YLS Program

This is a grant program that is based out of our Family Preservation Program and available to Foster Care Children that have aged out or will be aging out of our Foster Care Program.

This grant is designed to assist young adults to make the transition to selfsufficiency by providing assistance to:

- * Gain employment
- * Enter post secondary training and educational institutions.
- Provide personal and emotional support through Family Preservation Program Counseling.
- * Provide financial and other appropriate supportive services.

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Youth Living Skills Program



Leech Lake Child Welfare

MISSION STATEMENT

"To protect a child's sense of belonging to family and tribe by promoting family preservation through use of seven traditional Anishinaabe values and by providing services that ensure the health, safety and welfare of Leech Lake children".



PROGRAM ELIGIBLITY

Program services are available to:

- Native American youth age 14 to 17 years of age who:
 - ~ are in a tribal approved out-of-home placement, and likely to remain in placement until age 18 or older.
 - ~ are developmentally disabled youth capable of living independently in the community after aging out of tribal approved out-of-home placement.
 - ~ leave an out-of-home placement after age 16 for adoption, kinship care, or legal guardianship.
- Young adults age 18-21 who have aged out of a tribal approved out-of-home placement.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Financial supports include, but are not limited to:

- * Driver's training
- * Driver's License or State ID
- * Vehicle repairs
- * Car insurance
- * Job interview/work clothing
- Gas vouchers for transportation to YLS related activities



Activities include:

- ★ One on one Meetings
- ★ Traditional Teachings
- ★ Educational Field Trips
- ★ Conferences
- \star Retreat

If you have a foster child or know a foster child that is aging out of the foster care system, please do not hesitate to contact our program for more information.



Family Preservation Program MISSION STATEMENT

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Child Welfare Mission is "protecting a child's sense of belonging to family and tribe".

Family Preservation Services are voluntary, short term services provided to families needing assistance. This may be due to the lack of resources or to some form of family dysfunction, which if not addressed, could result in disrupting the family's stability.

The primary objectives of the program are crisis intervention, reunification, child abuse prevention, preservation, family based services and individual family counseling.