

HOUSING EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT WELL-BEING

# MAKING CONNECTIONS. BUILDING FUTURES.



#### Bridging our youth to the next chapter.

Now that you've left the foster care system, finding your place in the world isn't easy. But you don't have to do it alone. Let Bridges provide the support and guidance you need or simply help strengthen your current place in the world.

#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Whether it means an apartment, low-income housing, or a college dorm room, we'll help you find someplace safe and affordable.

**EDUCATION** 

We can help you navigate your educational path, from high school, GED testing, vocational school, to four-year college.

#### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

From creating a resume to preparing for interviews to job training programs, we can help open up new employment opportunities.



Nothing is more important than your physical and mental health. And we can help - with finding doctors and insurance plans.



### YOU MAY BE OUT OF FOSTER CARE. BUT YOU'RE FAR FROM ALONE.

A Bridges representative will work with you - connecting you to the people and resources you need to make a successful transition into adult life.



# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for Bridges, you must have left the foster care system after turning 18 and be under the age of 21. You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential.
- Be enrolled in college or other post-secondary school.
- Be participating in a program or activity designed to remove barriers to employment.
- Be employed at least 80 hours a month.
- Or be incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a physical or mental health condition.



## **HOW TO APPLY**

If you've aged out of foster care:

If you left foster care after turning 18 and are under the age of 21, please connect with a Bridges representative using the interest form on our website. A representative will contact you within two business days.

Find your place at **bridgestosuccess.jfs.ohio.gov**.



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