## It's MY LIFE! Emergency Exit Kit

ABUSE? Reach out to 2-1-1 on cell phone or <a href="https://www.211.org">www.211.org</a> if you or siblings have been abused, call ChildHelp at 800-422-4453 for assistance 24-hours-a-day.

Where are you sleeping? - Housing <a href="https://www.shelterlistings.org/">https://www.shelterlistings.org/</a> Homeless Shelter Listings:

Homeless Shelters | Find Homeless Shelters | Homeless Shelter Search

National Foster Youth Institute | Housing (nfyi.org) Phone: 213-221-1176

State Independent Living and Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Coordinators - Contacts by State

## Do you have food and clothing?

Find a local Foster Closet – or Food Pantry – most are FREE to fosters & former fosters Older Youth Pandemic Relief | FosterClub - Phone: 503-717-1552

**Do you have a job?** Check with school for Internship or Co-op jobs. Search these sites:

ifoster.org - GET HELP Phone: 855-936-7837 Foster Care to Success Phone: 571-203-0270

**Do you have transportation?** Do you have a driver's license?

<u>How to get Chafee Funds to support driving expenses</u> Phone: 503-717-1552 https://schoolhouseconnection.org/ - getting to school Phone: 202.364.7392

https://jitfosteryouth.org/youth-services/housing-transportation/ (CA only?) Phone: 760-505-6647

**Do you have HealthCare?** ALL Fosters have Health Insurance (Medicaid) until age 26!

Healthy Foster Care America Phone: 800-433-9016 x 6580 or Check with your state agency.

**Do you have a cell phone?** Www.iFoster.org – has FREE Cell Phone program Phone: 855-936-7837

**Are you still in school?** (Have you graduated?)

STAY in school – or get GED – <u>www.YouSeeYou.org</u> FREE LiveChat, Mentor & Life Coach Phone: 301-905-0603

**Do you have a CASA?** (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

National CASA / Guardians ad Lidem Programs – State listings

Texas CASA - https://texascasa.org/what-we-do/collaborative-family-engagement/

Do you have any "healthy" family members to help you?

https://www.epicohana.org/ohana-finding - finding long-lost relatives FREE service Phone: 808-748-7920

**Do you have a mentor or Life Coach?** (FREE Online Chat 24-hrs-a-day)

http://www.YouSeeYou.org/ - FREE up to age 26 (and mentoring for LIFE) Phone: 301-905-0603

**Do you belong to a church?** - Find one!

Check out More Than Enough – A Collaborative Movement Facilitated by the CAFO Community

Also – CAFO church directory by State - <a href="https://cafo.org/church/directory/">https://cafo.org/church/directory/</a> (Christian Alliance for Orphans)

**Are you on Facebook or YouTube?** - Find Aging Out or Foster Care Alumni groups.

Search for: Foster Care Alumni of America, "Former Foster" (MANY groups use these words),

## Support Programs that will help you – up to age 26!

 $\underline{https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/763} \text{ - Chafee Independent Living Program} - \text{up to 23 yrs old}$ 

https://affcny.org/wp-content/uploads/OtherWaystoHelp.pdf – 45 ways to help