



## 2026 Leadership and Life Skills Summit For Current and Former Foster Youth (ages 14-24)

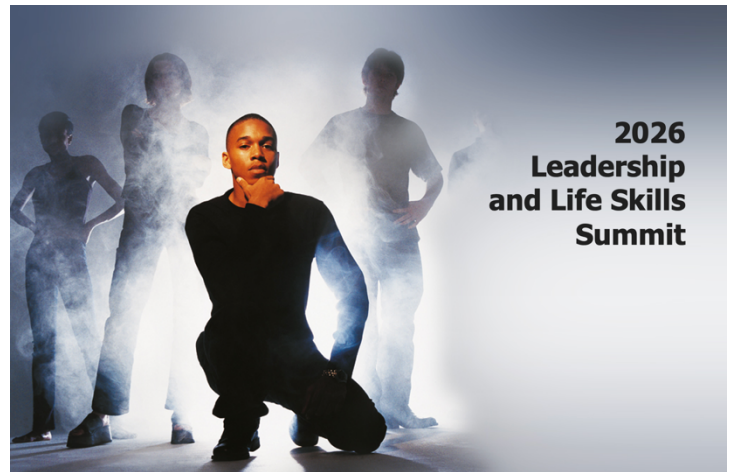
In 2026, the OHIO YAB and ACTION Ohio will plan and facilitate a Leadership and Life Skills Summit for Current and Former Foster Youth, with support from the Ohio Children's Alliance and the Department of Children and Youth, and The Ohana Project.

The event will be focused on informing and empowering Ohio teens and young adults with a foster care history. This includes youth who experienced adoption, kinship care, reunification and congregate care placements.

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**9 am – 4 pm**

**Crowne Plaza Columbus North Worthington  
6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus OH 43229**



**One room will be set aside for Suits for Success.** There will be volunteers on hand to show youth how to tie their first tie. Young people in and from foster care will be able to keep the professional clothing to wear as needed for job interviews and other important life events.

**Breakout Sessions for current and former foster youth, ages 14-24, will include:**

- Leadership Workshops
- Creating and Maintaining Healthy Relationships
- Introduction to Finances
- Hidden Rules of Employment
- Postsecondary Resources, including ETV funds
- Wellness Space for youth to "*Exhale*" and focus on self-care
- **Raffle for participating youth, sponsored by The Ohana Project**



**Registration is free but required.** Here is a [link to register](#). There will be a learning track with for adults who transport youth. Adults must transport youth to be eligible. Please contact Lisa Dickson with any questions: [lisa@fosteractionohio.org](mailto:lisa@fosteractionohio.org)