Child and Family Advocates of **Cuyahoga County** 12200 Fairhill Rd Ste E193 Cleveland, OH 44120 Phone: (216) 325-7747

A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE



CHECK LIST	
Emergency contact information	Current medical history form/ Meds lis
Power of attorney form	
Health insurance card	☐ Birth certificate
\bigcup Bus pass (or other plan for transportation)	☐ Social Security card
Contact information for doctor, dentist, and counselor	High school diploma or GED certificate
	Government-issued photo ID

VICTIMS COMPENSATION

If you or your family members are innocent victims of a violent crime, financial assistance may be available. The Ohio Attorney General's Office pay for a wide range of expenses such as medical counseling bills, work loss, and funeral expenses. The Ohio Attorney General's Office generally can't pay for property expenses. Please visit: https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individualsand-Families/Victims/Apply-for-Victims-Compensation for more information on how to file a new claim or manage an existing claim.

Who may be eligible to receive a payment:

• Dependents of homicide victims. • Victims injured as result of violent crime. • Claimants responsible for crime victims' expenses, such as parents or guardians.



MENTAL HEALTH

Care Alliance Health Center -Central Neighborhood Clinic 2916 Central Ave Cleveland, OH 44115 Phone: (216) 535-9100 Services: Medical care, dental, behavioral, etc.

Alcohol, Drug, Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County 2012 W. 25th Street, 6th Floor Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 241-3400 (https://www.adamhscc.org/resources/finding-

help)

Prevention, **Information and Referral** Hotline 216-623-6888 **National Suicide Prevention Hotline** 1-800-273-8255 **Crisis Text Line** Text Hello to 741741 The Trevor Project (LGBTQIA) 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678

Cuyahoga County Suicide



For Scholarships and College Assistance: **College Now Greater Cleveland** https://www.collegenowgc.org/ 216.241.5587

MERRICK HOUSE 1050 Starkweather Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44113 216.771.5077

Services: Basic math, reading, writing skills Adult secondary education/High School Equivalency test preparation Transition skills, life skills, employability skills Computer literacy

> **SEEDS OF LITERACY** 3104 W. 25th Street, 3rd Floor Cleveland, OH 44109 P: 216.661.7950 F: 216.661.7952

Services: Free Online Adult Education Classes: GED®/High School Equivalency Classes, English for Speakers of Other Languages, U.S. Citizenship Test & Reading Classes.

POLARIS CAREER CENTER 7285 Old Oak Blvd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 440.891.7600 Services: Continuing Education

We offer a variety of courses from Accounting to Construction to Graphic Design and more.

> **CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER** 8001 Brecksville Rd Brecksville, OH 44141 (440) 526-5200

Services: Free Adult Classes at CVCC Improve Math, Reading and Writing Skills, Classes for High School Graduates, **GED®** Test Preparation

LIVING **ASSISTANCE**

Greater Cleveland Food Bank 15500 South Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, OH 44110 216.738.2265

Services: Food Bank, apply for SNAP program Hours of Operation 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M-F

Benefits.Ohio.Gov

Apply for Medicaid, Food & Cash Assistance, Energy Assistance.

Step Forward (Formally known as Council for **Economic Opportunities** 1801 Superior Avenue

Suite 400 Cleveland, OH 44114 (216) 696-9077

Services: Receive assistance with rent, mortgage, or utilities

Twice Blessed Free Store Located in: Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland 6515 Bridge Ave Cleveland, OH 44102 Phone: (216) 386-1168

Services: Provides clothing, household items, and toiletries. Shopping is limited to once a month. https://www.rrumc.org/twiceblessed

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

The Halle Building

Resource Center, Internship programs



JOB TRAINING

OHIO MEANS JOBS

Website: ohiomeansjobs.com **Services:** Resume builder, Interview Practice Center, Employment Programs, Job search, Career planning tools, Online training, Job Skills training, Apprenticeships

1228 Euclid Avenue, STE 200 Cleveland, Ohio 44115 Phone: 216.566.5981 Email: youinfo@youthopportunities.org Services: Young Adults Employment programs, Credential Training Programs, Young Adult



HOUSING

FILL THIS HOUSE

Phone: 216.633.2448 Email: laura.geuther@gmail.com

Services: Housing services, Independent living programs **INDEPENDENCE PLACE (YWCA)**

Phone: 216.574.7100

Services: Permanent supportive housing for young adults. It serves homeless individuals in Cuyahoga County, ages 18-24 at the time of application.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA 2710 Walton Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Phone: 216.621.0120

Services: Temporary housing for young men, supportive services including case management and referrals to community resources YWCA OF GREATER CLEVELAND

4019 Prospect Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Phone: 216.881.6878

Email: info@ywcaofcleveland.org Services: A Place 4 Me- an initiative that prevents homelessness for youth and those aging out

FRONTLINE SERVICE 1744 Payne Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Phone: 216.623.6555

Services: Housing assistance and supportive services, emergency housing, permanent supportive housing, case management and

mental health services

OTHER RESOURCES

ANOTHER CHANCE OF OHIO 2974 E. 65th Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44127

Phone: 216.341.8733

Services: Furniture distribution, Toy giveaway program, referral assistance, Family Empowerment Workshops, Adopt-a-Family Program, Youth Construction **Training**

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Phone: 1.888.817.3777

Apply Online: lascleve.org Services: Civil legal services in permanent custody, planned permanent living arrangement, and recently aged out of foster care

UNITED WAY 211 Chat on 211oh.org or Dial 2-1-1

Services: Free and confidential 24hour access to a compassionate professional who will review your options for help, develop a plan and act as your advocate if you are faced with barriers to service

PATHWAY CARING FOR CHILDREN

Phone: 1.800.838.7284

Services: Individual and group-work with those ages 14-21 to develop goals like meal prep, paying bills, job interviewing, college applications, home maintenance, and more!

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

6705 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Phone: 216.651.5428

Services: Health and Wellness programs, Queer Youth programs, Community groups, Trans Wellness, Training programs

BRIDGES PROGRAM

Phone: 614.656.6328

Email: ne.region@cfhcohio.org

Services: Supportive services for housing, education, employment, and well-being. You may be eligible for Bridges if you are not yet 21 and if you left the Ohio foster care system at age 18, 19 or 20.