



It's never too early to start thinking about tomorrow.

Getting out into the world doesn't mean doing it alone. Let us help guide you through the first steps out of foster care by connecting you to resources for Housing, Education Assistance, Employment, and Well-Being.

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.

WELL-BEING SERVICES

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



LET'S START PLANNING YOUR NEXT STEPS TOGETHER.

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're transitioning from foster care:

Talk with your children services caseworker about your interest in Bridges. He or she will contact a Bridges representative three months before you leave foster care to coordinate services.

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



