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## FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM FUP

The Family Unification Program (FUP) is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) are provided to two different populations:

- 1. Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in:
  - a. The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, or
  - b. The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from outof-home care. There is no time limitation on FUP family vouchers.
- 2. Youth at least 18 years old and not more than 21 years old who left foster care at age 16 or older and who lack adequate housing. FUP vouchers used by youth are limited, by statute to 18 months of housing assistance.

PHAs administer the FUP in partnership with Child Protective Services (CPS) who are responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the PHA for determination of eligibility for rental assistance. Once CPS makes the referral the PHA determines whether the family or youth meets HCV program eligibility requirements, and conducts all other processes relating to voucher issuance and administration.

