



## Supervised Independent Living (SIL) Program

### Supervised Independent Living:

- Voluntary program available only to North Dakota youth in foster care.
- Assists youth to achieve their goals by providing services and resources to help effectively and smoothly transition into adulthood with a sense of normalcy.
- Offers housing to eligible youth, which may be an individual or shared apartment or living space.
- Provides case management services, transportation assistance, financial assistance, educational support, independent living opportunities such as grocery shopping, money management, budgeting, and career preparation.
- Governed by NDCC 50-11 and NDAC 75-03-41. Currently, offered by one agency, Nexus PATH Family Healing statewide.

### SIL Program Eligibility:

- Youth ages 18 to 21 currently under the custody of a Human Services Zone, Tribal Social Services or the Division of Juvenile Services (DJS).
- Youth currently in the placement and care of a Human Services Zone or Tribal Social Services actively participating in 18+ Continued foster care services with a signed 18+ Continued Foster Care Agreement.
- 18+ Continued Care participants must participate in one of the following categories: education, employment, employment preparatory program or have a medical condition or disability that prevents achieving one of the other categories.
- Youth can remain in 18+ foster care or return to 18+ foster care at a later date, if applicable. Children and Family Services allows youth to contact their previous custodial agency to assist them in returning to care if desired.

### That's a Fact:

From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, **54 North Dakota youth** in foster care participated in the Supervised Independent Living Program.

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