



Treehouse Eligibility Criteria

Essentials and Experiences

Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store

- **Referral Frequency:** Annual (July–June)
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 5–21 years of age. Available to youth ages 0–4 with a placement in King County or a case held in King County.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open dependency case with either the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF); the federal foster care system; or one of the tribal foster care systems.

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 (June 30th). If a youth with an active referral has their dependency case closed, they are still eligible for the Store and Just-in-Time Funding for the remainder of the referral year. Youth will not be eligible for these services in the years following case-closure.

Driver's Assistance

- **Referral Frequency:** No referral required.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 15–20 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state or Tribal dependency case (includes 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 Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Director on a monthly basis.

Holiday Magic

- **Referral Frequency:** No referral required.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 0–21 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state or Tribal dependency or Shelter Care Order (includes Extended Foster Care). Youth with a Courtesy Supervision case that are a dependent of Washington State residing in a different region/state are also eligible.
- **Placement Status:** Youth must be in an out-of-home care placement between October and December of the current year.

DCYF and participating tribes provide a list of eligible youth to Treehouse annually. Treehouse contacts caregivers through email and mail notifications each fall. Active participants in Graduation Success and Launch Success are also eligible for Holiday Magic.



Fostering Futures

Educational Advocacy

- **Referral Frequency:** Annual (July–June)
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** All Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade youth across Washington state.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order.
- **School Enrollment Status:** Youth must be attending or attempting to attend a public school and have one or more immediate needs, such as:
 - > Accessing school-based services such as a 504 plan, general education interventions and special education services.
 - > Assistance addressing school disciplinary issues.
 - > Student is at risk of retention or not making academic progress.
 - > Assistance with school enrollment or Best Interest Determination.

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

Referrals remain current through the remainder of the school year, and youth can be re-enrolled in the program as needed, throughout the school year.

Graduation Success

- **Referral Frequency:** Youth need an initial referral for Graduation Success. Once enrolled, youth *do not* need their referral to be renewed.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be in 8th through 12th Grade.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order.
- **School Enrollment Status:** Youth must be pursuing a high school diploma or equivalent in Washington state.

Upon successful completion of the program, youth may choose to opt-into our Launch Success program. All participants in Graduation Success are eligible for Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store for the duration of their time in Graduation Success regardless of placement location or legal status.

Launch Success

- Youth who graduated from high school or an equivalency program while enrolled in our Graduation Success program can choose to opt-into 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.



Tribal Engagement

- **Referral Frequency:** Youth need an initial referral for Tribal Engagement. Once enrolled, youth *do not* need their referral to be renewed.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 13–21 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order and identify as tribally affiliated.
- **School Enrollment Status:** Youth must be pursuing a high school diploma or equivalent.
- **The Tribal Engagement Program currently serves:** Greater Marysville, Greater Auburn, Greater Bellingham/Ferndale and Greater Yakima areas.

Dual-System Involved Youth

- **Referral Frequency:** Youth need an initial referral for Tribal Engagement. Once enrolled, youth *do not* need their referral to be renewed.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 11–21 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order and be incarcerated at Echo Glen Children’s Center or Green Hill School.

Please contact Ari McLaren-Simpson, Program Manager – Dual-System Involved Youth, to refer a potential participant at ams@treehouseforkids.org.

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. For additional questions about eligibility or referrals, please email referrals@treehouseforkids.org.