

Milestone Celebration!

Keys to Independence (K2I), recently reached an impressive milestone: awarding its 1,000th driver's license to a youth in foster care.



“Being a teenager is difficult enough, without being in foster care where nothing feels normal,” said Darlene Rogers, a licensed caregiver whose twin foster daughters received licenses and car insurance through K2I. “Because of this program, my girls can experience the independence and freedom that ‘normal’ kids have. I cannot overstate how much this positively impacts their lives.”

Added Glen Casel, President and CEO of Embrace Families: “Learning to drive is more than a rite of passage – it’s a major part of the transition to adulthood. Our goal has always been to eliminate barriers that have historically held back youth in foster care. Being able to drive to school and work sets our young people up for success in all stages of life.”

Before K2I was introduced at the state level in 2014, fewer than 20 foster youth had a Florida driver's license or learner's permit. ***Since that time, more than 1,000 licenses and 1,880 learner's permits have been obtained through this program by teens in Florida's foster care system.***

If you know a youth who is itching to get their driver's license, send them our way. We would love to help! Apply at keystoindependencefl.com. *As an extra benefit, teens between the ages of 15-17 will qualify to receive a \$100 incentive for signing up. This is for a limited time, so please reach out soon.*



Wheels Wanted!

To our lead agency partners, community partners, caregivers, and youth:

Do you have a car (in good working condition) to donate? Or can you connect us with a local program in your area that may be willing to work with us to help get more of our youth their own set of wheels?

If you have ideas or suggestions, please [click here](#) to answer a few questions that may help more of our kids find their keys to independence.

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