



**Department of  
Children & Youth**



## **Bridges**

Are you aging out of Foster Care in Ohio? Do you know a young adult aging out of foster care?

Bridges is a voluntary program available to young adults who leave foster care in Ohio at ages 18, 19 or 20 and who meet other eligibility requirements.

[childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](http://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov)

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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Bridges participants must meet at least ONE of the following criteria:

- Completing high school or a GED program
- Be enrolled in college or vocational school
- Participating in a program or activity to remove barriers to employment
- Employed at least 80 hours a month
- Unable to do any of the above because of a physical or mental health condition

## **BRIDGES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

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- Help finding housing
- Financial assistance
- Connecting to community resources
- Life skills instruction
- Help finding employment
- Help furthering education

## **HOW CAN ADULT SUPPORTERS HELP?**

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- Become a host home
- Become part of your young adult's support system
- Maintain an encouraging and supportive role
- Spread the word about the program

## **REFERRAL PROCESS**

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Questions about the program can be submitted by emailing [Bridges@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Bridges@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov) or calling (614) 234-5437.

A Bridges referral can be submitted through the website. For access, scan the QR code.



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