

PROJECT OVERVIEW

FUP Project Overview for Staff Recruitment Emails

Policymakers have long been concerned about the poor outcomes experienced by youth transitioning out of foster care into adulthood. In an effort to increase the evidence about promising practices to improve outcomes, the project team is conducting a study of how the Family Unification Program (FUP) is used to support youth aging out of foster care through housing vouchers and supportive services.

This study is intended to provide an updated view of how FUP is used to serve youth in practice after substantial changes to program requirements. This study involves a survey of FUP liaisons at the public housing agencies that received voucher awards in 2018 or 2019 and at their key partners (public child welfare agencies and Continuums of Care). It also includes visits to selected sites that use FUP to serve youth, including interviews and focus groups with key staff and focus groups with youth who have leased up with FUP vouchers.

This study is part of a project in which a team of researchers at the Urban Institute and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago has been contracted by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the US Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a series of evaluations of independent living services to youth making the transition from foster care into adulthood. This is an opportunity to engage the field in a collaborative process of identifying promising independent living programs.

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