

Help Foster Youth

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OUR MISSION

Help Foster Youth is a free, anonymous resource directory for current and former foster youth - and for the adults who want to help them. A young person types their ZIP code and sees only verified help that actually serves their area. No account. No email. No cost. We never provide services ourselves; we refer to the organizations that do.

WHAT THE SITE DOES

- Two doors, one search box: youth see resources FOR them; adults see ways TO HELP.
- 6,311 verified listings, each checked against the organization's own official page.
- ZIP-first search across 33,791 ZIP codes and 7,926 county-level service areas.
- All 50 states + DC: state pages, county agency listings with confirmed phone numbers, state agencies, education contacts and health-coverage help.
- All 4,459 outside links re-tested; every genuinely dead one replaced.
- Crisis help is one tap away - 911, 988, domestic violence, trafficking, runaway and text lines. Each button dials someone else's number; we never run a crisis line.
- 15 new laws across 10 states in plain language, with the sponsor credited, where to file a complaint, and a link to the legislature's own page.
- A re-entry guide for all 50 states + DC for youth who aged out and want back in, plus a separate page built for former foster youth age 26 and older.

PRIVACY BY DESIGN

- No accounts, no logins, no registration, no email capture, no newsletters.
- No advertising, no cross-site trackers, no AI chat features - nothing a young person types ever leaves the page except a ZIP code used to find local help.
- The only way money moves is the Gift of Hope shop, through Shopify. There are no donation pages and no 'give now' links anywhere else.

BUILT FOR A PHONE IN A POCKET

Big buttons, one-line headings, no pinching. Most of the people we serve don't have a laptop. The site is a maintained system: sources, review dates, hotline re-checks and link sweeps run on a schedule, so a changed phone number gets caught.