

Clark County Independent Living Committee

Department of Family Services

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

May 27, 2021

3:00 – 4:30 pm

1. **Call to order - Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approve Minutes from August 27, 2020.**
 - a. Minutes approved.
3. **Clark County Independent Living Program**
 - a. Aged Out Foster Youth Pandemic Act
 - i. Additional \$200 a month for young adults in voluntary jurisdiction until September 2022.
 - ii. Aged out foster youth under age 27 can request additional funding to assist with rent, utilities, transportation, childcare, food, and clothing; tentatively being approved up to \$1,000. May be approved for more on a case-by-case basis. Pandemic funds are available until September 2022.
 - iii. Youth in care who are aging out are eligible to remain in care until October 1, 2021.
 - iv. Increased staffing at IL and Step Up to cover the increased cases and additional case management services.
 - v. State is doing campaigns to spread the word to get young adults to contact IL for additional funding.
 - b. HopSkipDrive for transportation for foster youth to employment, meetings, etc.
 - c. Foster care extension
 - i. Step Up Services would not change.
 - ii. Allow the county to secure additional federal funding.
 - iii. Extended subsidies for guardianship or adoption up to age 21.
 - d. LifeSet Program
 - i. About 60 youth in the program
 - ii. Launched in November 2020
 - e. Workforce Connections
 - i. Partnership with UNLV and MGM for youth employment opportunities.
 - f. FAAYT Meeting discussion
4. **FAAYT - Foster and Adoptive Youth Together (FAAYT Officers)**
 - a. In-person meetings will resume.
 - b. Children's Advocacy Alliance (CAA) partnership.
5. **Clark County Social Service-Step Up**
 - a. Pandemic assistance requests are being approved for adults in voluntary jurisdiction and have helped prevent homelessness.
 - b. Young adults are encouraged to get vaccinated.
 - c. SCE Credit Union available for young adults. A flyer will be created. Online banking and webinars offered.
 - d. Young adults in care who graduate HS or equivalency can receive the education stipend.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS* (Open for Community Providers to share their programs and/or provide upcoming events)

- a. Legal Aid
 - i. Eviction moratorium lifts on June 1, 2021.
 - b. CAA
 - i. Following up on welfare bills.
 - ii. Legislative sessions every Tuesday.
 - iii. Currently working with Workforce Connections for employment of foster youth.
 - iv. Currently working with IL and other community partners on the graduation event.
 - c. Children's Cabinet (ETV)
 - i. Cynthia has been working with waivers.
 - ii. Spring 2021 semester has ended. Youth are encouraged to apply for the July 1, 2021 new academic year.
 - d. Project We (Jeff)
 - e. Olive Crest (Alyssa Dennison)
 - i. Vacancies at Olive Crest.
 - ii. Looking to expand and to double the Family Resource Center, as well as food and hygiene.
 - iii. Strong Family services (16 weeks). Youth can self-refer.
 - f. Raise the Future (Jessica Roe)
 - i. Previously named Adoption Exchange.
 - ii. Implementing Wendy's Wonderful Kids program.
- 7. Next Meeting: July 29, 2021 at 3pm (will be held in person, Pearson Community Center)**
- 8. Adjournment**