

ELIGIBILITY



OKSA SEEKS TO SERVE YOUTH:

- Ages 14-17 who are in the legal custody of Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) or a federally recognized tribe, and who are living in an out-of-home placement;
- Ages 18-21 who are in voluntary custody of Oklahoma Human Services or a federally recognized tribe;
- Ages 18-22 who were in OKDHS or tribal custody and living in an out-of-home placement on their 18th birthday, and who have not reached their 23rd birthday;
- Who entered a permanent guardianship or adoption after the age of 16 to achieve permanence, and who have not yet reached their 23rd birthday;
- Who exited OKDHS or tribal custody and out-of-home placement on or after their 16th birthday for any other reason; and
- Ages 18-26 who are participating in the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) YOUTH:

- Youth in OKDHS or tribal custody, residing in other states through an ICPC placement, are eligible for OKSA services from their 14th birthday until their 18th birthday, or until exiting voluntary custody.
- Youth in the custody of other states, but residing in Oklahoma via an ICPC placement, are eligible to receive OKSA services from their 14th birthday until their 18th birthday. The sending state is required to pay for these services until the youth has been released from their custody.

DUALLY ADJUDICATED YOUTH:

- Youth who are dually adjudicated (deprived and delinquent) and who are placed in an OKDHS or Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) foster home or Specialized Community Home are eligible to receive Youth Development Funds from their 14th birthday until their 23rd birthday.
- Youth who otherwise meet eligibility requirements but are placed in detention, a secured juvenile center or other federally non-reimbursed placement are eligible for most OKSA services but are ineligible to receive Youth Development Funds while in the non-eligible placement.

AWOL YOUTH:

- Youth who are/were in runaway or missing status and remain in custody of the state or tribe will be eligible upon returning to out-of-home placement or when exiting custody after 16 years of age.

IMMIGRATION STATUS:

- OKSA resources and Youth Development Funds can only be issued to youth who have a status of Citizen or Qualified alien, or a documented A number entered in KIDS, and meet the above criteria for eligibility. A "Qualified Alien" must be a permanent legal resident of the U.S.

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