



DIVISION X CHAFEE FUNDING EXPANSION



INCENTIVE TIP SHEET

**Additional Chafee Financial Incentive is for the specified period of April 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022, or until the emergency funds have been exhausted.*

Education

- Includes completion of GED and High school Diploma
- Satisfactory academic progress for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters
- Recommended documents for submission:
 - Clear photo or scanned copy of report card, GED certificate or Highschool Diploma
 - Screenshot of online grades
- \$2,000 Maximum for EFC, PESS, and Aftercare
 - \$500 Fall / \$1,500 Spring
- \$1,500 Max for 14–17-year olds
 - Only Spring 2022 Semester

Keys to Independence Program

- \$200 maximum incentive for youth and young adults who successfully enroll in the Keys to Independence Program
- Document for submission should include a certified letter stating enrollment

Employment

- A maximum incentive of \$2,000 for any youth gainfully employed as of 4/1/2022
- Proof of employment may include copy or photo of pay stubs and/or a certified letter of employment from job.

Life Skills Program

- Youth/young adult who complete a life skills assessment receives a maximum incentive of \$400.00
- Youth/young adult who enrolls into a life skills program receives a maximum incentive of \$1,000.00

Frequently Asked Questions:

How will I receive the money? Funds may be distributed through a gift card, check, or direct deposit. It is up to the discretion of the agency.

How many hours must you be employed? Youth may be employed part time or full time as long as they can show documentation.

How long must the life skills program be?

There is not a set time for eligibility of this incentive. Youth may attend one meeting or a several week program.

Still have questions?

We encourage you to contact your IL specialist or the Office of Continuing Cares' Hope Line at 850-300- HOPE (4673).

*For more information or to locate the Chafee Funding Assistance and Incentive Forms Visit the Department of Children and Families website and Search Keyword: Chafee documents>Click first result

*Link to Florida Statewide Independent Living Contacts: DCF Website>Search "Statewide independent Living Contacts">click first result