

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION
COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: _____

CASE NO. _____

(Young Adult's Name)

**WAIVER OF ATTENDANCE
AT BRIDGES HEARING**

Please take notice that:

- You are a party to this case and should, if at all possible, plan to attend the hearing. It is your responsibility as a participant in the Bridges Program to attend the hearing, unless work or school prevents you from doing so.
- If you are unable to attend the hearing in person, you may attend electronically via telephone, Skype or other similar means.
- By attending the hearing, you will have the opportunity to talk to the Judge/Magistrate.
- During court, you will be given the opportunity to tell the Judge/Magistrate about yourself. You may tell the Magistrate where you are living and your plan for independence. You may tell the Magistrate about other things that are important in your life, such as visiting with family, school and counseling.
- The Judge/Magistrate will decide if the Bridges Program is meeting its responsibilities that are described in the Voluntary Participation Agreement (VPA).
- By signing the statement below, you are indicating that you do not wish to attend the court hearing. However, even if you sign below, you are allowed to change your mind and go to court.
- Please check one of the boxes below to indicate whether you WILL or WILL NOT be requesting an attorney to be appointed to represent you. If you do not request an attorney, you will be representing yourself. Sign your name on the line at the bottom of this page and give this paper to your attorney or Bridges caseworker. Even if you do not request an attorney be appointed now, you may request one to represent you at any time you are a participant in the Bridges program.
- If you are unable to attend due to work or school, you are required to fill out the attached information sheet in order to let the court know how you are doing.

YOUNG ADULT

My name is _____. I have read, or have had someone read to me, the above statement about my responsibility to attend my court hearings. I understand that at least once a year, the Judge/Magistrate will decide if the Bridges Program is providing me with the services agreed to in my VPA Bridges Plan. I understand that if I am unable to attend the court hearing, then I must fill out an information sheet to be sent to the Court. I also understand that even if I decide not to attend court, I can change my mind and decide that I want to go to court.

☐ I will not attend court

☐ I will attend court

☐ I am waiving my right to counsel

☐ I am requesting appointed counsel

Signature

Date

FOR THE BRIDGES WORKER ONLY:

As the young adult's worker, I have spoken with the young adult in the last 60 days about the opportunity to attend court and talk to the Judge. Within one week before the hearing, I will verify with the young adult that the decision to attend the court hearing has not changed.

Bridges Worker Signature: _____

Bridges Worker Printed Name: _____

Date: _____