

OFFICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Families and Children Letter FCL #137

TO: Directors and Administrators, Public and Private Agencies

FROM: Jeffery Van Deusen, Deputy Director
Office of Families and Children

DATE: October 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Independent Living Regional Meetings

Background

The Office of Families and Children (OFC) Transition Age Youth Team will be holding regional meetings consisting of five (5) in person sessions and one (1) virtual. OFC, along with some partnering agencies, will share information and updates regarding youth in foster care ages fourteen (14) to twenty-one (21). These meetings will include discussion on independent living services, procedures, and current practice application.

Purpose

Regional Meetings will allow staff of children serving agencies to network and learn about the most up-to-date best practices related to the Independent Living and the Transition Aged Youth population. Regional meeting topics will include requirements for independent living services, utilizing independent living funding, and post emancipation services. Additionally, several partners including Bridges, Youth Navigator Network and Foster Success Education Services will be on hand to provide resource and program updates.

Please see the attached agenda for additional details.

Regional Meeting Locations and Dates

Central: November 2, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm
4071 E. Main St, Columbus, Ohio 43213

Northeast: November 7, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm
Mayfield Branch Library 500 SOM Ctr Rd, Mayfield, Ohio 44143

Southwest: November 16, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm
Haines Children's Center 3304 N. Main St, Dayton, Ohio 45405

Northwest: November 29, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm
1938 E. Gypsy Lane Rd, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Southeast: November 30, 2023, from 9:30am-3:30pm
SEORTC #C, 2097 E. State St, Athens, OH 45701

Virtual: December 6, 2023, from 9:00am-12:00pm

[Click Here](#) to register any of the Regional Meetings. Please complete the registration form by October 27, 2023.

Contact

For further information or questions, please contact the Transition Age Youth Team at transitional-youth-programs@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.



**Regional Independent Living Meeting
Fall 2023**

9:30 am Welcome:

- Introduction of TAY team representatives
- Introductions of attendees- Any county updates or good news
- Overview of agenda

10:00 am Transition Age Youth Team Presentation:

- Independent Living Funding and the Ohio Independent Living Reporting Tool
- Credit Reporting Requirements
- National Youth in Transition Database
- Independent Living Rule Review Normalcy Discussion

12:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm Ohio's Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

1:30 pm Youth Navigator Program Presentation

2:00 pm Youth Voice Discussion

2:30 pm Small Group Activity:

- Final transition planning

3:15 pm Bridges Updates

3:45 – Closing:

- Feedback from attendees on future topics