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- A child may qualify for Adoption Assistance when the child has been determined to have special needs (age 8 or older at the time of adoption, a sibling set of 3 or more to be adopted into the same home or the adoptee has at least two siblings placed in the same adoptive home, has a diagnosed disability or a Medical/Mental Health Professional has determine the child to be at risk).
- The assistance paperwork must be completed before the date of adoption.
- Assistance may include monthly maintenance to support the child's daily needs, medical coverage, non-recurring expenses, and other assistance.
- When a child's needs increase requiring more support or interventions by the caregiver, an application can be made for an increase in financial support. Families may contact their assigned IMFC worker (Income Maintenance Foster Care is within the Division of Children & Family Services) for any questions.

Post (after) Adoption Resources

- **Families Forever, NCHS:** Post Adoption/Guardianship Support Provider: 844-463-0009 www.nchs.org. Offices across the State of Nebraska. Provide services in home, training, support groups, and assist in connecting you to resources. Services maybe a one-time request or families can participate in ongoing services. Statewide support for Nebraska's Adoptive and Guardianship Families, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Nebraska Foster & Adoptive Parent Association:** local organization that's mission is to empower, support and advocate for Nebraska families by promoting safety, permanency, and well-being of our children. 877-257-0176, www.nfapa.org
- **Nebraska Family Helpline:** trained counselors available 24/7 to help your family in crisis.: 1-888-866-8660

Supportive Services for Adoption, and Young Adults

Education & Training Voucher Program (ETV): Central Plains, 308-872-6176 www.central-plains.org
ETV Programs are available to youth who achieved permanency through adoption/guardianship after age 16. Program for youth ages 17-24, provides financial support for current and former state wards to attend the college of their choice. The ETV program provides students with financial assistance for tuition, fees, and books.

- **Connected Youth Initiative:** www.nebraskachildren.org
When the child was in foster care and are adopted, they have access to Connected Youth Initiative/Project Everlast (CYI). Youth can access CYI programs from ages 14-26. Programs include Central Navigation, Coaching, Financial Literacy, and Youth Leadership.
- **Foster Youth to Independence Housing Vouchers:** contact B2I Program Specialist
- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** PELL Grant Opportunities, when the youth was a ward of the court age 13 or after, capture this on FAFSA.
- **Education Quest:** information about any possible scholarships.