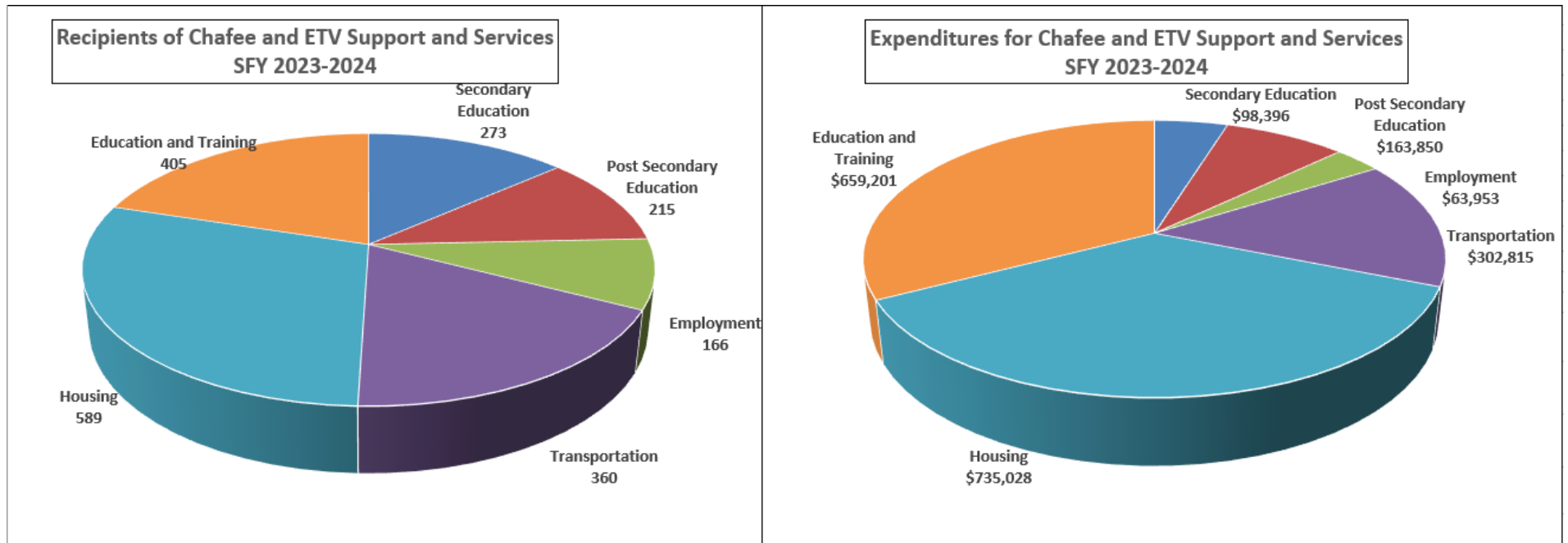


## Teen and Young Adult Utilization of Foster Care Transitional Funds

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood Unit (formerly known as Independent Living Program) provides funds and services to assist foster youth to gain life skills needed to successfully transition into adulthood. The following criteria outlines who is eligible for these transitional services. Please note an individual teen or young adult may receive services and funding from more than one category at a time.

- Chafee funds are available for
  - Foster youth ages 14 until 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who are in foster care or are receiving Adoption Preservation services.
  - Former foster youth, who left foster care to reunification at or after the age 14 and until 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
  - Former foster youth, who reached age of majority (18th birthday) while in foster care and until 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
  - Former foster youth who have left foster care to Adoption, Kinship Care, or Guardianship at or after the age of 16 until 21<sup>st</sup> birthday
- The ETV (Education and Training Voucher) program provides funds for current and former foster youth pursuing post-secondary education or completion a vocational program. ETV awards are up to \$5000 per academic year and must be applied to the cost of attendance (COA) identified on College/University official financial award letter. The funds are available for the following youth for up to five (5) years or until the youth reaches 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - Foster youth ages 14 until 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who are in foster care or are receiving Adoption Preservation services.
  - Former foster youth, who left foster care to reunification at or after the age 14 and until 26<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Former foster youth, who reached age of majority (18th birthday) while in foster care and until 26<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Former foster youth who have left foster care to Adoption, Kinship Care, or Guardianship at or after the age of 16 until 26<sup>th</sup> birthday

*Please see additional details on the following page.*



**The Chafee services are categorized for this report as follows:**

**Secondary Services and Support**

- School and Non-School Sponsored activities, life skills classes, community leadership/scholar programs, youth conference
- GED Program and Non-ETV coursework
- Tutoring, study skills training, books and supplies for specialized classes, and summer school
- Senior Prom, Senior Fees, Senior Graduation Packages, and Graduate award
- Chromebook for high school or GED

**Post-Secondary**

- Pre-College Expenses such as college applications, birth certificate for school, SAT/ACT preparation classes and test fees
- College Related fees
- Laptop Bundle for enrolled college students
- Dorm Room Bundle (bedding, towels, décor)
- Home visits during college to maintain permanency/connections
- Non-ETV coursework
- Academic Incentive for 3.0 GPA each semester

**Employment**

- Certification programs (license, fees, and vocational equipment), Job skills training classes
- Job skills training classes
- Birth certificate for employment
- Interview clothing, work uniforms/footwear, and professional attire

**Transportation**

- Transportation to GED program and vocational school
- Transportation to job skills training and work
- Transportation to college orientation
- Bicycles
- Driver's education courses, driver's license, state IDs, and beginner's permit fees
- Vehicle Repairs/ maintenance and insurance

**Housing**

- Utilities deposit, furniture, rental application, rental deposit, and rental assistance
- Interim Housing for College Students during breaks
- Emergency Assistance
- Household Supplies (bedding, towels, cutlery, appliances)
- Dependent Bundles for parenting young adults (furniture, bedding, towels)
- DDSN Bundles