

POLICY GOAL 3.5 State law extends foster care services to older foster youth.

State ¹	Does state law extend foster care services to youth under 23 years of age?
Alabama	No; under 21 only
Alaska	No; under 21 only
Arizona	No; under 21 only
Arkansas	No; under 21 only
California	No; under 21 only
Colorado	Yes
Connecticut	No; under 21 only
Delaware	Yes
District of Columbia	No; under 21 only
Florida	No; under 21 only
Georgia	No; under 21 only
Hawaii	No; under 21 only
Idaho	No; under 21 only
Illinois	No; under 21 only
Indiana	No; under 21 only
Iowa	Yes
Kansas	No; under 21 only
Kentucky	No; under 21 only
Louisiana	No; under 21 only
Maine	No; under 21 only
Maryland	No; under 21 only
Massachusetts	Yes
Michigan	No; under 21 only
Minnesota	Yes
Mississippi	No; under 21 only
Missouri	No; under 21 only

Montana	No; under 21 only
Nebraska	No; under 21 only
Nevada	No; under 21 only
New Hampshire	Yes
New Jersey	No; under 21 only
New Mexico	No; under 21 only
New York	No; under 21 only
North Carolina	No; under 21 only
North Dakota	No; under 21 only
Ohio	No; under 21 only
Oklahoma	No; under 21 only
Oregon	No; under 21 only
Pennsylvania	No; under 21 only
Rhode Island	No; under 21 only
South Carolina	No; under 21 only
South Dakota	No; under 21 only
Tennessee	Yes
Texas	No; under 21 only
Utah	No; under 21 only
Vermont	Yes
Virginia	No; under 21 only
Washington	Yes
West Virginia	No; under 21 only
Wisconsin	No; under 21 only
Wyoming	No; under 21 only
Totals:	9 states extend foster care services to youth under 23 years of age (or older). 42 states² extend foster care services to youth under 21 years of age.

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of July 1, 2023. Responses do not include an analysis of case law, agency rules, regulations, or practices/initiatives that exist outside of statutory law. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#3.5>.

² Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall state count for statistical purposes.