

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

YOUTH, LEGISLATORS, AND ADVOCATES URGE BUDGET INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

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What: VIRTUAL press conference calling for investments in youth aging out of foster care

When: Thursday, March 7

Time: 11am

Where: On Zoom. [Pre-register here.](#)

Who:

- Senator Jabari Brisport
- Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi
- Santhana Pierre, Youth Advocate
- Amal Kharoufi, Youth Advocate
- Coalition of child welfare advocates

Background:

For youth aging out of foster care, robust support provides the opportunity to build an abundant life. This year's state budget must invest in those supports, including strengthening the **child welfare housing subsidy**, fully funding the **Foster Youth College Success Initiative**, and properly funding **mental health services**.

Funding needs:

- Child welfare housing subsidy: Cost of living adjustment; age limit raised to 24
- Foster Youth College Success Initiative: investment of \$10 million
- Mental health services rate increase: \$195 million

Policy One-Pagers and Data:

- [Housing subsidy one-pager](#)
- [Foster Youth College Success Initiative one-pager](#)

- [Mental Health one-pager](#)
- [Mental Health rate study](#)

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