



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF  
**EDUCATION**

# Foster Care Education: Post-Secondary Supports

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# Objectives

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## Participants will...

- become familiarized with the post-secondary supports available for students in foster care
- be able to utilize the tools derived from this training to connect students in foster care to the post-secondary supports

# Common Acronyms

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- DCS: Department of Child Safety
- LEA: Local educational agency
- YATI: Young Adult Transition Insurance
- ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act
- ATW: Arizona Tuition Waiver
- BID: Best interest determination
- ETV: Education & Training Voucher
- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid



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# Foster Care Definition

## Definition

- 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility

## Child welfare agencies

- DCS
- Tribal
- Local

Children in foster care are not considered 'homeless' or McKinney-Vento eligible.





# Quick Summary

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# Fostering Connections Act

The child welfare agency must have  
a plan for school stability

## CWA Assurances

- placement considers the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement; **and**
- coordination to ensure that the child remains in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement; **or**
- if remaining in such school is not in the best interests of the child, the CWA and LEA provide immediate and appropriate enrollment in a new school, with all the educational records of the child provided to the school

School of Origin

Best Interest Determination  
(BID)

Transportation

Immediate Enrollment

ESSA Foster  
Care School  
Stability  
Assurances



# Question for Zoom Chat

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If you could go back in time,  
what is something that you wish  
you knew before entering  
college?



# Post-Secondary Supports

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AFFCF  
Post-  
Secondary  
Guide

SPRING 2021

**DREAM IT.  
LEARN IT. DO IT.**

*What's your it?*

**AN EDUCATION GUIDE FOR  
YOUTH CURRENTLY AND  
FORMERLY IN FOSTER CARE**



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# AFFCF Post- Secondary Guide

## Which financial resources apply to me?

There are different resources available depending on what age you were in foster care. The following pages will provide you with more details about the resources available to you based on the age you were in foster care and a description of each resource. Depending on the information you provided on the FAFSA and your course of study, your school may also offer you other federal grants in addition to the Pell Grant and/or a work-study job.

**I WAS IN FOSTER CARE BEFORE I TURNED 13**



**I WAS IN FOSTER CARE WHEN I WAS 13**



**I WAS IN FOSTER CARE WHEN I WAS 14 OR 15**



**I WAS IN FOSTER CARE BETWEEN AGES 16 AND 18**



**I TURNED (OR WILL TURN 18) WHILE IN FOSTER CARE**



PELL GRANT\*



EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING VOUCHER  
(ETV) FUNDS\*



ARIZONA TUITION  
WAIVER\*



AFFCF  
SCHOLARSHIP



AFFCF PENSION  
FUND



OTHER  
SCHOLARSHIPS

\* The Pell Grant, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds, and the Arizona Tuition Waiver are only awarded to students who were in foster care at the above ages, who are residents of Arizona (ETV funds and Arizona Tuition Waiver), and who are U.S. Citizens or qualified non-citizens. For more resources for undocumented and DACA students, please see Appendix C.

ETV





ASU First  
Star  
Academy



first  
star  
putting students first

ASU  
Bridging  
Success



UofA  
Fostering  
Success

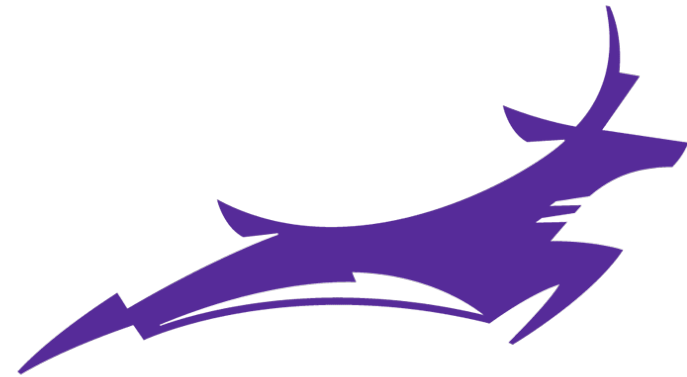


**FOSTERING  
SUCCESS**

NAU  
Blavin  
Scholars  
Program



GCU  
Fostering  
Futures



***GRAND CANYON***  
***UNIVERSITY™***

Maricopa  
Community  
Colleges  
Champions



**BRIDGING SUCCESS**  
MARICOPA



# Aging-Out Resources

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DCS  
Young  
Adult  
Program



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*Young Adult Program*



DCS  
Extended  
Foster  
Care



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*Extended Foster Care*

DCS  
Successful  
Transition  
to  
Adulthood



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*Successful Transition to  
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DCS  
Young  
Adult  
Insurance



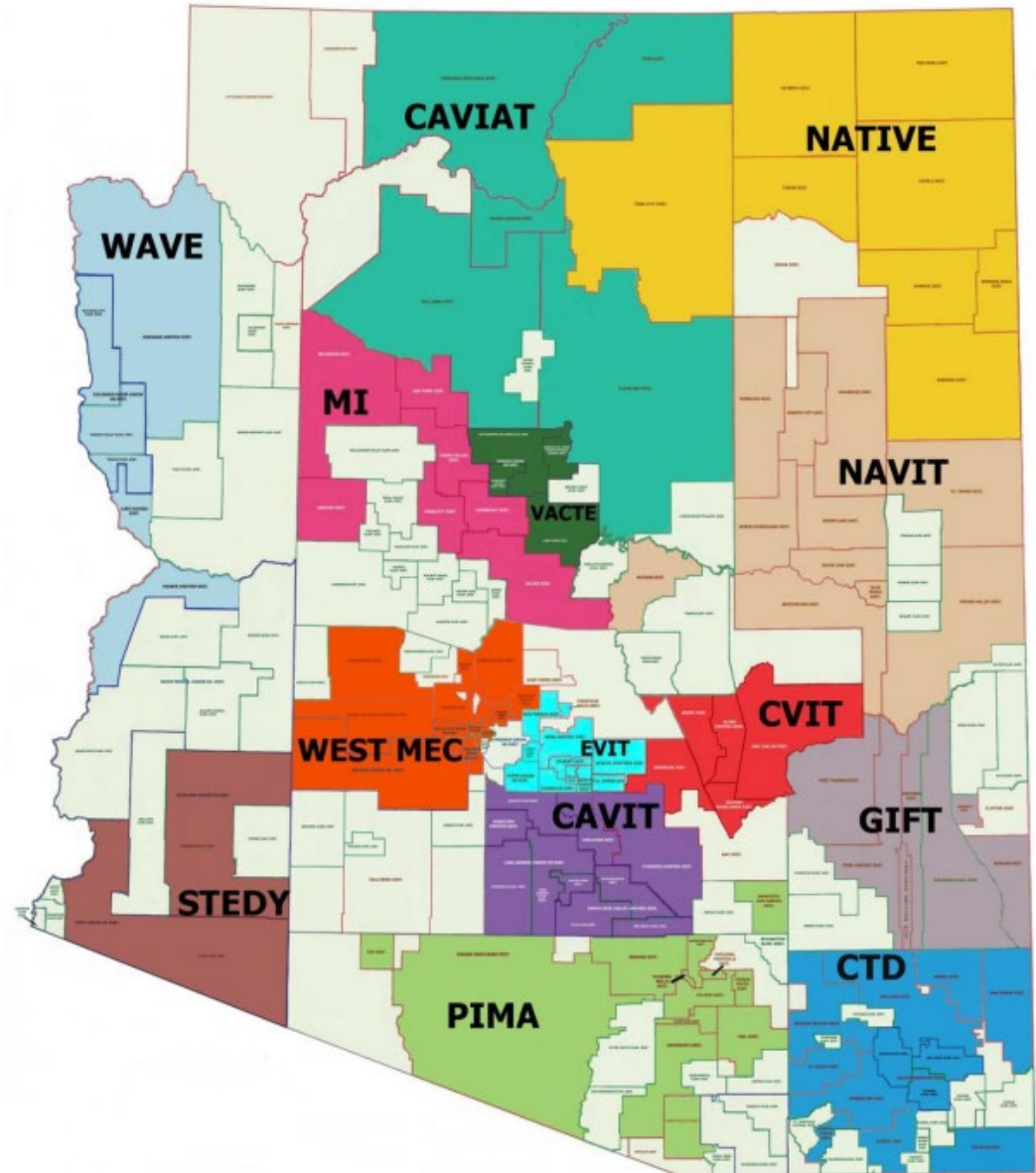


CTE

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# CTE Technical Education Districts

CTED Map





# ADE Post- Secondary

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ADE Post-  
Secondary



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<https://www.azed.gov/ccr>



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# Thank You!

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