



## **OHIO YAB Mission**

We exist to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care.

# The Value of CCMEP

Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program (CCMEP) provides extensive case management services to **low-income youth between ages 16 to 24.**

## Services include:

- Career Coaching
- Occupational Skills Training
- Paid Work Experience
- Milestone Incentives
- GED Services

## Connecting Current and Former Foster Youth With This Resource

### Opportunities include:

- **2026 Leadership and Life Skills Summit:** Having a Resource Table, and two hands-on workshops
- **Awareness:** Making sure youth, caseworkers, Bridges workers, foster parents and kinship caregivers know this resource exists.
- **Access:** Addressing barriers to access and resource navigation.

## Barriers to Address

- **Forms:** Complicated forms that must be downloaded and filled out. [This is an example.](#)
- **Navigation:** There is an [online web form](#), which is available on the ODJFS website, but youth and adults don't know to look there.
- **Location:** There are lists of [CCMEP contacts](#) and [CCMEP provider agencies](#), but you have to know that they exist, and it can be a struggle to locate them. The list of agencies doesn't make it clear where they are located. There doesn't appear to be a map that shows where CCMEP services in each county are located.

## What If It Looked Like This?

- DCY's website makes it easy to [Find an Agency for Adoption, Foster Care, and Residential Services](#)
- This map is a searchable directory of DCY-certified public and private agencies providing foster, adoption, and/or residential services.
- You can search by county and zip code, filter by facility type and agency name, and click on the map pin or name of the provider to learn more about each agency.
- **Could the same thing be done for CCMEP?**

# Six Child Wellness Campuses in Ohio

## Child Wellness Campuses

Ohio Expands Child Wellness Campuses to Keep Children Closer to Home

-  **Unison Behavioral Health Group**  
*Northwest Ohio (Toledo)*
-  **Talbert House Inc.**  
*Hamilton County (Cincinnati)*
-  **Safe Opportunity Foster Alliance**  
*Southeast Ohio (Gallipolis)*
-  **Cleveland Christian Home Inc.**  
*Cuyahoga County (Cleveland)*
-  **Champions Bridge**  
*Franklin County (Columbus)*
-  **Buckeye Ranch Inc.**  
*Central Ohio (Grove City)*



 Franklin County is served by Champions Bridge and Buckeye Ranch Inc.



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

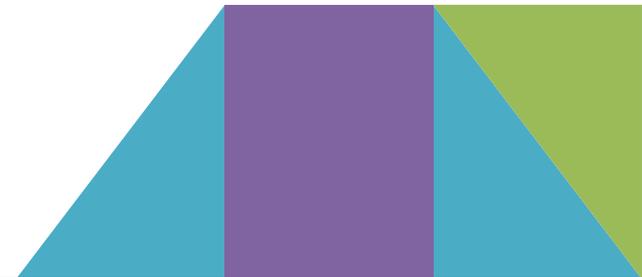


**Department of  
Children & Youth**

# Neveah's Vision: A Center for Prosperity

When I was leaving a kinship home, I was given the choice for the first time to choose my foster placement. I chose the one that promised to teach me and prepare me for independent living. She had a classroom in her basement and promised to teach me everything I needed to know.

Like many other teens, I gave up the idea of finding a family and I wasn't looking for a home. I was looking for a way to conquer life alone. She had been a foster parent for years and for all the wrong reasons. She taught me nothing. This ended up being one of the hardest times in my life. In this dark time, the vision for this program was illuminated.

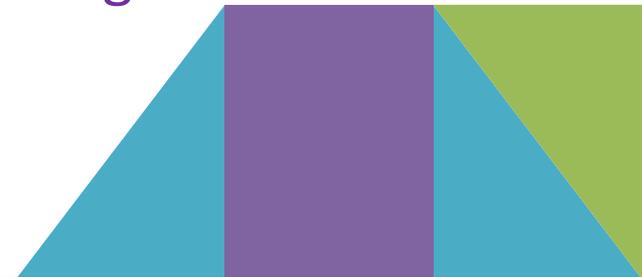


# Neveah's Insights: Creating a Better Option

Due to the lack of proper screening and wellness checks within the foster care system, youth are way too often placed in unhealthy and dangerous foster homes and group homes.

The Center for Prosperity is dedicated to our vision to embody and maintain a family oriented environment that focuses on uplifting and supporting youth and young adults as they become more independent by the day.

The structure of our program has a similar outline to group homes with shared living facilities for youth aged 14-24  
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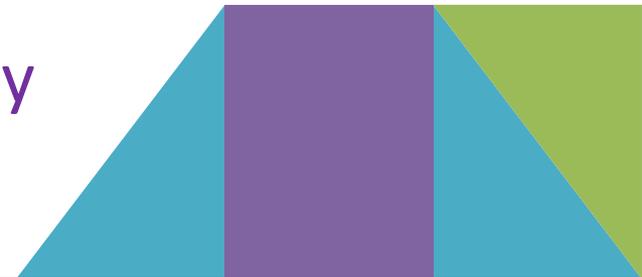


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The living spaces will be organized by age and gender with consideration of nonbinary and the LGBTQ community, to create a safe and comfortable space for everyone.

Each living area will have a live in HCP (home centered professional) who is trained to be a support system and parental unit to the youth, while also honoring the youth's independence and growth.

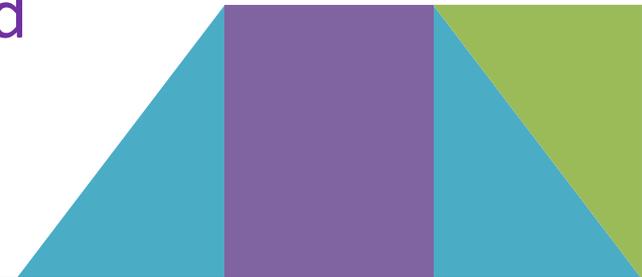
They would be the life line of our program. They would complete daily checks and keep the youth safe.



## Neveah's Focus: Preparing Youth for Adulthood

I feel there is a desperate need for better resources to support youth impacted by foster care to better prepare them for success and peace in life. When you are a foster kid, you get used to being seen as paperwork and you feel less and less human. You feel disposable and rejected especially when you constantly move placements.

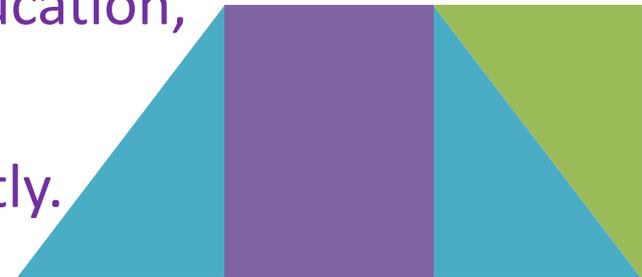
I want to create a program that not only allows youth to feel seen but that uplifts their voice and inner expression and positions them for prosperity



# Improving Outcomes

It is far too common for foster youth to be kicked of their foster placement or adopted home at 18 years old. They are seen as an adult yet they haven't even had the chance to really be a kid. Now they are legal but have no idea how to live and can only do their best to survive without support. Many have no other option than to sleep on the streets and fight for their next meal, often getting involved with law enforcement. When I was in foster care I was told by the time I was 18 I would be on the street, on drugs, in jail and dead .... Not exaggerating.

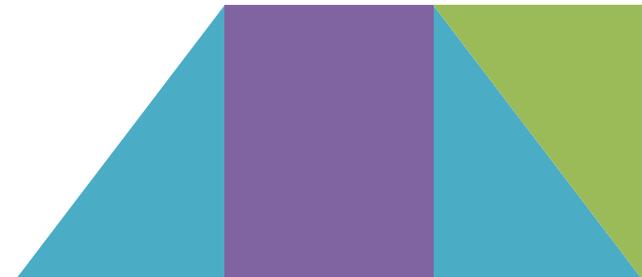
This program would protect youth from homelessness by taking preventative measures through education, community, financial and housing assistance through grants, or their own apartment and case worker to help them thrive independently.



## Neveah's Recommendations for 14 years old and up

Classes for independent living would begin at age 14 years old, but all ages would have access to attend classes with their peers, based on their ages and developmental needs.

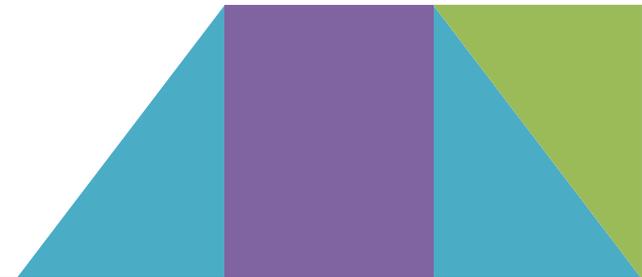
These classes would be designed to teach youth how to be responsible and feel in control of their life, build confidence in the skills they need to be successful, and build community with their peers.



## Neveah's Recommendations at age 18

Beginning at at 18 years old, youth would be able to transition into their own apartment that is paid for by the program. 18-year-olds would be assigned a youth case worker to help them work toward complete independence.

As long as the youth is following their plan, their bills would be paid for and they would receive monthly grocery and personal care stipends.

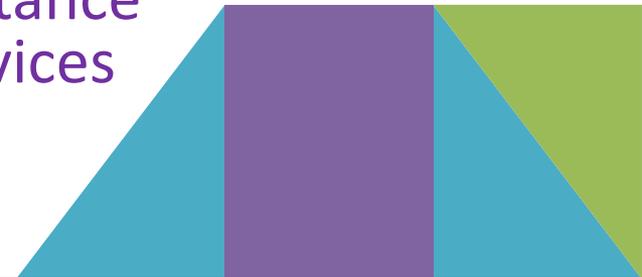


## Program Eligibility

Even if a young adult was adopted previously but no longer has a support system, they would be eligible.

Unfortunately, there are many programs that do not cover the need for youth impacted by foster care who were adopted and lost their entire support system at 18. My brother is one of the 18-years-olds. No matter what I researched I could not find resources for him because he was already adopted... but he was neglected and kicked out as soon as he turned 18.

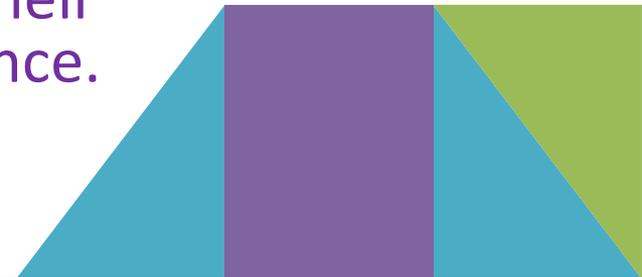
Unlike other programs we provide assistance and access to all of our young adult services for youth who have been adopted.



# Designing a Back-up Housing Resource

**The Vision:** I want to create a program that houses youth in a shared living and family centered environment. This would be for youth 14-17 and for any youth in dire need of housing would be able to stay for a period of time based on individual case by case. A safe space with their own room available to them almost like dorms in college. While they are there they create plans and organize goals with their case manager.

The idea is that youth that are too young 14-17 to be on their own, can stay in this program until they are able to be on their own. So many teens suffer in foster homes and I want to create a better alternative that supports their growth and prepares them for independence.



# Scheduling a Future Introductory Meeting

- With Tia Marcel Moretti, Director of the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health
- Safety concerns regarding Fox Run.



CONGRATULATIONS

**TIA MARCEL  
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