

Department of Children and Youth Memo 25-062

TO: DCY Partners

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SUBJECT: Independent Living Regional Meetings

Background

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY), Independent Living & Transition Age Youth (IL TAY) team annually meets with public children services agencies (PCSAs) in five, in-person regional meetings in locations throughout the state. These meetings aim to share updates on independent living-related programs and services for transition-age youth in foster care, age 14 and older. The meetings also provide opportunities for PCSAs working with transition age youth to get questions answered and collaborate with others providing independent living services in their regions.

Purpose

The Fall of 2025 regional meetings are set to kick off in September. During the meetings, the IL TAY team will provide updates and technical assistance around important independent living requirements including the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Survey and independent living funding. We have also invited the following program partners; Ohio Education and Training Voucher, Bridges, and the Youth Navigator Network to provide updates on valuable resources for current and former foster youth. The IL TAY team will provide an overview of the findings of the landscape of Ohio's independent living practice. DCY's Technical Assistant Specialists (TAS) will also attend and support the PCSAs in identifying ways to strengthen independent living practices in their counties. Additionally, the IL TAY team facilitate discussions on how to streamline Young Adult Services (YAS) to eligible young adults and identify potential benefits and challenges.

Regional Meetings will take place from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm at the locations listed below. Click [here](#) to register.

Date	Region	Location
9/16/25	Northeast	Solon Branch Library- 34125 Portz Parkway Solon, OH 44139
10/7/25	Southeast	Southeast Ohio Regional Training Center - 2097 E State Street # C Athens , OH 45701
10/21/25	Southwest	Madison Lakes Learning & Conference Center - 581 Olive Road Dayton , OH 45417
10/28/25	Central	Columbus Library-Southeast Branch- 3980 S Hamilton Road Groveport , OH 43125
11/4/25	Northwest	Wood County DJFS- 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green , OH 43402

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