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Treehouse Eligibility Criteria - 2021

At the time of the initial yearly referral or request 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)
- Have an open case or be in extended foster care with DCYF, tribal, or federal foster care.

Please see below for other program specific criteria and exceptions.

Essentials and Experiences

Just-in-Time Funding / Treehouse Store

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

Youth DO need an annual referral for these programs unless they are enrolled in Graduation Success or Launch Success. Referrals are active from the date of submission until the end of the referral year (July 31st). If a youth with an active referral returns home or achieves permanency, they are still eligible for the Store and Just-in-Time Funding for the remainder of the referral year.

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.

Treehouse CARES Project (Temporary Program Funding through Dec 2021)

A program for school age and post-secondary youth residing in the state of Washington:

- Dependents of the state of Washington through DCYF who are:
 - In out-of-home placement; in trial return home; or in the Extended Foster Care program.
- Children placed in out-of-home care on a Shelter Care Order.
- Youth in care under federally recognized tribal court jurisdiction.
- Youth enrolled in Graduation Success or Launch Success.

Holiday Magic

Youth DO NOT need an annual referral to Holiday Magic. DCYF and participating tribes provide a list of eligible youth to Treehouse. Youth must be in out of home care in Washington between October - December of the current year. **One of the following must also apply:**

- Youth is a dependent child of Washington State or a participating tribe; Youth's dependency status is Shelter Care; Youth is in Extended Foster Care or youth has a courtesy supervision case out of state and is a dependent of Washington State.



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Fostering Futures

Educational Advocacy (for youth not enrolled in Graduation Success)

- Youth must have one or more **immediate need** 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 PK-12 school in Washington state.

Youth DO need a referral request specifically for Educational Advocacy (separate from the referral for the Treehouse Store or Just-in-Time Funding). This should be submitted at any time an educational need arises.

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, Advocates may be able to provide a consultation for information, resources or referrals to other services. Once the immediate educational needs of the youth have been met, youth will be transitioned out of the Educational Advocacy program.

Graduation Success

- Available to high school youth who have an open case, are in out of home placement, and are enrolled in high school in specific school districts throughout the state.
- Please see our website at 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 may choose opt in to our Launch Success program.

Youth DO need an initial referral for Graduation Success. Once enrolled and active in the program, 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 can choose to opt in to 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.

For additional information about any of these programs: Please visit our website at treehouseforkids.org or contact us at 206.767.7000 or 1.855.708.4692. For additional questions about eligibility or referrals, please email referrals@treehouseforkids.org .