

# **OLDER YOUTH SERVICES**

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Older Youth Services (OYS) Case Managers use Motivational Interviewing and Trauma Informed Care practices with youth and their teams. The main goal is to prepare each youth for their most successful level of independent living upon discharge from services.

OYS works with youth ages 16-23 years old to establish and accomplish their own goals to reach interdependence. A broker of services model is used to connect youth with people and agencies within their communities to access an array of resources they may need to achieve their objectives. OYS services are available in DCS Regions 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

## **SERVICES**

- Independent living, career, and education assessments
- Individualized education and housing plans
- Youth centered learning plan with SMART Goals
- Skill building for updating and maintaining resumes and budgets
- Holiday party and graduation party
- Moving Forward conference
- Better Together support group of peers for youth engagement
- WeCovery SMART Recovery programming in some regions

### **REFERRAL TYPES**





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