

Better Futures has money to support YOUR GOALS FOR INDEPENDENCE



Better Futures has **funding** to enable young people leave the child protection system with the resources and supports to stand alone and make their own decisions

Leaving care can be scary – *our role is to help you make decisions and support you to establish a sense of home after care* such as:

QUESTIONS

What does independence mean to YOU?

What are your plans for the future?

Do you want support to be stronger in your culture?

How long has it been since you've reconnected with country?

What makes your house a home ?

What could improve your wellbeing?

Do you want to study at TAFE or Uni?

Is there a job you like?

Are there opportunities to move in with friends?

Are you eligible for Centrelink payments?

Examples of what the money (called **Flexible Funding**) can be used for:

Community & cultural connections

Return to Country trip
Attend a NAIDOC event
Join a local community group or club

Housing & living skills

Furniture, whitegoods, kitchenware
Help with your budget
Learning to cook

Health & wellbeing

Parenting support
Joining a gym
Mental health support

Education

Help with school
Driving lessons and getting your license

Employment

A training course
Support to write a resume
Clothes for job interviews and work

Use this link to find Better Futures providers

<https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/better-futures-providers-delivering-case-work-support>



Ask Izzy can help you find a variety of support services near you.

askizzy.org.au

IMPORTANT

Ask your care team what other referrals, advocacy and funding supports you might be eligible for.

Do any of these have ongoing costs?

Talk to your Better Futures support worker about a plan for when your funding finishes.

Will you still be able to afford it?