



# What can OCS do for me now? I'm not in custody anymore!



## We've got Independent Living Funds for you too!

### Am I Eligible?

- Are you under age 21?
- Were you in OCS custody at the age of 16?,  

And
- Remained in out-of-home care for at least six consecutive months (beginning at age 16)?

### What Do I Get?

You can use IL funds to support you in:

- Housing (must be in care on your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 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.



### How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Contact the Independent Living Specialist for your area and ask for an application.
- ✓ The application includes a description of:
  - Your current living situation,
  - Your current work/school situation,
  - Your current involvement in any social/recreational activities,  

AND
  - An explanation on how financial support will assist you in meeting an independent living goal (such as securing employment, maintaining stable housing, engaging in positive social/recreational activities).

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### For more information:

Contact your Regional Independent Living Specialist:

• **Anchorage Region:**

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