



Department of Children and Youth Memo 26-059

TO: DCY Partners

FROM: Katina Bays, Deputy Director Outreach and Engagement

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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 will be holding five in-person regional meetings with Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs) throughout the state in October and November 2026. These meetings aim to 1.) share updates on independent living related programs and services for youth in foster care, age 14 and older, 2.) provide opportunity for PCSAs working with older youth in foster care to have their questions answered and collaborate with others providing independent living services in their regions.

Purpose

The regional meetings will include group activities and networking opportunities related to Chafee funding and Independent Living Services, as well as program presentations from OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), Bridges, and the Ohio Education and Training Voucher (Ohio ETV) program.

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
10/6/26	Central	OCCRRA 2469 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH 43219
10/20/26	Northwest	Wood County DJFS 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402
10/27/26	Southwest	Montgomery County Employment Opportunity Center



		4303 W. Third St, Dayton, OH 45417
11/10/26	Northeast	Solon Branch Library 34125 Portz Parkway, Solon, OH 44139
11/17/26	Southeast	Southeast Ohio Regional Training Center (SEORTC) 2097 E. State St #C, Athens, OH 45701

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