



COVID-19 Resources for Arizona's Transition-Age Youth with Experience in Foster Care

This list of resources is targeted toward young people ages 14-26 living in Arizona who have experience in foster care. There are many other resources available to the general public including transition-age youth. We've listed the two major statewide resource networks below. Please also visit the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation website at <https://www.affcf.org/> for a broad list of resources available to the foster care community.

STATEWIDE RESOURCES & SUPPORTS



Arizona Together #AZTogether is the main site for COVID-19 communication by the Governor the quarantine. It also provides information about utility assistance, accessing food, health care and employment help. <https://arizonatogether.org/>



2-1-1 Arizona provides information and referral services through the website, an automated phone system and mobile app. Resources are available for food, clothing, help paying bills, housing, domestic violence, health & dental, disabilities, veterans, employment, mental health and substance abuse and many more topics.

<https://211arizona.org/>

BASIC NEEDS



Statewide: One for All is network of organizations in Arizona that serve foster families that has come together to help during COVID-19. They can help with: food, cleaning supplies, clothing, beds and bedding, car seats, hygiene items, diapers, wipes, and other items. Requests can be made online at <https://one4allaz.com/> or by calling (602) 802-8968.



Phoenix-Metro: Thrive Arizona is offering a FREE Drive Thru of Basic Needs for youth who have aged out of the Foster Care systems, Ages 18-24. Drive Thru will be available on the following Saturdays from 12pm-3pm - April 4th, April 11th, and April 18th. Please sign up for the day and time you would like to come by to pick up items such as food, cleaning items, and hygiene items (while supplies last). If you do not have transportation but are still in need of these items, please call 602-544-9547.

<http://www.thriveaz.org/basicneedsdrivethru>



Phoenix-Metro: Eagle Pathway has a clothing closet and food pantry for those who have been homeless or experienced foster care. They are open Tuesday-Friday from 12:00-4:00 or by appointment. Contact 480-225-6664 or 916-380-1032, eaglepathwayaz@gmail.com. 4815 East Main Street, Mesa AZ 85205 #26. <https://www.eaglepathway.org/>



Pima County: For the safety of our students, staff, and community

YOTO's administrative offices will be closed to the public until further notice. The mini-mall will re-open on April 2, 2020. YOTO is paying the last two months of the school year in advance to our students. YOTO is also offering a \$40 gift card if the student needs more supplies. YOTO is still offering bill assistance, reloading bus cards, and accepting new applications. The Program Coordinators are also available through email, phone, and text for the students if they have any questions or need to access other resources. <https://yoto.org/>



At Scholly, we're proud to be known for big scholarship and student loan payoff payoffs. But in these unprecedented times, we believe it's our duty to help as many students and their families as possible. By providing \$200 in cash assistance, we aim to provide essential financial help to buy groceries, health supplies, and other necessities to those in need. If you're a student, parent of a student, or graduate, we encourage you to apply today. <https://myscholly.com/relief/>



AZCA's Living Skills Training program provides skills training to youth/young adults 16-20 who are still involved with State or Tribal Foster Care. AZCA's Transitional Independent Living Program provides Case Management for young adults ages 18-20 who were previously involved in State or Tribal Foster Care at some point after age 16. These young adults are no longer involved with the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) and must self-refer. The purpose of the Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP) is to provide appropriate support and services to assist former foster care recipients in developing and maintaining stable living situations. Students working with Arizona's Children Association Independent Living Services have been provided technology to continue participation remotely.

ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION: Phoenix Metro AFFCF is partnering with Thrive AZ to collect and distribute food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, diapers and wipes to youth who've aged out of foster care. To sign up for an appointment to pick up food and supplies, go to <http://www.thriveaz.org/basicneedsdrivethru>



one-n-ten: one-n-ten has resources to provide emergency financial assistance to LGBTQ+ youth impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These resources are designated for young adults 18-24 years old, legally emancipated minors, or a guardian of an underage one-n-ten youth who will use the funds to support their child. Priority will be given to youth/families who are already signed up for services or programs at one-n-ten. Assistance for urgent needs related to the following categories will be provided on a first come basis until all available resources are exhausted:

- Housing instability or insecurity, including emergency rent payments, deposits or other assistance
- Unemployment, underemployment or essential service related transportation hardships
- Medical care
- Food insecurity

Because these funds are based on the COVID-19 pandemic, youth will be asked to demonstrate emergency need for each category of assistance. Go to <https://oneten.org/> to apply.

GET YOUR FEDERAL ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT

If young adults didn't file taxes in 2018 or 2019 and weren't claimed as a dependent, then they can provide their information here to see if they are eligible for the stimulus check: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>



Filers: Get Your Payment

Use the "Get My Payment" application to:

- Check your payment status
- Confirm your payment type: direct deposit or check
- Enter your bank account information for direct deposit if we don't have your direct deposit information and we haven't sent your payment yet

[Get My Payment](#)

Update your bank account or mailing address

- If we don't have your direct deposit information from your 2018 or 2019 return - and we haven't yet sent your payment - use the Get My Payment application to let us know where to send your direct deposit.
- **2019 Filers:** We will send your payment using the information you provided with your 2019 tax return. You will not be able to change it.
- **2018 Filers:** If you need to change your account information or mailing address, file your 2019 taxes electronically as soon as possible. That is the only way to let us know your new information.

Note: We are not currently able to process individual paper tax returns due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here

If you don't file taxes, use the "Non-Filers: Enter Your Payment Info Here" application to provide simple information so you can get your payment.

You should use this application if:

- You **did not file** a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return because your gross income was under \$12,000 (\$24,400 for married couples). This includes people who had no income. Or
- You **weren't required** to file a 2018 or 2019 federal income tax return for other reasons.

Do not use this application if you receive the benefits below. If you receive these benefits, we already have your information and you will receive \$1,200.

- Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), survivor benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Recipients of Veterans Affairs benefits
- Railroad Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Special note: People in these groups who have qualifying children under age 17 can use this application to claim the \$500 payment per child.

[Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT



Grand Canyon University (GCU) has waiver available that allows young adults who have experienced foster care to remain in their dorms during the COVID-19 quarantine. For information on accessing the waiver contact Erika Klotz eklotz@affcf.org



College Depot provides college planning assistance and is offering appointments through phone and Skype. To request an appointment, please call and leave a voicemail on the College Depot mainline at 602-261-8847 or email college.depot@phoenix.gov. <https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot/Pages/default.aspx>



AFFCF's Keys to Success Program is currently working with students remotely, continuing to provide employment assistance during this time when employment is especially a need for youth who live independently. AFFCF's Post-Secondary programs (the Penson Fund and the AFFCF Scholarship Program) continue to operate normally, as applications are done online. College students or students pursuing vocational education who have not yet turned 21 can apply for assistance via the Penson Fund. <https://www.affcf.org/>

Bridging Success (MCCCD + AUS) & Fostering Success (U of A):

Classes have been moved to online formats and housing and dining services remain open at ASU for students who do not have alternative living arrangements. Any student with foster care backgrounds who have needs or are experiencing difficulties at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges, ASU, or the University of Arizona can reach out to the Bridging Success (MCCCD and ASU) or Fostering Success (U of A) programs for assistance. Click [here](#) for contact information and updates.



MARICOPA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Maricopa Community Colleges has posted a COVID-19 Pandemic Tuition Credit/Refund Policy: <https://www.maricopa.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/policies-procedures>

EMPLOYMENT



Unemployment Insurance. In the event that any of you have lost your jobs, are going without pay, and need to request Unemployment Insurance, please find the link below for Arizona (different states have different links). Unemployment Insurance is what you can apply to receive when you have lost your job; it is money from the government. Please check out Chicanos por la Causa Workforce Solutions video on Facebook

(@cplcworks), which will walk you through the application process. It looks like you would need to apply and then go back every week to indicate whether you still have a need. The government is aware that people may be needing it for a while. <https://des.az.gov/services/employment/unemployment-individual>

HOUSING



Finding temporary housing can be challenging, especially now.

Foster 360 is keeping an updated list of housing availability and Megan Conrad, Statewide Independent Living Coordinator at DCS, is acting as a housing facilitator to connect young people in need of housing with providers who may be able to help. If you need help with housing, please contact Megan at 602-255-2630 or Megan.Conrad@azdcs.gov.



NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS As of Monday, April 6, Native American Connections, is accepting referrals for vacant beds at **HomeBase** and **Saguaro Ki** for youth ages 18-24. Call (602) 263-7773 to schedule a phone screening.

PREGNANT OR PARENTING



Maricopa County: AZCA's Empowered Young Parent program offers one-on-one support services to young mothers, fathers, and their children and specialize in resources for those who have experienced foster care or the juvenile court system. We can help with parenting skills and training, financial independence, health care, employment, education (grants/funding), counseling, and community resources.



The state of Arizona has COVID-19 Rental Eviction Prevention Assistance:

<https://www.saveourhomeaz.gov/ra/>