

2025 Driving Supports for Foster Youth by State

In the state of Ohio, a valuable funding allocation was cut at the same time that driving requirements were increased. The TANF-Independent Living Allocation formerly supported support the provision of training and support for foster youth between ages 14-21, to support skill development towards self-sufficiency - including [driver's education classes and driver's license fees](#). [The loss of TANF-IL coincides with new Ohio Driver's training requirements](#) (DPSCD61), which requires all individuals under age 21 to complete [the full driver's education course and have 50 hours of practice driving](#) with an eligible adult in order to obtain an initial driver's license. As current and former foster youth, we've been researching how other states provide support...

State	Driver's Education Support	Driver's License Support	Auto Insurance Support	Additional Details
Arizona	The Arizona Department of Child Safety has launched a Youth Driver Education Program that includes 4 hours of classroom time, 10 hours of driving time and a road test.	House Bill 2588 Allows an eligible minor, who is a foster child in Arizona, to apply for a driver permit, driver license or nonoperating license without needing the signature of a parent, guardian, foster parent or employer.	Senate Bill 1341 Allows a foster child or youth participating in an independent living program, who is 16 and has completed a driver education program, to contract for motor vehicle liability insurance.	
Colorado	HB21-1084 requires reimbursement to child welfare agencies that pay for driver's education training for foster youth ages 15 - 20 years old.	HB 19-1023 streamlines the process for foster children to obtain a driver license, and allows them to sign for themselves.		
Delaware	Delaware's Driver's License and Insurance Program assists with the cost of driver's education, driver's license and car insurance for youth and young adults who have experienced foster care. Here is a link to additional eligibility information .			
Florida	Senate Bill 744 directed the Department of Children and Families to establish a statewide pilot program to pay specified costs of driver education, licensure and costs incidental to licensure, and motor vehicle insurance.			Florida's Keys to Independence program supports foster and homeless youth.
Hawaii		Senate Bill 2162 allows the Department of Human Services to provide written consent for foster youth to apply for a driver's license.		

Indiana	<u>Senate Bill 366</u> allows foster youth between 16-18 years old to obtain a driver's license without a fee, and to complete driving practice with individuals approved by the department.		<u>In Indiana</u> , foster youth can pursue driver's education and a driver's license, with court approval, and youth ages 16+ can sign for themselves re: liability.
Mississippi	Mississippi operates a <u>statewide driver's education program for foster youth</u> , in collaboration with local driver's ed providers across all 82 counties.		Link to <u>details behind the launch of this program</u> .
Nebraska	<u>LB 226</u> helps foster youth get licensed by waiving fees, allowing them to sign contracts for cars and insurance, and ensuring that driving preparation is part of transition planning for youth 14 years old and older.		
North Carolina	North Carolina's <u>TRIP (Transportation Really is Possible)</u> program can cover the cost of driver's education courses, learner's permit and driver's education fees, and other costs.	<u>Senate Bill 423</u> allows 16 and 17-year-old foster youth to contract for their own auto insurance with court consent.	Link to additional details about North Carolina's <u>Transportation Really is Possible</u> initiative.
Oregon	<u>O.R.S. 336.807</u> requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to reimburse child welfare for the costs of drivers education courses.		Link to <u>Free Driver's Education</u> flyer.
South Carolina	<u>HB 3322</u> established a program for youth ages 15-18 who reside in out of home care to pay the costs of driver's education program, driver's license fee, motor vehicle insurance, and additional costs related to becoming a legal authorized driver.		The South Carolina Foster Parent Association operates an <u>On the Road Again</u> program that provides donated cars to foster youth.
Texas	<u>Senate Bill 2054</u> assists with the payment of fees and costs associated with driver education and safety courses and driver's license examinations for foster children or youth, former foster children or youth, and youth experiencing homelessness.	<u>House Bill 123</u> covers driver's license fees for foster youth up until age 21.	Link to <u>Driver's License Fact Sheet</u> for foster care youth and young adults with a foster care history.