

Kansas Permanency Benefits Comparison Chart

HOW DO SOUL FAMILY BENEFITS COMPARE TO EXISTING PERMANENCY OPTIONS FOR OLDER YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE?

Category of Benefit	SOUL Family Permanency (ages 16-18)	APPLA – Independent Living (transitions from care after 18)	Permanent Custodianship (ages 16 and older)	Adoption (ages 16 and older)	Reintegration (ages 14 and older)
Caregiver Monthly Subsidy	Monthly financial subsidy available until age 18 or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21, \$500 per month	NA	Monthly financial subsidy available until age 18, or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21, \$300 per month	Monthly financial subsidy available until age 18, or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21, up to \$500 per month unless there is special needs or disabilities identified	NA
One Time Support	\$3,000	NA	NA	Up to \$1,000, the special service payment should not be used to meet the ordinary needs of a child, or if the expense to State adoption assistance funds exceeds \$1000 or is expected to last more than 6 months. Children on the Technology Assistance (TA) Waiver may be eligible for a Special Service Payment up to \$3,000 at the request of the adoptive parents.	NA
Health Care Coverage	Medicaid Coverage until the child turns 18 or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21. Aged Out Medicaid until age 26.	Medicaid coverage until release of custody Aged Out Medicaid until age 26	Medicaid Coverage until the child turns 18 or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21.	Medicaid Coverage until the child turns 18 or graduates from high school, whichever is later, but ends at age 21.	Family can apply for state assisted Medicaid coverage, if financially eligible.
Tuition Waiver	NA	Tuition Waiver Eligible per KSA	Tuition Waiver Eligible per KSA	Tuition Waiver Eligible per KSA	NA
Post-Secondary Education	SGF up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26). Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds, up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26). Education Benefits can be stacked up to a total of \$10,000/year for a maximum period of 5 years. Amount awarded based on FAFSA determined need and cost of attendance for educational institution.	Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds, up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26).	Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds, up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26).	Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds, up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26).	Educational Training Voucher (ETV) funds, up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum period of 5 years (can access this benefit until age 26).
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