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Treehouse Eligibility Criteria 2019-2020

For All Programs

At the time of the initial yearly referral to Treehouse programs, youth must meet the below criteria:

- Be in out-of-home care (foster, kinship, fictive kin, group care, suitable adult or shelter) at the time of the referral.
- Have an open case or be in extended foster care with DCYF, tribal foster care or federal foster care.

These criteria do not apply to Launch Success participants. Please see program specific criteria below.

Essentials and Experiences

Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store (formerly Little Wishes and The Wearhouse)

- Youth must be placed in King County OR have their cases held of King County.
- Youth who are actively involved in our Graduation Success or Launch Success programs outside of King County also will have access to Just-in-Time Funding.

Youth DO need an annual referral for these programs. Referrals are active from the date of submission until the end of the referral year (July 31), regardless of placement type. If a youth returns home or achieves another permanent plan, they still are eligible to receive Treehouse services for the remainder of the referral year (with a minimum of 90 days of transition services). Youth will not be eligible for a new referral once they have achieved permanency unless they are active participants in Graduation Success or Launch Success.

Driver's Assistance

- Youth must be 15-21 years of age.
- Youth must have an open **state or tribal** dependency case.
- Youth must be in a foster care placement, trial return home, or Extended Foster Care.

Youth DO NOT need an annual referral to access Driver's Assistance. Eligible youth or their caregivers can make a request for assistance online, and eligibility will be verified through DCYF or Tribe Specific ICW Director on a monthly basis.

Holiday Magic

- Youth must be in out of home care in Washington State between October and December of the current year. **One of the following must also apply:**
 - Youth is a dependent child of Washington state.
 - Youth's dependency status is Shelter Care.
 - Youth is participating in Extended Foster Care (AKA Foster to 21).
 - Youth has a Courtesy Supervision case and is a dependent of Washington state residing in a different region/state.

Youth DO NOT need an annual referral to Holiday Magic. DCYF provides a list of eligible youth to Treehouse. Treehouse will then contact caregivers through email and mail notifications in the fall.



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Fostering Futures

Graduation Success

- Middle school or high school youth in King County and high school youth in any of the other districts we serve in Washington state.

Please see our website at www.treehouseforkids.org/eligibility for a current list of districts served by this program.

Referrals are active as long as youth stay engaged with the Graduation Success program. Upon successful completion of the program, youth will be transitioned to our Launch Success program and continue to be eligible for Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store until age of 26.

Youth DO need an initial referral for Graduation Success. Once enrolled, youth DO NOT need their referrals to be renewed yearly.

Launch Success

- Youth who graduated from high school or an equivalency program while enrolled in our Graduation Success program are automatically enrolled in Launch Success.
- Youth who participated in Graduation Success for at least one year and went on to graduate high school or an equivalency program—while NOT involved with Graduation Success—may be eligible but will not be automatically enrolled. If you participated in Graduation Success in the past, please call or email us to inquire about eligibility.

Educational Advocacy (for youth not enrolled in Graduation Success)

- Youth must have one or more **immediate needs** such as:
 - Student/caregivers need assistance with an IEP or the SpEd process.
 - Student is at risk of retention or not graduating.
 - Student/caregivers need assistance with school enrollment or assistance with a disciplinary issue.
- Youth must be attending or attempting to attend a public school in Washington state.

Youth DO need a referral specifically for Educational Advocacy (separate from the referral for the Treehouse Store or Just-in-Time Funding) submitted by either the DCYF social worker or a school staff member.

Educational Advocacy serves **all** school-aged youth across Washington state not eligible for Graduation Success, as long as they have an open case and are in an out-of-home placement. For youth who do not meet eligibility requirements, Educational Advocates may be able to offer a one-time conversation (to provide information, resources or referrals to other services).

Call 206.267.5130 or email referrals@treehouseforkids.org with questions about how to make an Educational Advocacy referral. Once the immediate educational needs of the youth have been met, youth will be transitioned out of the Educational Advocacy program. If additional needs arise, a new referral should be submitted.

For additional information about any of these programs: Please visit our website at www.treehouseforkids.org or contact us at 206.767.7000 or 1.855.708.4692.