

State Certifications for the Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood

As Chief Executive Officer of the State of South Carolina, I certify that the State has in effect and is operating a Statewide pursuant to section 477(b) and that the following provisions to effectively implement the Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood are in place:

1. [Check one of the following boxes]:

The State will provide assistance and services to youths who have aged out of foster care, and have not attained 21 years of age [Section 477(b)(3)(A)(i)];

OR

The State will provide assistance and services to youths who have aged out of foster care, and have not attained 23 years of age [Section 477(b)(3)(A)(ii)];

AND:

the State has elected under section 475(8)(B) of title IV-E of the Social Security Act to extend eligibility for foster care to all children who have not attained 21 years of age;

OR:

the State agency responsible for administering the State plans under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act uses State funds or any other funds not provided under title IV-E to provide services and assistance for youths who have aged out of foster care that are comparable to the services and assistance the youths would receive if the State had elected to extend eligibility for foster care up to age 21 under section 475(8)(B) of title IV-E;

2. Not more than 30 percent of the amounts paid to the State from its allotment for a fiscal year will be expended for room or board for youths who have aged out of foster care and have not attained 21 years of age (or 23 years of age, in the case of a State with a certification under section 477(b)(3)(A)(ii) to provide assistance and services to youths who have aged out of foster care and have not attained age 23) [Section 477(b)(3)(B)];
3. None of the amounts paid to the State from its allotment will be expended on room or board for any child who has not attained 18 years of age [Section 477(b)(3)(C)];
4. The State will use training funds provided under the program of Federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance to provide training including training on youth development to help foster parents, adoptive parents, workers in group homes, and case managers understand and address the issues confronting youth preparing for a successful transition to adulthood and making a permanent connection with a caring adult [Section 477(b)(3)(D)];
5. The State has consulted widely with public and private organizations in developing the plan and has given all interested members of the public at least 30 days to submit comments on the plan [Section 477(b)(3)(E)];
6. The State will make every effort to coordinate the State programs receiving funds provided from an allotment made to the State with other Federal and State programs for youth (especially transitional living youth projects funded under part B of title III of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974), abstinence education programs, local housing programs, programs for disabled youth (especially sheltered workshops), and school-to-work programs offered by high schools or local workforce agencies [Section 477(b)(3)(F)];

Attachment C - Chafee Certification

7. Each Indian tribe in the State has been consulted about the programs to be carried out under the plan; that there have been efforts to coordinate the programs with such tribes; that benefits and services under the programs will be made available to Indian children in the State on the same basis as to other children in the State; and that the State will negotiate in good faith with any Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium in the State that does not receive an allotment under subsection (j)(4) for a fiscal year and that requests to develop an agreement with the State to administer, supervise, or oversee the programs to be carried out under the plan with respect to the Indian children who are eligible for such programs and who are under the authority of the tribe, organization, or consortium and to receive from the State an appropriate portion of the State allotment for the cost of such administration, supervision, or oversight [Section 477(b)(3)(G)];
8. The State will ensure that youth participating in the program under this section participate directly in designing their own program activities that prepare them for independent living and that the youth accept personal responsibility for living up to their part of the program [Section 477(b)(3)(H)];
9. The State has established and will enforce standards and procedures to prevent fraud and abuse in the programs carried out under the plan [Section 477(b)(3)(I)]; and
10. The State will ensure that a youth participating in the program under this section is provided with education about the importance of designating another individual to make health care treatment decisions on behalf of the youth if the youth becomes unable to participate in such decisions and the youth does not have, or does not want, a relative who would otherwise be authorized under State law to make such decisions, whether a health care power of attorney, health care proxy, or other similar document is recognized under State law, and how to execute such a document if the youth wants to do so [Section 477(b)(3)(K)].



Signature of Chief Executive Officer

6-27-19

Date

**State Chief Executive Officer's Certification
for the
Education and Training Voucher Program
Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood**

As Chief Executive Officer of the State of South Carolina, I certify that the State has in effect and is operating a Statewide program relating to the Chafee Foster Care Program:

1. The State will comply with the conditions specified in subsection 477(i).
2. The State has described methods it will use to:
 - ensure that the total amount of educational assistance to a youth under this and any other Federal assistance program does not exceed the total cost of attendance; and
 - avoid duplication of benefits under this and any other Federal assistance program, as defined in section 477(b)(3)(J).



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Date

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Annual Reporting of Education and Training Vouchers Awarded

Name of State/Tribe: South Carolina

School Year	Total ETVs Awarded	Number of New ETVs
Final Number: 2016-2017 School Year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)	105	50
Final Number: 2016-2017 School Year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)	152	36

Comments:

As of April 26, 2019 for the 2018 2019 School Year*

(July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

Total ETV: 92

New ETV: 55

*in some cases this might be an estimated number since the APSR is due on June 30, the last day of the school year.

YOUTH PLAN ENDORSEMENTS

Aiston Wilkes Society
Birthright of Columbia
Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands
Capitol Consulting Strategies
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Christ Mission Church
Columbia Housing Authority
Columbia Urban League
Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers
Elmwood Church of God
Gods Church of Destiny
Growing Home Southeast
Harriet Hancock LGBT Center
Help-Net
Homeless No More
Hope Academy
LG Solutions
Life Center International
Lighthouse For Life
LRADAC
Lutheran Services Carolina
Mental Health America of South Carolina
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI)
Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless
Midlands Fatherhood Coalition
Midlands Housing Alliance Transitions
One Community
Palmetto Association for Children and Families
Palmetto Place
Palmetto Project
Richland County Public Defender's Office
Richland County Sheriff's Department
Richland Library
Richland School District One/PASS Office
Richland School District Two
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
SC Commission for Minority Affairs
SC Department of Juvenile Justice
SC Department of Social Services/Independent Living
SC National Guard Youth Challenge Academy
SC Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative
Sowing Seeds into the Midlands
The Door Home
Unique Interventions for Youth
United Way Association of South Carolina
United Way of the Midlands
USC Office of Supporting Housing Services
UMC of Columbia

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