

**DCY GUIDANCE LETTER 24-016**  
**DIVISION OF POLICY**

**TO:** Directors and Administrators, Public Children Services Agencies  
Directors and Administrators, Private Child Placing Agencies  
Directors and Administrators, Private Non-custodial Agencies

**FROM:** Gina Speaks-Eshler, Division Director of Policy

**DATE:** May 28, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Ohio State Fair Tickets

**Purpose**

The Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is excited to announce that Governor DeWine's office is providing 10,000 Ohio State Fair tickets to resource caregivers and the youth in their home, adoptive families, youth in congregate care facilities, and our young adults enrolled in Bridges and their children! Resource caregivers include any licensed foster parents or approved kinship caregivers.

Families and agencies can complete this short online form: [2024 Ohio State Fair Ticket Request](#) to request tickets to the fair. The online form will ***remain open until 11:59 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024***, or until we run out of tickets.

Please note the Ohio State Fair starts on July 24 and ends on August 4 this year. General parking is free to fairgoers in the main lots north of the Cardinal Gate. More information on the fair can be found at: [ohiostatefair.com](#).

**Resource and Adoptive Family Information**

The department would like to partner with all public and private agencies to get the word out to resource and adoptive families and to share the request link with them. Tickets are available first come, first served. Families requesting tickets should only request tickets for individuals in their household. Tickets are limited to eight per family, though the system will allow the caregiver to indicate if they need additional tickets based on individual circumstances.

Please remind families that children 5 years old and younger do **NOT** require a ticket to enter the fair so those children should not be included in their request.

While our department will be monitoring the system, it might be possible that over 10,000 tickets could be requested in the system before we are able to close the request form. Please let families know that completing the form is not a guarantee they will receive tickets.

Tickets will be mailed to agencies the week of June 17, 2024. Each agency will receive the total number of tickets requested by your families along with an Excel list of your families and the number of tickets per family. Each agency can decide how to distribute the tickets to their families. If changes to placements or other changes occur that results in an agency having extra tickets, please just ensure they get distributed to any family or youth your agency is working with that would enjoy a day at the fair.

#### **Congregate Care Facilities Information**

The request link allows facilities to request tickets for youth as well as staff needed to supervise the youth attending the fair. We are asking that all facilities make one request for tickets regardless of how many locations the facility has in operation. Any duplicate requests will be deleted. As tickets are limited, a request for tickets does not guarantee a facility will receive tickets. Tickets will be mailed to facilities the week of June 17, 2024.

#### **Bridges Information**

The Bridges staff at DCY will work with the Bridges vendor and agencies to secure tickets for youth in Bridges and their children.

We hope families and agencies take advantage of this great opportunity!

#### **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen McGormley at [Karen.McGormley@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Karen.McGormley@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).