

What life skills are learned during IL classes?

- * *Help obtaining a state ID @ BMV*
- * *Youth will establish a savings account (for incentive \$)*
- * *How to prepare & cook basic meals*
- * *Job applications/interviews*
- * *Housekeeping skills and chores*

Kids earn \$10 for each IL class attended



Housing options for children 18 & up

Every Woman's House
Krista Kidney
104 Spink St.
Wooster, OH 44691
(330) 263-6021

Metro Housing
345 N. Market St.
Wooster, OH 44691
(330) 264-2727

FAQs by foster parents/caregivers...

What is the cell phone policy? Cell phones will be paid for by the child, not using more than 25% of their pay-check. Cell phones are subject to being taken away as a consequence.

Can my foster child obtain their driver's license? What are the rules on riding with a licensed driver under/over 18? Please talk to your case worker regarding specific situations, such as how friends or special dates (such as prom) get approved. Foster parents must sign for the child's permit and sign waiver.

What is allowed regarding social media? If a child wants to use Facebook, Twitter, etc...the agency must have their user name and password so while the child is in custody, they can be monitored to make sure they are using social media responsibly.

What are the rules regarding employment? Children 16 and older need to be working at least 6 hours a week. This can also be discussed with their treatment team.

What are the policies for forms regarding tanning or donating blood? The Executive Director does not sign these forms.



Wayne County Children Services Independent Living Program

Information on Independent Living Classes, Incentive Money, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Wayne County Children Services

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Financial services available for children involved with CSB

Social & Recreation Funds: sports, scouting, 4-H, cheerleading, pool pass, etc. This is available for up to \$120/Aug 1st-July 31st.

Camps: There are also funds available to help pay for various types of camps through FCFC. This must be turned in by April.

Senior Expenses: senior pictures, cap & gown, class ring, prom attire (hair not included). Up to \$650/year

Bridges to Independence Funds: This may be used to pay all or a portion of the following services designed to successfully transition youth to independence & employment: security deposits/rent*; car insurance; matching funds dollar for dollar with youth's savings for the purchase of an automobile (**see note**)**; medications*; driver's education classes/test costs; furniture; utility hook-ups/deposits*; tools/work supplies*; uniforms/professional clothing*

****NOTE:** The maximum lifetime amount of matching independent living funds for purchase of an automobile is \$2,000 & contingent upon agency approval of the overall Independent Living agreement & service plan.

Financial services available for children involved with CSB (continued)

Emancipated Youth: Youth in the agency's legal custody at the time they reach 18, or are between the ages of 18-21, and meet specified criteria are able to utilize additional funds. After all other appropriate and available funding sources are exhausted, Bridges to Independence funds may be used to pay the following services:

- A one time (1) payment for a rental security deposit*
- A one time (1) payment for utility hook-ups and deposits*
- Medications*
- Food vouchers not to exceed a total of \$100*

* Services with an "*" may be covered by Medicaid, Food Stamps, or PRC funds, administered through the County DFJS. Other agencies to check with include People to People, Salvation Army, Goodwill, Social Security Administration for SSI or Community Action

Incentives Overview

7th grade and up will receive funds

GPA	\$
2.0-2.49	\$25
2.5-2.99	\$50
3.0-3.49	\$75
3.5 +	\$100

Employment Retention

75% of earnings must be put into savings, NO EXCEPTIONS!

3 Months = Gift Card
6 Months = \$50
9 Months = Gift Card
12 Months = \$100

Graduation or GED

\$500 upon graduation or GED certificate

Savings Match

Dollar for dollar matching once every 6 months. Maximum match of \$500 per 6 months. (Matching amount starts over every 6 months (January & July) & is only based on money saved during the active 6 month period).

****All \$ received from these incentives must be put into a savings account and cannot be spent w/o case worker approval. Also please be aware that foster parents CANNOT charge transportation fees to child.****