

AT HOME WITH FYI

OVERVIEW AND GETTING STARTED

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introduction & Welcome (3:00)
- Overview of FUP & FYI (3:05)
- How FYI changes FUP for youth – A young person's journey to independence (3:15)
- What is "Section 8" and how do I find it? (3:30)
- How do professionals and youth access FYI? (3:40)
- Questions (4:05 – 4:30)*

* Questions are welcome throughout – just drop them in the chat box.





Overview of FUP and FYI



HUD'S FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE (FYI) INITIATIVE EMERGED FROM THE FSHO COALITION

- **The Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities (FSHO) Coalition, led by ACTION Ohio, includes more than 55,000 foster care alumni and allies.**
- **The Coalition works in partnership with the National Center for Housing & Child Welfare, foster youth champions on the Hill such as Reps. Turner and Bass, and Dr. Ben Carson and his team at HUD to synchronize existing federal programs to eliminate the gaps through which foster youth fall into homelessness.**
- **FSHO capitalizes on the best services that child welfare and housing agencies have to offer – as well as the industriousness of the youth themselves.**



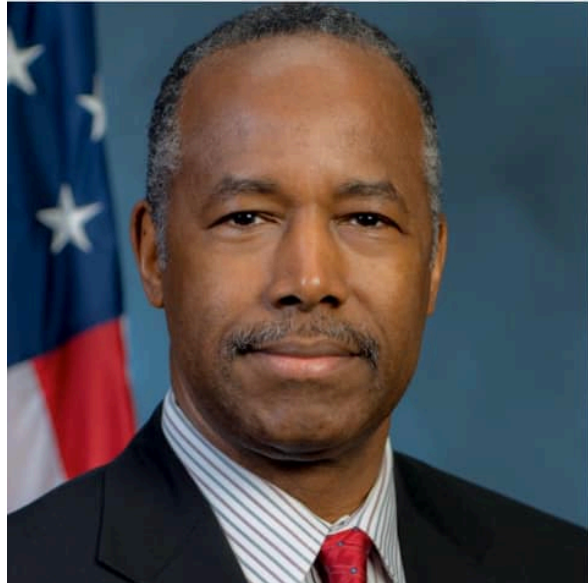


HUD'S COMMITMENT TO YOUTH IS INTENSE

- We've been meeting regularly since 2013 to identify and eliminate synchronization flaws between systems.
- Youth from your state advisory boards are welcome to join us!

FYI emerged from HUD leadership and staff interacting directly with youth and taking their policy proposal for FSHO seriously. FYI is a giant step forward towards ending youth homelessness, written by youth.





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What is the difference between FUP and FYI?

	FUP		FYI	
	FUP Families (estb. 1990)	FUP Youth (pre Oct. 2020)	FYI TPV (estb. 2019)	FYI (estb. Oct 6, 2020)
Purpose	Family Preservation/Reunification	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence	Ease the transition to adulthood & independence
Eligible Households	Families for whom housing is a primary risk for separation or barrier to reunification	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including parenting youth	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including parenting youth	Youth 18-25* who are homeless or at risk of homelessness after age 16 , including parenting youth
Time limit	No limit if family is income eligible	36 months	36 months	36 months
Services	Recommended for a year (post placement in housing), FSS encouraged.	Chafee-like IL 36 months, FSS encouraged	Chafee-like IL 36 months	Chafee-like IL 36 months
Eligible PHA	ACC	ACC	ACC, does not administer FUP	ACC
Distribution	Competitive NOFA. Do not sunset. Can be reallocated if PHA no longer needs for families or youth elsewhere. Has a “waiting list” provision.	Competitive NOFA. Do not sunset. Can be reallocated if PHA no longer needs for families or youth elsewhere. Has a “waiting list” provision.	Non-Competitive (“on demand”), drawn from Tenant Protection Act, sunset	Non-Competitive (“on demand”), do not sunset but can be reallocated – youth only. Adds a “waiting list” provision.
Notice length	47 Pages (link)	47 Pages	10 Pages (link)	12 Pages (link)



A young person's journey

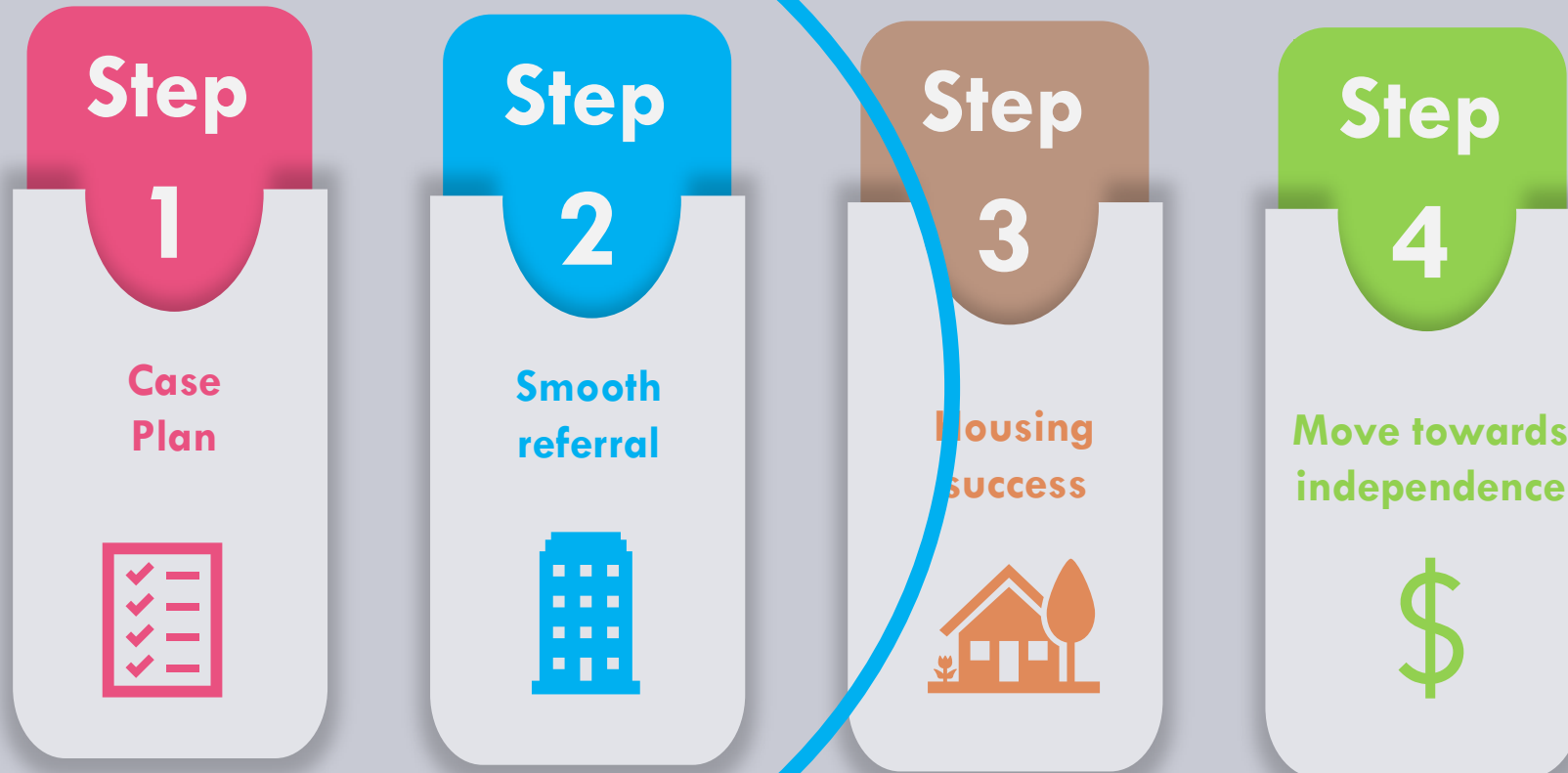


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- Child welfare staff must be aware of a range of housing options as they conduct transition planning meetings with youth.
- Working in partnership with PHA staff, child welfare staff can help youth access housing and self-sufficiency programs.
- Adaora is in the homeownership program as well!
- FYI matters because the window to access FUP can be brief and unpredictable.



The FYI/FUP process



Each partners' role will can and should be sorted out in the MOU or letter of agreement. Even though youth aren't listed in these documents – remember that they have the most responsibility here and should be encouraged to lead.



Keep in mind that planning for successful transition to adulthood is required by federal law

- The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351) (FCSA) **requires CW** to create a youth directed plan 90 days prior to discharge.
- This plan **MUST** include housing.



What is “Section 8” and
how do I find it?



What is “Section 8”

- The **housing choice voucher program** is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.
- A **housing subsidy is paid to the landlord** directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. Under certain circumstances, if authorized by the PHA, a family may use its voucher to purchase a modest home.
- The PHA calculates the maximum amount of housing assistance allowable. The maximum housing assistance is generally the lesser of the payment standard minus 30% of the family's monthly adjusted income or the gross rent for the unit minus 30% of monthly adjusted income. **Therefore, generally a household will pay 30% of their income and the PHA pays the rest.**

How does the money exchange hands?

Everyone -- tenant, landlord and PHA -- has obligations and responsibilities under the voucher program.

- HUD and the PHA agree to an “annual contributions contract” based on the per unit cost in a neighborhood – and HUD dispenses the federal funds to the PHA
- The housing unit selected by the family must meet an acceptable level of health and safety before the PHA can approve the unit. If so, the landlord and the PHA sign a **housing assistance payments (HAP)** contract that runs for the same term as the lease.
- The tenant (voucher holder) and the landlord sign a year long lease. The tenant pays their “Total Tenant Payment” directly to the landlord.

Where are the vouchers and the PHAs?

- HUD has offers tools to help the general public locate PHAs and understand the number and type of vouchers available
- Visit the [Housing Choice Voucher Dashboard](#) to view vouchers at all PHAs (except “Moving to Work” agencies).



HCV - Special Purpose Vouchers

Current Special Purpose Voucher Utilization as of **August 2020**. Special Purpose Vouchers are included in the ACC of a Public Housing Authority with the exception of Mainstream.

Select a State:

Clear All Filters:



Data is current as of August 2020.

Mainstream Vouchers

PHA Name	PHA Code	MS Total Effective Awards	MS Total Leased	MS % Leasing
Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	AL001	103	70	67.96%
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	198	89	44.95%
The Housing Authority of the City of Huntsville	AL047	65	0	0.00%
Sheffield Housing Authority	AL068	30	28	93.33%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	50	37	74.00%
Walker County Housing Authority	AL129	175	95	54.29%
The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Smi	AR003	84	39	46.43%
Housing Authority of the City of Little Rock	AR004	156	97	62.18%
Housing Authority of the City of Conway	AR006	39	37	94.87%

Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP)

PHA Name	PHA Code	FUP Total Effective Awards	FUP Total Leased	FUP % Leasing
Mobile Housing Board	AL002	32	33	103.13%
Jefferson County Housing Authority	AL086	71	68	95.77%
Housing Authority of the City of Pine Bluff	AR017	25	9	36.00%
Hope Housing Authority	AR068	49	5	10.20%
Jonesboro Urban Renewal HA	AR131	45	42	93.33%
City of Phoenix Housing Department	AZ001	189	134	70.90%
Housing And Community Development Tucson	AZ004	100	68	68.00%
City of Mesa Housing Authority	AZ005	28	27	96.43%
Housing Authority of Maricopa County	AZ009	29	7	24.14%



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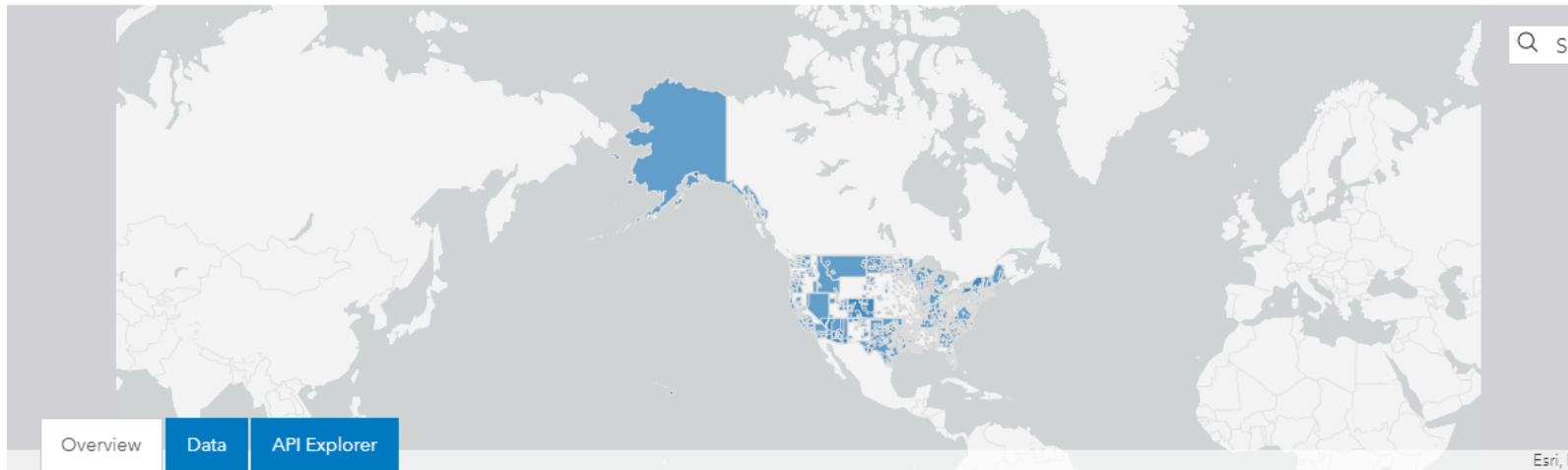
Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R)
Enterprise Geospatial Information System (eGIS)

Secretary Ben Carson

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Estimated Housing Authority Service Areas

Last updated 5 months ago | 3,841 Records



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The data provided herein denotes the estimated service areas for all Public Housing Authorities (PHA) receiving assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (excluding Guam, the Marshall Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) developed this data set in response to repeated requests from HUD staff, researchers, and external partners. This is an experimental data

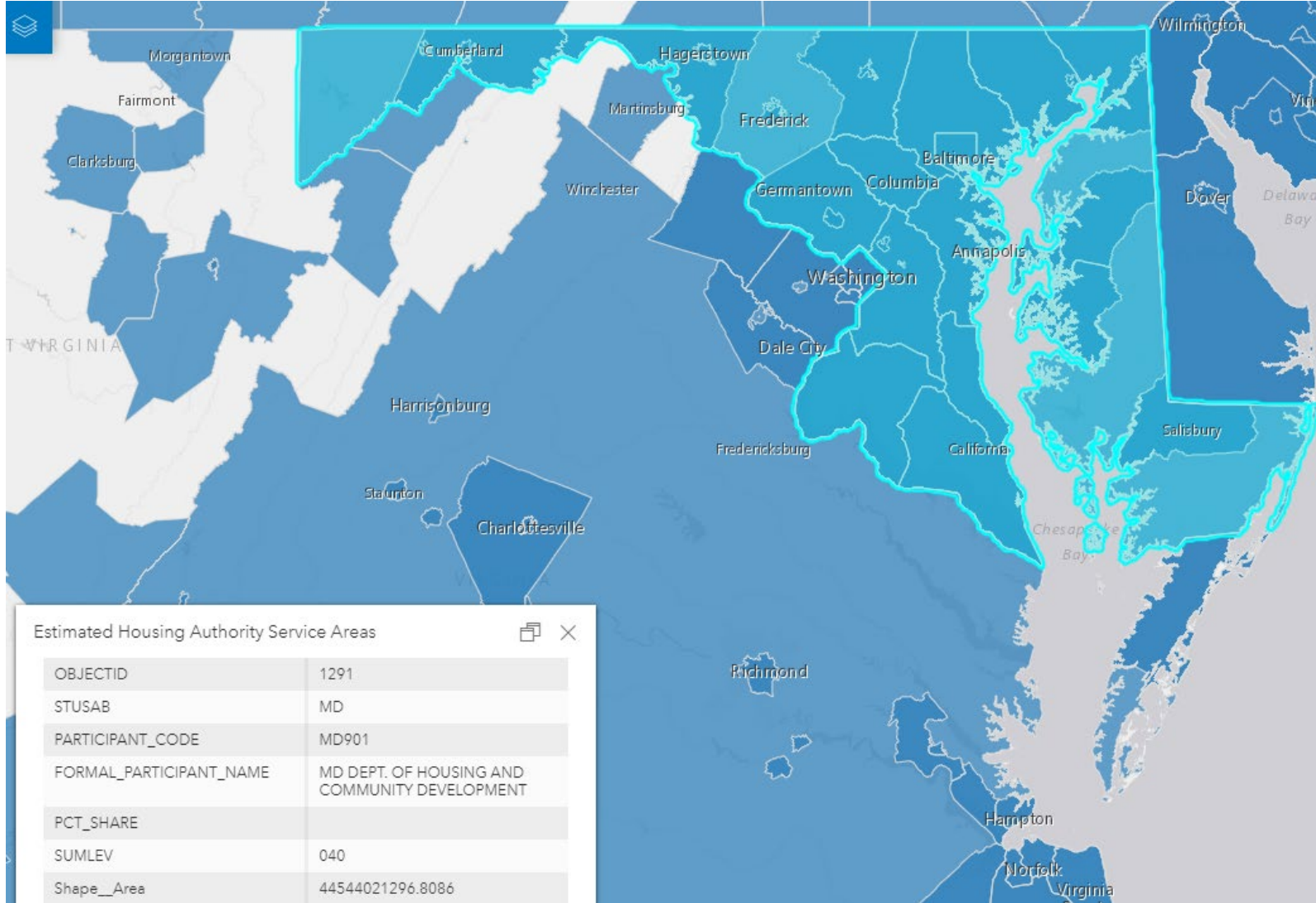
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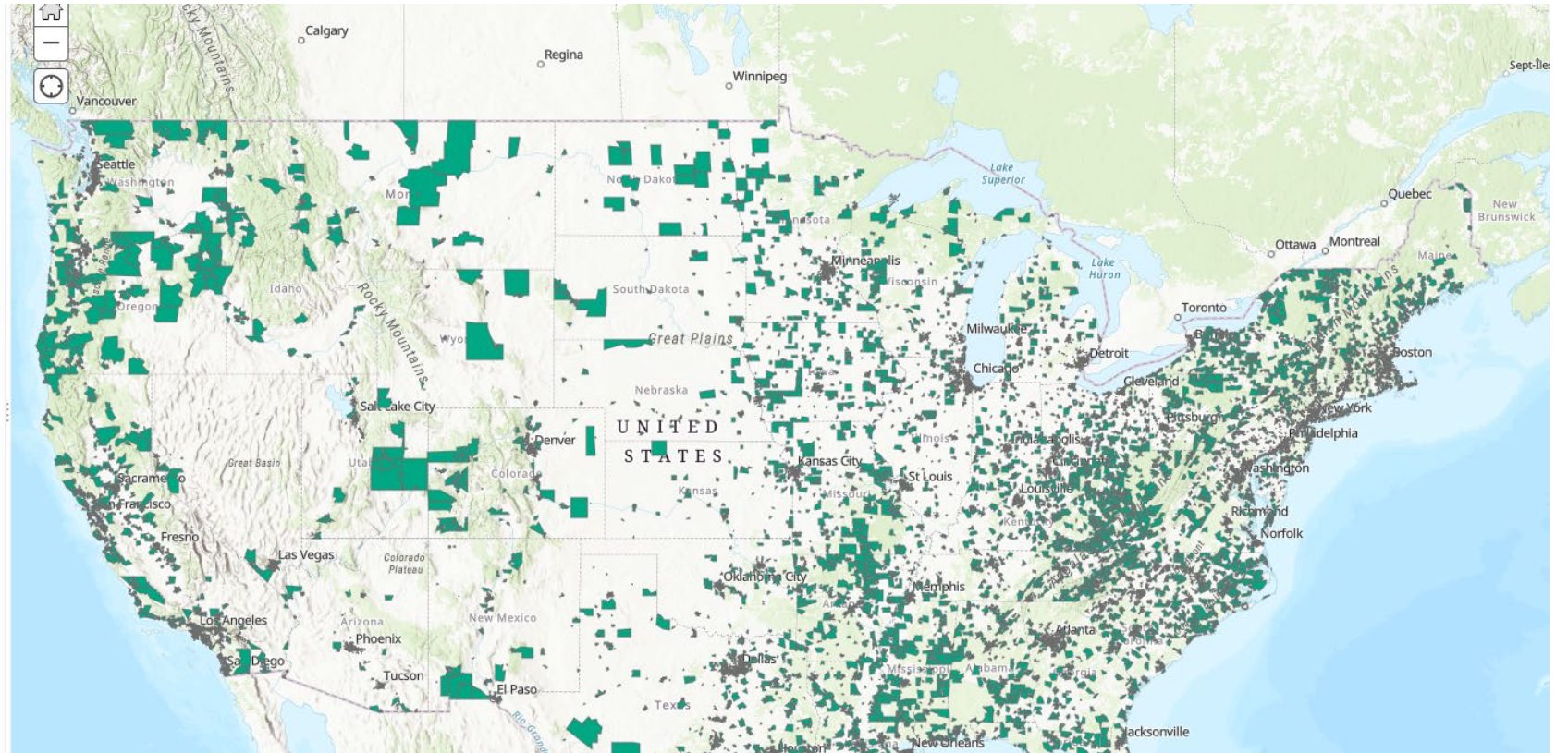
[View Metadata](#)

Visit HUD's GIS OpenData Website to find the PHA with jurisdiction over HCVs ([link](#))



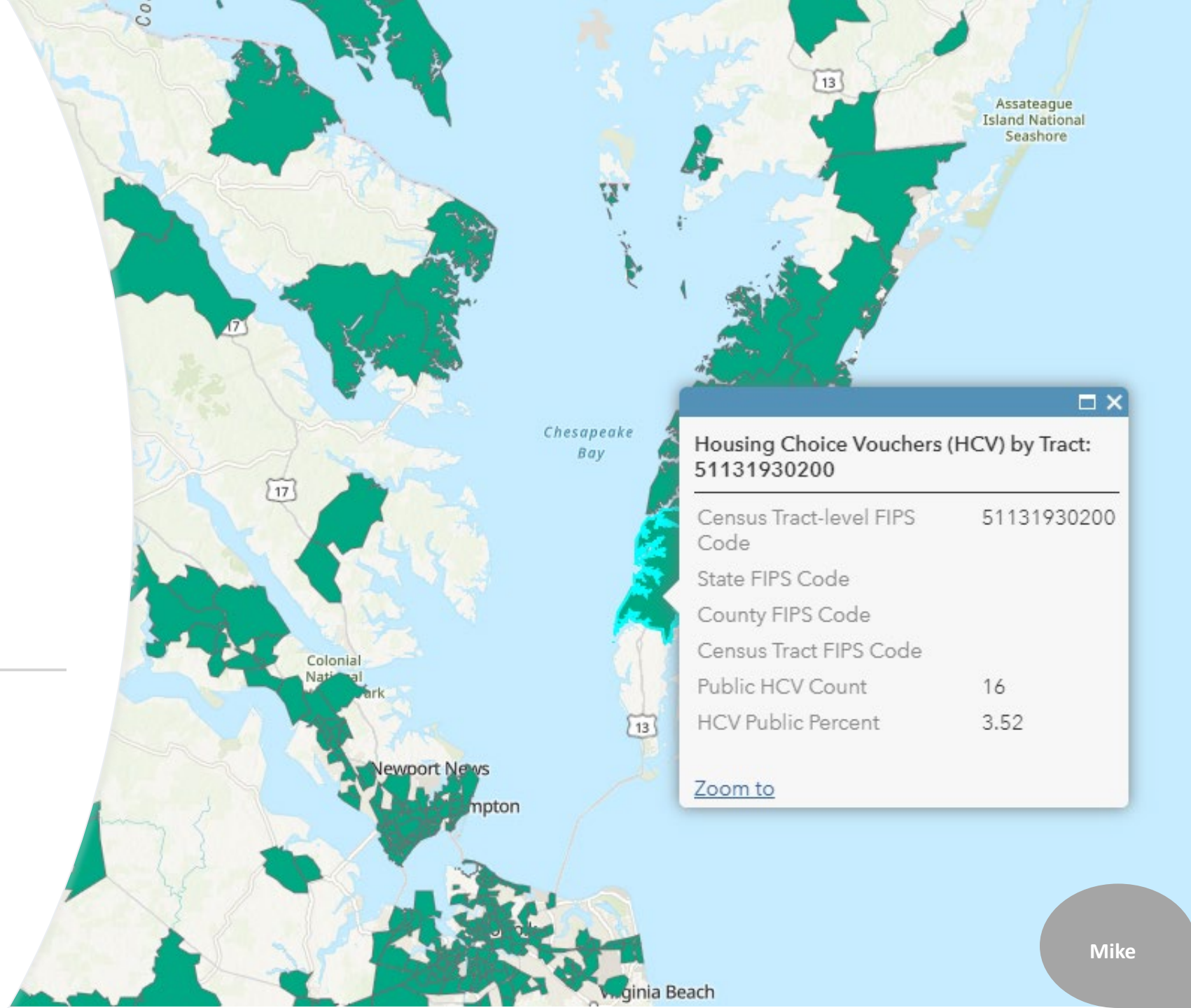
This shows the service area for the MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development.


- Housing Choice Vouchers by Tract
- Topographic





- HUD tells you where the vouchers are leased up, too ([link](#))

Census Tract
Level Data is
available ([link](#))

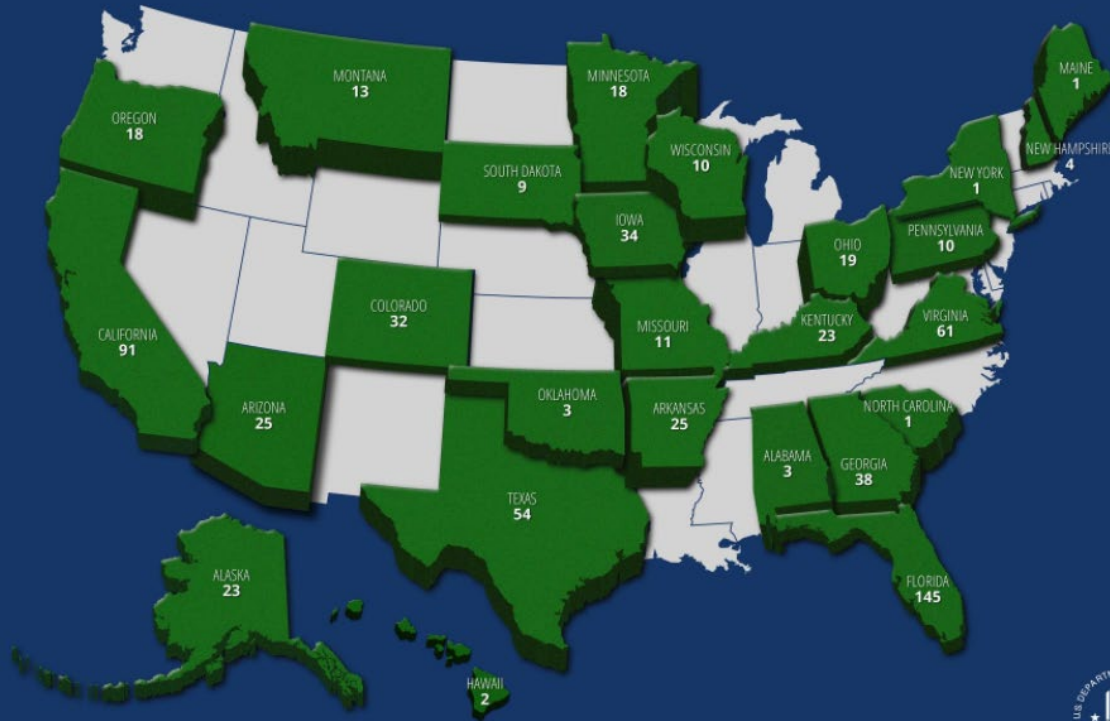




How do professionals and
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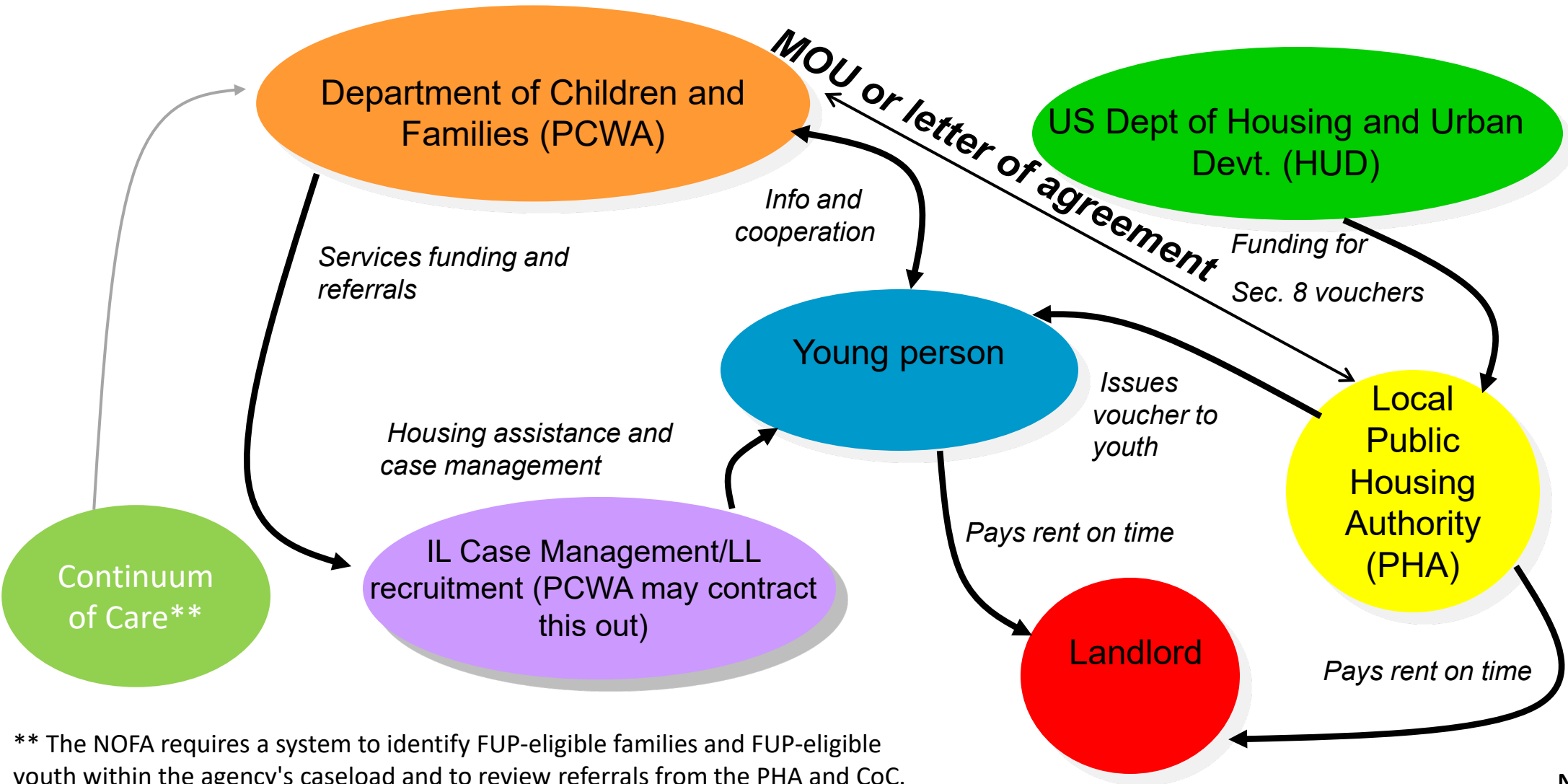


FOSTER TO YOUTH **INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE**
Vouchers Awarded by State as of August 2020



HUD's FYI Website provides a wealth of information (<https://www.hud.gov/fyi>)

FYI Agency Partnership (based on FUP)



** The NOFA requires a system to identify FUP-eligible families and FUP-eligible youth within the agency's caseload and to review referrals from the PHA and CoC.

Approaching your PHA partner



Take your PHA director to lunch



Bring information about the services you can provide (these should include the services listed in the FYI Notice)



Identify a point of contact for questions and referrals



Plan for regular communication



Build and nurture the relationship – provide cross-trainings



PCWAs can and should use tools for forecasting the youth who will need vouchers and when. This will be covered at length

IL coordinator (or POC) and young person file FUP paperwork with PHA POC about 3- 6 months prior to leaving care

PHA requests FYI voucher(s) from HUD (HUD-52515)

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HUD dispenses the funds "on demand" (ACC)

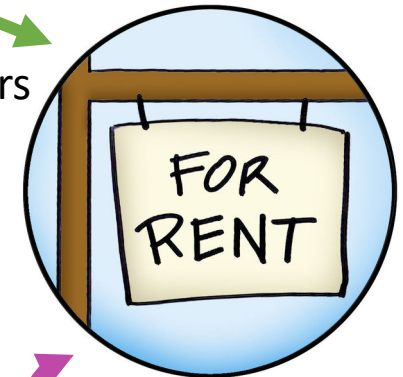
The Public Housing Authority



PHA Waiting List



The PHA administers FYI to landlord and youth



The Public Child Welfare Agency Independent Living Coordinator



*FSHO is conducted without further disadvantaging waiting list households

PCWA assists with landlord recruitment and positive youth development services for the duration of the voucher (36 months)

A LETTER OF INTENT IS AN ACCEPTABLE VERIFICATION OF SERVICES

Again, please accept our deepest appreciation as we all move forward to improve the lives of youth on the Eastern Shore who are transitioning to adulthood alone, without the support of a permanent family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our public child welfare agency (PCWA) FYI point of contact: Lori Engle, Assistant Director at 410-677-4334 or the Grace Health Center point of contact, Case Manager, Amanda Clark at 443-513-4124.

Respectfully,

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WHAT DOES THE REFERRAL PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM REFERRAL FORM

[CLICK HERE TO SELECT A HOUSING AUTHORITY](#) | 

(Henceforth referred as “housing authority”)

Referral Type: Family Youth CYCIS ID: _____

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (HoH) INFORMATION

Head of Household Printed Name Date of Birth Social Security Number Gender

I understand that if DCFS refers me to the Family Unification Program (FUP), this form will be submitted to the housing authority for the purpose of referral to FUP. I also understand that my signature provides explicit consent to allow DCFS’ contracted agency and the housing authority to view my date of birth, Social Security number and other personally identifying information. My signature also allows DCFS, their contracted service agencies and the housing authority discuss services provided to me and other household members.

Head of Household Signature

Date

FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM (FUP) REFERRAL FORM Directions to Reduce Common Mistakes

PAGE ONE

[Click Here to Select Housing Authority](#)

When you click on this statement, a drop-down box of all the housing authorities that have ever had a Family Unification Program will appear. Choose the desired housing authority. Most housing authorities listed are not currently accepting referrals. Email the [DCFS FUP Liaison](#) for information of the housing authorities currently accepting referrals for FUP. You will find the email address in your Outlook Directory while in your Illinois.gov email.

Head of Household Information

List only one adult (the person you think should have control of the voucher) and provide requested information, including their social security number. The head of household must read the statement above their signature and sign their name below the statement.

Other Adults in the Household

List only the adults who will move with the head of household to the new unit and provide requested information. All *other* adults must read the statement above the head of household’s signature and sign their name in the appropriate spot. Include their information (including their social security number). If there are more than two other adults who will live with the head of household, complete a second copy of the first page with the appropriate housing authority’s name listed at the top of the page.

Address

1. If they are homeless, list the address they stayed last night.
2. If their mailing address is different than their address, list their mailing address as well.



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HOW DO YOU FORECAST NEED AND TRACK VOUCHERS?

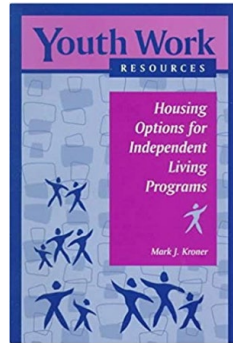
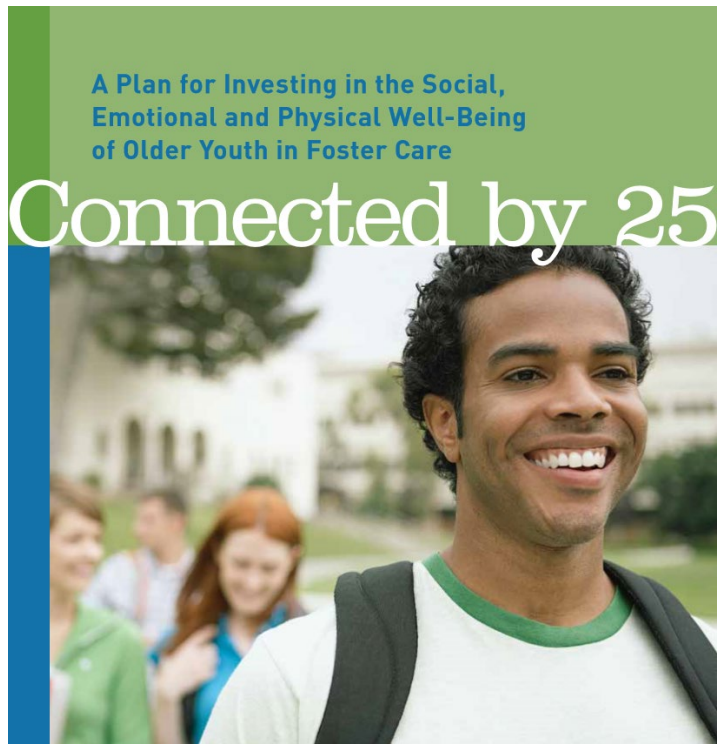
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More Tools



A RICH HISTORY OF INDEPENDENT LIVING TOOLS AND TRAINING



The child welfare field, and particularly social work, has been perfecting the approach to independent living services for over 30 years.

TOOLS ALSO EXIST ON FUP AND FYI

- John Cheney Egan has managed the Family Unification Program (and now FYI) on behalf of the Illinois Department of Children and Families in partnership with PHAs state-wide for more than 20 years. He has updated this manual over the years.
- NCHCW, with support from Casey Family Programs is assembling all of our tools in the form of an Ebook to be distributed widely in mid-November.

Illinois Housing Handbook

(second edition, 2017)



Illinois Department of
DCFS
Children & Family Services

QUESTIONS



“At Home with
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Upcoming
Webinars

November 5

Child Welfare Partners Leading the Way to Youth Success
([register](#))

November 12

The Role of Public Housing Authorities in Youth and Alumni
Success ([register](#))

November 19

Community-Based Services and Economic Success ([register](#))

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