



November 21, 2016

Dear B:E Clients,

You may have received a notice from Alameda County about certain benefits no longer being available to young adults' ages 21-24, effective December 31, 2016. Unfortunately, this includes book money and other educational expenses, baby stipends, move-in stipends, gas reimbursement, gift cards, and bus and BART passes. B:E has processed these benefits on behalf of the county for many years, and we understand how this shift might impact supporting you in multiple life domains.

We want to assure you that Beyond Emancipation still has resources and support to provide. The following resources are still available to youth age 21 and over.

- For youth in foster care on or after their 18th birthday, ***you are still eligible for up to two years of THP+ housing*** through B:E or one of the other housing providers in the state of California. This is available until you turn 24.
- If you were in foster care on or after your 16th birthday, you are still eligible for up to 18 months of FUP (Family Unification Program) Housing until your 23rd birthday through the Oakland Housing Authority and City of Alameda Housing Authority. You must be a current and active (minimum six months) B:E client to be referred for this program.
- For youth seeking support with school or work, you are still eligible to participate in one of our education or employment programs (b2b, ELEVATE, and GROW), or to make an appointment with a B:E staff member to work individually on your goals. Youth in our education and employment programs will still be provided with transportation support to get to school or work.
- For all youth enrolled in one of the Peralta District colleges (Laney, Merritt, College of Alameda, or Berkeley City College), you may be eligible for additional support through the CAFYES program. Support on each campus varies, but all colleges provide grants, transportation, and food vouchers. For more information, contact B:E's b2b Senior Coordinator, Shanina Shumate at 510-301-0786.
- You can continue to contact the **B:E Worker of the Day at (510) 406-2738** to get information and referrals to support you in meeting other immediate needs.

We are working with county staff and other community partners to explore whether or not we can replace the discontinued incentives with other resources. Please stay connected with us so that we can let you know if we are successful in doing so.

If you have further questions or if you want to access any of the above resources, please contact B:E staff at (510) 667-7694.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Durham'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Kate' and last name 'Durham' clearly distinguishable.

Kate Durham
Executive Director, Beyond Emancipation