

**9560.0470 STATE GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE UP TO AGE 21.**

The local agency in the child's county of residence shall provide a child who has reached the age of 16 years with social services and access to financial assistance to help the child develop independent living skills. An individual who is under state guardianship at age 18 continues to be eligible for social services and access to financial assistance up to age 21 if the individual is incapable of self-sustaining employment or is in need of continuing education or training beyond high school.

For the purposes of this part, social services include counseling, training in independent living skills, and access to community resources.

Six months before a child under state guardianship reaches age 18, the local agency in the child's county of residence shall inform the child, in writing, of the child's right to request the continuation of social services and access to financial assistance beyond age 18.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 256.01; 256.91; 256E.05; 257.175; 259.24; 260.111; 260.241; 260.242; 260.40; 260C.101; 260C.317; 260C.325; 260C.451; 393.07*

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