

"The best thing is things get taken care of to help your needs, even though sometimes it takes so long; it gets done and it gives me the knowledge that **I have support and people who care about me.**"

-Foster Care Alumni

To learn more:

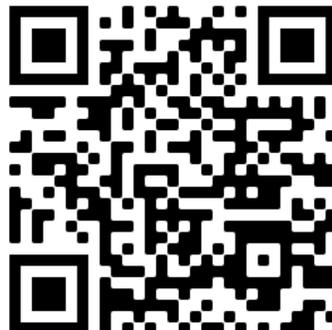
1. Talk to your case manager.
2. Call the local department of social services (LDSS) where you used to be in foster care.
3. Call the OCFS Human Services Call Center at 844-454-6569.

Were you in foster care?

Facing Homelessness?
Need support?

How does it work?

When you scan the QR code, you will be able to find the information for the LDSS in your county.



Asking for help is an act of strength!



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Benefits of reentering foster care

You will have access to resources that can help you:

- Find and maintain safe, stable housing
- Finish school (high school, vocational programs, and college)
- Access health care - including sexual and reproductive health care
- Access to mental health services
- Get copies of important documents, such as an ID and birth certificate
- Support in finding and keeping a job
- Develop independent living skills, such as how to manage money, file taxes, cook, etc.

Would you like to reenter care?

You may qualify if you answer yes to the following questions!

1. Are you between the ages of 18 and 21?
2. Were you in foster care on or after your 16th birthday?
3. Are you seeking a safe and stable place to live?



Do you need help advocating for yourself at an LDSS?

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What are my living options?

It depends! You might be able to live

- with a foster family you've lived with before.
- in a supported apartment, perhaps with a roommate.
- in a dorm room at college.
- in a group setting.
- somewhere else, with the help of a caseworker.



Let your caseworker know you were in foster care and are interested in returning; also ask about other resources the LDSS has available to assist you.