

Transitional Support Fund Task Group Charter **Transitions to Adult Living Implementation Team**

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Background Supporting the Transitional Support Fund Task Group:

A youth leadership summit on "Transitions to Adult Living" was held in June 2003. At that summit youth met to determine what their top concerns were in connection with transitioning from foster care to adult living. The youth addressed needs and goals in the areas of education, employment, personal life issues and housing. These youth highlighted areas of concern and desired goals in connection with their needs. In response to the needs of youth transitioning into adulthood, Task Groups have been formed to accomplish goals in a timely manner. (*Year One of Utah's Transitions to Adult Living Support Network Five Year Plan, October 2003*)

Purpose: It is acknowledged that youth aging out of foster care need financial assistance to cover expenses related to living independently. These expenses may include work appropriate clothing, rent and utility deposits, household items, emergency rent payments, etc. Therefore, the Transitional Support Funds Task Group has been created to achieve specific tasks related to youth living independently.

Tasks:

- Estimate the costs and determine the funding sources needed to assist youth with expenses related to transportation, work, housing and medical care.
- Allocate funding to each DCFS region and train IL coordinators on procedures for using the fund.
- Identify options to streamline payment procedures; e.g., modify department procedures, explore private payee options.

Authority of The Transitional Support Fund Task Group - Scope of decision making:

This group will receive ongoing direction from the Implementation Team until completion of assigned tasks. Task Group will present recommendations and proposals to the Implementation Team for approval prior to implementation.

Deliverables/Reporting Requirements:

1. The Transitional Support Fund Task Group is scheduled to complete tasks by February 2004.
2. Task Group will report progress on a regular basis.

Special Provisions/Tenure: Individuals that are chosen or who volunteer to complete tasks and participate in this Task Group will be at the discretion of the agency they represent and the Implementation Team. This Task Group may solicit staff and stakeholder input and involvement as needed to complete tasks.