
How Can I Get ASSIST?

- ⇒ Apply through your independent living worker/the state office
- ⇒ Meet Eligibility Criteria
- ⇒ Complete Financial Literacy Training
- ⇒ Complete a budget worksheet
- ⇒ Complete the Readiness Assessment
- ⇒ Complete the ASSIST Agreement

Independent Living Providers

Kent County

Elizabeth Murphey School
302-734-7478

New Castle County

Northeast Treatment Center
302-325-6500

West End Neighborhood House
302-658-4171

Sussex County

People's Place
302-422-8033

Independent Living Program
State Office-302-633-2638

THE ASSIST PROGRAM

**ACHIEVING SELF
SUFFICIENCY &
INDEPENDENCE
THROUGH
SUPPORTED
TRANSITION**



History

The Delaware Youth Advisory Council comprised of youth ages 14 and older that have experienced foster care informed legislators that they needed additional supports once leaving foster care. Through their advocacy and the collaborative effort with the Delaware Youth Opportunities Initiative (DYOI), HB 163, known as Ready By 21 was passed in June 2013. This law will enhance independent living services including making needs based stipend funds available to help with the living costs for youth that have aged out of foster care. The name of the stipend program is ASSIST (Achieving Self Sufficiency & Independence through Supported Transition).

ASSIST Program Eligibility

- ◆ Youth that were in foster care & turned 18 on or after 7-01-12 or were otherwise eligible for independent living services.
- ◆ Eligible through age 21 (based upon funding availability).
- ◆ Youth must complete a financial literacy training (total of 6 hours of training).
- ◆ Youth must be active with an IL provider.
- ◆ Youth must work/attend school/volunteer or have a disability.



What Can ASSIST Be Used For?

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Living Expenses
- ◆ Education Expenses
- ◆ Employment Expenses
- ◆ Savings
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Transportation