

FIND YOUR PLACE

HOUSING
EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT
WELL-BEING

GUIDING YOU TOWARD **AFFORDABLE** HOUSING.



Helping you find somewhere safe.

Whether it means an apartment, low-income housing or a college dorm room - we're here to help you after leaving foster care to find someplace safe and affordable. Bridges will also help you pay for rent, utilities, food, and clothing.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE



Here are just a few things to consider when deciding where to live:

- Based on your budget and income, is it affordable and sustainable?
- Judging from local crime reports, is the neighborhood safe?
- Is it conveniently located to things you'll need, such as a grocery store, gas station, etc.?
- Are transportation options available for getting to work or school?
- Is it close to your support team (adult supporters, friends, family, etc.)?

Your Bridges representative can give you tips for managing a household, from cooking and cleaning to paying bills and budgeting. He/she also can connect you to resources in your community that can help you live on your own.



MAKING CONNECTIONS. BUILDING FUTURES.

A Bridges representative will work with you - connecting you to the people and resources you need to make a successful transition into adult life.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for Bridges, you must have left the foster care system after turning 18 and be under the age of 21. You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential.
- Be enrolled in college or other post-secondary school.
- Be participating in a program or activity designed to remove barriers to employment.
- Be employed at least 80 hours a month.
- Or be incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a physical or mental health condition.



HOW TO APPLY

If you're transitioning from foster care:

Talk with your children services caseworker about your interest in Bridges. He or she will contact a Bridges representative three months before you leave foster care to coordinate services.

If you've aged out of foster care:

If you left foster care after turning 18 and are under the age of 21, please connect with a Bridges representative using the interest form on our website. A representative will contact you within two business days.

