

1. **AdoptUSKids**

- **Description:** A national project that supports child welfare systems and connects children in foster care with families interested in adopting. They provide resources and support to prospective adoptive parents.
- **Services:** Offers resources for adoption and foster care, including photolisting of children waiting for adoption and support services for families.
- [AdoptUSKids](#)

2. **Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**

- **Description:** Volunteers advocate on behalf of children in foster care, ensuring their needs and best interests are met in court and other settings.
- **Services:** Provides trained volunteers to represent and advocate for foster children's best interests.
- [Court-Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\)](#)

3. **Foster Care to Success**

- **Description:** Supports foster youth through education, mentoring, and life skills development.
- **Services:** Offers scholarships, grants, and mentoring programs to help foster youth succeed in higher education and beyond.
- [Foster Care to Success](#)

4. **Together We Rise**

- **Description:** A nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in foster care through innovative programs and resources.
- **Services:** Provides programs such as "Sweet Cases" (duffel bags filled with comfort items), bicycles, and educational scholarships to foster youth.
- [Together We Rise](#)

5. **Treehouse**

- **Description:** Focused on enhancing educational outcomes for youth in foster care.
- **Services:** Offers educational support services, including tutoring, college and career planning, and assistance with extracurricular activities.
- [Treehouse](#)

6. **Ticket to Dream Foundation**

- **Description:** Creates hope and opportunities for foster children across the nation.
- **Services:** Provides essentials, experiences, and life skills programs to foster youth, aiming to create a sense of normalcy and support.
- [Ticket to Dream Foundation](#)

7. **Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI)**

- **Description:** A program established specifically for undergraduate students who have experienced foster care or are eligible orphans.
- **Services:** Provides funding to support the cost of attending college at the undergraduate level, including housing and meals.
- [Foster Youth College Success Initiative \(FYCSI\)](#)

8. **A Sense of Home**

- **Description:** Assists youth who have aged out of foster care by helping them establish homes.
  - **Services:** Provides furniture and household items to create a comfortable living space for former foster youth transitioning to independent living.
  - [A Sense of Home](#)
9. **Kidsave**
- **Description:** Works to create change so older kids in foster care can grow up in families and connected to caring adults.
  - **Services:** Provides programs that connect older foster youth with mentors and host families to build lasting relationships.
  - [Kidsave](#)
10. **CASA Cares**
- **Description:** Provides grants to benefit the personal growth and development of foster children in the child protection system.
  - **Services:** Offers grants for items or activities not otherwise provided for by public funds, such as bikes, school supplies, dance regalia, senior pictures, prom attire, and camp fees.
  - [CASA Cares](#)

## Programs to Assist Foster Youth in Transitioning to Independent Adulthood

### Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Voucher Program

- **Description:** This program provides dedicated rental assistance to support youth exiting foster care who are at risk of homelessness, as well as those who have become homeless after leaving foster care. Public Housing Agencies partner with Public Child Welfare Agencies to offer housing assistance to eligible youth.
- [Foster Youth to Independence \(FYI\) Voucher Program](#)

### Family Unification Program (FUP)

- **Description:** Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), FUP offers housing assistance to youth aging out of foster care who are at risk of homelessness. The program provides Housing Choice Vouchers to eligible individuals, facilitating access to stable housing.
- [Family Unification Program \(FUP\)](#)

### National Foster Youth Institute (NFYI)

- **Description:** Dedicated to ensuring that current and former foster youth have a seat at the table alongside legislators, policymakers, decision-makers, families, and advocates. NFYI focuses on leadership development and advocacy to improve the foster care system.
- [National Foster Youth Institute \(NFYI\)](#)

### Foster Care Independence Act

- **Description:** This act provides states with flexible funding to assist youth likely to age out of foster care at age 18. It supports programs that help youth obtain a high school diploma, explore careers, receive vocational training, and develop life skills necessary for independent living.
- [Foster Care Independence Act](#)

These organizations offer a range of services to support foster children, from educational assistance and mentorship to providing financial assistance, housing support and life skills training to help foster youth successfully transition to independent adulthood. For more localized support, consider reaching out to state or county child welfare agencies, as many regions offer additional programs tailored to the needs of foster youth in their communities.