

# FIND YOUR PLACE

HOUSING  
EDUCATION  
EMPLOYMENT  
WELL-BEING

## GUIDING YOU TOWARD YOUR EMPLOYMENT **GOALS.**

### **Making Connections. Building Futures.**



Bridges is designed to provide you with the support and skills needed to find and maintain employment and to succeed at your job. Your Bridges representative can help you create a resume, prepare for an interview and can connect you with job readiness or training programs that could open new employment opportunities that meet your interests and career goals.

### **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**



Your Bridges representative is here to help you find and maintain a full or part-time job that's right for you. They can assist with:

- Writing a Professional Resume
- Interview Preparation
- Handling Workplace Conflicts
- Advancement Opportunities

Your Bridges representative can also help you register for a free account at [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://www.ohiojobs.com) where you can search jobs by key word, location, education level and desired salary. They can also guide you through the WorkKeys® practice tests, used to measure real-world skills. Some employers search for candidates who are WorkKeys® certified as part of their hiring process.



## HELPING YOU FIND A JOB TO MEET YOUR FINANCIAL NEEDS.

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.

### **If you've aged out of foster care:**

If you left foster care after turning 18 and are under the age of 21, please connect with a Bridges representative using the interest form on our website. A representative will contact you within two business days.

Find your place at [bridgestosuccess.jfs.ohio.gov](http://bridgestosuccess.jfs.ohio.gov).