



# Show Me 'Da Money!



## So you want some Independent Living Funds...

Information for youth currently in custody, wanting to access IL funds.

### Am I Eligible?

- Are you 16 years old or older ,  
and
- Currently in OCS custody,  
and
- Are you likely to remain in OCS care  
until you reach your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday?

### How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Youth must have taken the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment within the last six months.
- ✓ **The youth must fill out a request for funds application, which includes:**
  - What it is they are requesting, how much it costs, where they can purchase the items, and how this item will help them with Independent Living.
- ✓ Need for services/goods must be identified in your Case Plan, Transition Plan or Exit Plan.

### What Do I Get?

Youth can use IL funds to support them in:

- Education
- Employment
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Cultural Activities
- Life Skills Development

\* Additional funding can be explored; just ask your IL Specialist!

\* Funds are approved based on what you need, and there are restrictions on how much can be spent each year.



### For more information:

#### Contact your Regional Independent Living Specialist:

- Anchorage Region: 1-800-478-4444
  - Last name A-H: Shawnda Cutcher @ 269-4063 / shawnda.cutcher@alaska.gov
  - Last name I-Z: Tamara Fischer @ 269-4017 / tamara.fischer@alaska.gov
- Southcentral Region: Carla Parker @ 352-8902 / 1-888-304-9780, carla.parker@alaska.gov
- Northern Region: Nora Skow @ 451-2064 / 1-800-353-2650, nora.skow@alaska.gov
- Southeast Region: Stephany Day @ 465-1664 / 1-888-622-1650, stephany.day@alaska.gov
- Western Region: Venissa Wynn @ 543-3141 / 1-800-557-3141, venissa.wynn@alaska.gov

#### Contact the Independent Living Coordinator:

- Dee Pearson @ 465-8659, dee.pearson@alaska.gov