

Illinois Information on Population

[Employment Needs of Foster Youth in Illinois: Midwest Study](#)

[Foster Care Transition Toolkit: US Dept of Education](#)

Illinois Programming Resources

Life Skills Program–Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: Assists youth aged 14-20 in developing life skills through training. Stipends are available to students to complete the training. [Tip Sheet](#)

[Brighter Futures–Illinois Department of Children and Family Services](#): The Service Provider Identification and Exploration Resource (SPIDER) is a free, comprehensive service resource database that connects you to nearby organizations offering services and supports to youth. Search your area via the [SPIDER database](#) to find community resources for your students.

Illinois Financial Resources

Chafee Education & Training Voucher Program (ETV)

[Tip Sheet](#)

[ETV Application](#)

Youth in College Vocational Funding: Chafee (ETV) and covers room and board.

[Tip Sheet](#) [Application: DCFS Form 449–filled out by caseworker](#)

National Resources

[Foster Care Transition Toolkit: US Dept of Education](#)

[Support Services for Youth in Transition: Employment: Child Welfare Gateway](#)

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