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UPCOMING FEATURED NCORTC TRAINING

The Education Rights of Children in Foster Care in Ohio

August 5, 2025 6pm to 8pm Virtual

(Register in CAPS LMS: https://jfs-ohio.csod.com)
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Details

Resource Readiness - EDUCATION ADVOCACY
Since 2016, children in foster care nationally have had very specific educational rights that were enacted with the passing of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), however, there are still many school and child welfare systems that do not understand these rights and therefore do not implement or enforce them as they should. It is important for every foster parent to know the rights protected under ESSA as well as other laws so that the students in their care have the best chance of succeeding in school and graduating ready to attend college or pursue a career.

Objectives

- Learner will identify the factors that lead to negative & positive educational outcomes for students in foster care
- Learner will evaluate if the students in their care are receiving all the benefits of ESSA and if not, determine a plan to address the rights not being protected
- Learner will discuss the options available to their students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), especially as related to discipline of trauma-related behaviors
- Learner will recognize the different options available to students transitioning to college and/or career under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)



All City BACKTO BACKTO SCHOOL Festival

Saturday, August 9, 2025 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Cleveland Public Auditorium

500 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114

Start the school year off on the right foot! Join us to receive free school supplies for students, education resources, free haircuts, school physicals and fun for the whole family.

While supplies last! Open to all Cleveland families.

FREE Parking at Willard Garage!















Generously supported by Cuyahoga County, Family & Children First Council, and the Cleveland Foundation.

Need help finding an out-of-school time program?

We're your Starting Point.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME REFERRAL

Available in Cuyahoga County for Youth ages 5 to 18.

Starting Point's Out-of-School Time and Afterschool program finder makes it easy to find free or low-cost programs your kids will love—right here in Cuyahoga County!

From homework help to dance, coding, sports, and more, explore safe, fun options for all ages.

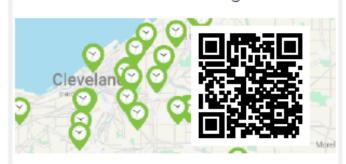
Start your search today and help your child learn, grow, and thrive!

Need a custom referral for your youth? Contact our Family Resource Navigator, today!

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Use our FREE web search to find a program near you!

www.afterschoolfinder.org



Contact a Family Resource Navigator to learn more: 216.575.0061

Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5 pm.





Need help connecting to local resources for your child or family?



We're your Starting Point.

RESOURCE GUIDE

Available in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga counties.

Whether you're looking for child care, parenting support, health services, education programs, or community-based resources, Starting Point makes it easy to find the help you need—right when you need it.
Our Community Resource Guide connects families and professionals to a wide range of trusted services in Northeast Ohio.

Why Use the Guide?



Easy to search — Filter by location or service type



Up-to-date — Regularly updated to ensure accurate information.



Trusted — Every resource is vetted and aligned with community needs.

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For special assistance, contact a Parent and Youth Ambassador.

Cuyahoga County Residents: Contact Tish Gomez at (216) 293-4947.

Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula County Residents: Contact Kim Rosa at (440) 299-3543.

Scan here to find the full resource guide.





Free Programs and Services for Adoptive, Foster, and Kinship Families

Kinship Families: guardians that are any non-parent relative, like a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or even non-relative, like a neighbor or family friend.

Family Resilience Fund

- Assistance to adoptive parents, foster parents, kinship caregivers, and parents who themselves were formerly in foster care to meet short-term needs.
 - Short-term rent/mortgage assistance
 - Utility (electric, gas, water, sewer)
 - Food assistance
 - Work-related clothing/transportation
 - Licensed child-care for work purposes
 - Other short-term assistance

Shop with the Goods Bank

Through the Goods Bank, families can receive new tangible basic needs items such as beds and other basic furniture, baby supplies, toiletries, and other household necessities. Items are secured by Adoption Network Cleveland at significantly reduced cost through membership to the Goods Bank.

Adoption Network Cleveland has funds to pay for qualified families. Contact us or visit www.goodsbankneo.org to learn more.

Support Groups

Family Ties Monthly Gathering/Teen Tea:

2nd Thursdays 6:00-7:30 pm. Shared meal, parent support group, activities for children, fun, and community.

NAMI Family Support Group:

3rd Mondays 6:30-8 pm. Peer-led and intended for families and loved ones of children who are experiencing behavioral or mental health symptoms.

Transracial Adoptive Parent Support Group:

Parents who have adopted children outside of their own race; a supportive space where parents can hear from leaders with lived expertise and come together to share their experiences, challenges, and successes in raising transracially adopted persons.

Helpline

If you have an adoption or foster care-related question, or are in need of support but don't know where to turn, our Helpline is here to talk to you.

The Helpline is designed to provide you with support and information in an informal yet professional manner. The Helpline also offers an informed, empathetic, non-judgmental ear eager to address your questions and concerns. Responding to thousands of calls each year, the Helpline provides a source of support and a way to empower you to take the appropriate actions to achieve your goals. For help, call (216) 325-1000.

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For more information, visit adoptionnetwork.org

