic Chafee Funds Youth Served SFY2013 - 2018

	SFY2013	SFY2014	SFY2015	SFY2016	SFY2017	SFY2018
Young Adults Served	407	369	400	422	457	504
Payment Totals	\$304,937	\$226,249	\$240,148	\$294,029	\$308,762	\$289,828
Annual Average per Young Adult	\$749.23	\$613.14	\$600.37	\$696.75	\$675.63	\$575.05

Table 2: Basic Chafee Funds Youth Served by Region SFY2013 - 2018

	SFY2013		SFY2014		SFY2015		SFY2016		SFY2017		SFY2018	
East	98	24.1%	108	29.3%	119	29.8%	118	28.0%	108	23.6%	129	25.6%
Kansas City	119	29.2%	99	26.8%	80	20.0%	102	24.2%	84	18.4%	94	18.7%
West	77	18.9%	58	15.7%	84	21.0%	70	16.6%	105	23.0%	110	21.8%
Wichita	113	28.7%	104	28.2%	117	29.2%	132	31.3%	160	35.0%	171	33.9%
Unable to Determine	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	407	100%	369	100%	400	100%	422	100%	457	100%	504	100%

Part III: Independent Living Subsidy (IL Subsidy)

IL Subsidy is short-term assistance between the youth (ages 18 up to 21) and IL program. Youth shall be working towards completion of secondary education and/or obtaining/maintaining stable employment. The youth will be expected to work with his/her mentor (if assigned) and IL Coordinator to achieve the identified self-sufficiency goal. IL Subsidy is funded through the CFCIP. Youth's financial need and participation in the program are criteria for financial support which shall not exceed \$350.00 per month.

In SFY2018, IL program updated IL Subsidy policy to provided a tiered approach to target vulnerable youth transitioning from foster care towards independence.

Tier 1: Months 1-12 100% of subsidy based on need (PPS 7000A)

Tier 2: Months 13-18 90% of initial subsidy amount

Tier 3: Months 19-24 80% of initial subsidy amount

Tier 4: Months 25-36 70% of initial subsidy amount

Table 3: Independent Living Subsidy Youth Served SFY2013 - 2018

	SFY2013	SFY2014	SFY2015	SFY2016	SFY2017	SFY2018
Young Adults Served	323	344	315	302	347	328
Payment Totals	\$494,460	\$546,088	\$477,439	\$510,808	\$551,284	\$508,790
Annual Average per Young Adult	\$1,530.84	\$1,587.46	\$1,515.68	\$1,691.42	\$1,588.71	\$1,551.19

Table 4: Independent Living Subsidy Youth Served by Region SFY2013 - 2018

	SFY2013		SFY2014		SFY2015		SFY2016		SFY2017		SFY2018	
East	107	33.1%	124	36.0%	82	26.0%	82	27.2%	68	19.6%	46	14.0%
Kansas City	78	24.2%	80	23.3%	95	30.2%	97	32.1%	100	28.8%	73	22.3%
West	84	26.0%	78	22.7%	87	27.6%	69	22.8%	89	25.6%	55	16.8%
Wichita	54	16.7%	62	18.0%	51	16.2%	54	17.9%	90	25.9%	77	23.5%
Unable to Determine	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	77	23.5%
Statewide	323	100%	344	100%	315	100%	302	100%	347	100%	328	100%

Part IV: ETV

The ETV program provides youth who meet eligibility criteria with post secondary support. Criteria includes completion of Self-Sufficiency Plan, ETV Program Plan documenting all post secondary educational costs, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and successful submission of three scholarship applications. To receive financial support youth shall attend accredited public, private or non-profit post-secondary school or training programs in or out of state. ETV funds may be used to pay for education related costs including room and board, books, materials or tutoring. All ETV Plans shall begin July 1 and end June 30 of each year. Youth can continue to receive ETV supports until age 23 if a student is in good standing at age 21. ETV eligibility will end when youth reaches 23.

Table 5: ETV Youth Served SFY2013 – 2018

	SFY2013	SFY2014	SFY2015	SFY2016	SFY2017	SFY2018
Young Adults Served	402	371	397	357	352	351
Payment Totals	\$728,236	\$715,719	\$746,486	\$796,528	\$695,789	\$677,875
Annual Average per Young Adult	\$1,811.53	\$1,929.16	\$1,880.32	\$2,231.17	\$1,976.67	\$1,931.27

Table 6: ETV Youth Served by Region SFY2013 - 2018

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
East	99	24.6%	106	28.6%	99	24.9%	95	26.6%	73	20.7%	68	19.4%
Kansas City	102	25.4%	100	26.9%	100	25.2%	84	23.5%	97	27.6%	102	29.1%
West	85	21.1%	76	20.5%	118	29.7%	93	26.1%	97	27.6%	92	26.2%
Wichita	116	28.9%	89	24.0%	80	20.2%	83	23.2%	85	24.1%	89	25.4%
Out-of-State Education	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unable to Determine	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	402	100%	371	100%	397	100%	357	100%	352	100%	351	100%

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

The Kansas Tuition Waiver Program waives tuition and required fees at state educational institutions in Kansas, including vocational-technical schools, community colleges, and state universities. Youth who are eligible to apply for the Kansas Foster Child Educational Assistance Act are enrolled in a Kansas educational institution and meet one of the following:

- i. In the custody of DCF and in a foster care placement on the date the youth attained 18 years of age; or
- ii. Released from custody of DCF prior to attaining 18 years of age, after having graduated from high school or fulfilled the requirements for a GED while in foster care placement and the custody of DCF; or
- iii. Adopted from a foster care placement on or after the youth's 16th birthday; or
- iv. Left a foster care placement subject to a permanent custodianship or guardianship under chapter 38 or 59 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated on or after the youth's 16th birthday.

In order to remain eligible for participation in the program, youth shall remain in good standing at the Kansas educational institution where the youth is enrolled and shall make satisfactory progress toward completion of the requirements of the educational program.

Eligibility for Kansas Foster Child Education Assistance service component ends at the conclusion of the semester during which the youth attains 23 years of age

Table 7: Tuition Waiver data from SFY2013 - 2018

Initial Semester of Participation	# of Applications Approved for Tuition Waiver					
	SFY13	SFY14	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18
Fall	170	166	186	183	244	187
Spring	69	62	62	72	64	80
Summer	28	26	39	32	19	28
Total	267	254	287	287	327	295