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This pandemic has been hard on everyone, especially young adults who are no longer receiving support and services from agencies such as Children and Youth Services. We want you to know that you may be eligible for extended resources and services to help you work on your personal goals through the pandemic. Congress passed a new law called the "Supporting Foster Youth and Families Through the Pandemic Act", which provides extended support for young people who left, or might be leaving, the child welfare system during the pandemic. This law allows us to provide you with aftercare services such as Room and Board assistance, as well as other services like Housing, Education, Employment, and Life Skills. Under this new Federal law:

- If you are turning age 21 and you need additional support, you can choose to remain in a child welfare placement until you are 22 years old, or until 9/30/2021, whichever comes first.
- If you are age 18-21 years and left the child welfare system after 4/1/2020, you may re-enter the child welfare system until you turn age 22, or until 9/30/2021, whichever comes first.
- You may be eligible to receive assistance with services such as: housing, food, school supplies and tuition, employment and other needs up until the age of 27 years. This help may be available even if you choose not to re-enter care.

If you are interested in learning more about the services and support that could be available to you, please contact Washington County CYS Supervisor, Ashley Blake at (724) 228-6884 or join us for a virtual webinar on Monday, May 3, 2021 or Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Please see the enclosed flyer for webinar details.

Sincerely,

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