

**Letter From the Executive Director**  
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The FYI Center utilizes the nationally recognized Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment, which pinpoints areas of mastery and needed improvement, 2000-2003 by Casey Family Programs and Dorothy I. Ansell. FYI Center staff along with the referring agency, the client, and the clients' respective family creates an Individualized Independent Living Plan.

The Plan is based on the client's individual needs that specify objectives for each client. The services provided include those specified in this section. The plan identifies the resources responsible for implementation of each part of the plan. The plan is reviewed monthly with program participants.

The following services, or adequate access to referrals, are made available to the targeted youth participating in the Life Skills Practicum Management Program: counseling services for the youth and their families to ameliorate problems contributing to homelessness or otherwise impeding the transition to independent living; educational, vocational, or employment services; health care and transportation services including assisting the child to obtain a driver's license.

FYI Center utilizes the Preparing Adolescents for Young Adulthood developed by the Massachusetts

Department of Social Services as a core resource in the Life Skills Practicum Management Program. This 16 week program utilizes hands on experiential learning in individual setting to develop the skills necessary for youth to live on their own. The P.A.Y.A curriculum is comprised of 5 training modules: Module I: Money, Home, Food Management, Module II: Personal care, Health, Social Skills and Safety, Module III: Education, Job Seeking Skills and Job Maintenance Skills, Module IV: Housing, Transportation, Community Resources, Understanding the Law and Recreation, and Module V: Pregnancy (for parents and/or expectant parents.)

Additional services include money management skills training, planning for ongoing housing, social and recreational skills training, and assistance establishing and maintaining connections with the child's family and community.

If you have a client or friend who can benefit from the FYI Center's Life Skills Practicum Management Services, please contact our Program Director, Alisha Williams at 414-264-6290.

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## Opportunities for Foster Care Youth



We are looking for artwork created by foster care youth for sale at a future silent auction benefit. 10% of the sale price will be given back to the artist. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the FYI Center.

Be active.  
Be informed.  
Be involved.

The FYI Center is seeking foster care youth to serve as members of its advisory board.



The FYI Center is compiling a collection of stories written by foster care youth for publication. If we use your story, you will receive \$20! Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the FYI Center.

For more information please contact the FYI office at 414-264-6290.