

**EXISTING INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMS  
GRAND FATHERING INFORMATION**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Duration of Grand Fathering</b>	<b>Legal Authority</b>	<b>Discharge from Program</b>
<p><b>Subsidized Independent Living</b></p>	<p>Allows child to live in an unlicensed home; child receives ongoing caseworker services and direct financial payments.</p> <p>Creation of an SIL “plan” that details child’s expectations.</p> <p>If discharged, child returns to licensed foster care.</p> <p>If child remains in SIL until 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, this program is still considered “foster care” status, so child is eligible for EFC or PESS upon turning 18.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>16 – 18<sup>th</sup> birthday – 2 years.</p> <p>Conceptually, program could continue until Dec. 31, 2015;</p> <p>Practically, will discontinue when last child is discharged from program.</p>	<p>§ 409.1451(4)(c), F.S.; Rule 65C-28.009(7), F.A.C.</p>	<p>- Achieves permanency through adoption or PG;</p> <p>- Ages out at 18<sup>th</sup> birthday;</p> <p>Involuntary discharge:</p> <p>- Violates terms of plan, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• education or employment</li> <li>• Behavior issues</li> <li>• Caseworker contact requirements</li> </ul>

<p><b>Transitional Support Services</b></p>	<p>Short-term funding (3 months with new application for additional 3 month terms).</p> <p>+ Other services</p> <p>Plan to include specific tasks to complete or to make on-going progress towards completion.</p> <p>Upon TSS termination, young adult would be eligible for EFC and/or RTI if attending school at 9 or more credit hours.</p> <p>Also eligible for continuation of any non-financial services provided through new After Care Program.</p>	<p>March 31, 2014, since each term of TSS is for a max of 3 months. Under policy and practice, this program was never considered to be on-going, so each new request is considered a new application for services, rather than a renewal.</p>	<p>§ 409.1451(5)(c); Rule 65C-31.005</p>	<p>Conceptually, young adult could be discharged for material breach of TSS plan. Practically, because of the short time-period for services, consequences only came at the end of the 3 months, and would result in denial of the new application.</p>

<p><b>Road-to-Independence</b></p>	<p>Stipend based on needs assessment and cost-of-attendance (max \$1256) for young adult attending any school program full-time, with F-T status determined by educational institution.</p> <p>Includes HS completion or GED program.</p> <p>If early discharge for cause, reinstatement would be under new EFC (pre-HS completion) or PESS.</p>	<p>This program can continue conceptually until Dec. 31, 2018. Practically, “old” RTI should expire sooner, as youth are discharged from the program, voluntarily or involuntarily.</p> <p>The stipend amount under the “old” RTI could increase above \$1256, as the amount will still be tied to federal minimum wage.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> any youth remaining in the grand fathered RTI program is subject to needs assessments; won’t automatically receive \$1256.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> any youth in the “old” RTI program may choose to switch to PESS when eligible; automatic \$1256 and no needs assessments apply.</p>	<p>§ 409.1451(5)(b); Rule 65C-31.004</p>	<p>Voluntary (or automatic) Discharge:</p> <p>*Attains one of the following post-secondary goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attains undergraduate degree (Bachelor’s or AA and Bachelors’s)</li> <li>- Attains two post-secondary career and technical certificate or credential</li> </ul> <p>*23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday</p> <p>Involuntary discharge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than F-T attendance (unless documented disability permits P-T attendance)</li> <li>• Fails to maintain progress as required by institution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> F-T is decided</p>

<b>After Care Support Services</b>	Temporary financial assistance and services to assist in developing skills necessary for independent living.	No grand fathering necessary, as program requirements are identical in both current and new programs.	§ 409.1451(5)(a); Rule 65C-31.003	