



# YOUTH RE-ENTRY GUIDE

## HAMILTON COUNTY, OH



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# INTRODUCTION

## What is Juvenile Re-entry?

Juvenile re-entry describes young people (age 12-24) transitioning back to their families and communities after adjudications and/or court-ordered placements, including an Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) facility, a local detention facility, a residential treatment center, or a foster care placement. Re-entering youth are simultaneously experiencing two types of transition: one from confinement back to the community, and the other from adolescence to adulthood. Although the legal age of majority is 18, a child does not automatically become an “adult” in their thinking or behavior.

## Emerging Practices in Juvenile Re-entry

The Council of State Government’s National Re-entry Resource Center has developed *Five Emerging Practices in Juvenile Re-entry*<sup>1</sup> that serve as a framework for best practices for providing re-entry services:

1. Integrate the science of adolescent brain development into the design of re-entry initiatives.
2. Ensure that re-entry initiatives build on youths’ strengths and assets to promote pro-social development.
3. Engage families and communities meaningfully throughout the re-entry process.
4. Prioritize education and employment as essential elements of a re-entry plan.
5. Provide a stable, well-supported transition to adulthood that helps to create lifelong connections.

CLC’s re-entry practice model includes the following tenants as well:

6. Initiate the re-entry process as early as possible and engage with youth until their successful reintegration
7. Encourage communities to receive returning youth with both open arms and open minds.
8. Ensure safe and stable housing.

## Positive Youth Development (PYD) Program

The PYD program is a highly effective method in reducing risk behaviors in youth. PYD is a strengths-based approach that works to identify and increase young people’s assets and the positive influences in their lives. This program promotes youth engagement within their communities, promotes positive relationships, and establishes good health practices. Because it

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<sup>1</sup> <https://csgjusticecenter.org/youth/posts/five-emerging-practices-in-juvenile-reentry/>

draws on the strengths, skills, and interests of each young person, this program help the youth become more involved and engaged. PYD has been applied and studied by the University of Washington, as well as afterschool programs like 4-H and YouthBuild. The results show that youth involvement provides for a more effective transition from not only the juvenile justice system to the community, but also from adolescence to adulthood. The 5 C's of Positive Youth Development are key to building on each youth's strengths and promoting pro social development.

## THE FIVE C's<sup>2</sup>

1. **Competence** refers to a positive view of one's skill in social, academic, cognitive, health, and vocational areas. Social competence refers to interpersonal skills (e.g., conflict resolution). Cognitive competence refers to cognitive abilities (e.g., decision making). Academic competence refers to school performance as shown, in part, by school grades, attendance, and test scores. Health competence involves using nutrition, movement, and rest to keep oneself healthy. Vocational competence involves work habits and explorations of career choices. Effective entrepreneurial skills may be one instance of vocational competence.
2. **Confidence** is an internal sense of overall positive self-worth and self-efficacy.
3. **Connection** refers to positive bonds with people and institutions that are reflected in exchanges between the individual and his or her peers, family, school, and community and in which both parties contribute to the relationship; a feeling of safety, structure, and belonging.
4. **Character** is respect for societal and cultural norms, possession of standards for correct behaviors, a sense of right and wrong (morality), and integrity. Character is taking responsibility, a sense of independence, and individuality.
5. **Compassion** is a sense of sympathy and empathy for others,<sup>3</sup> a commitment to social justice; an ability to see things from another's perspective and to care about another's struggles.<sup>4</sup>

Understanding and utilizing the 5 C's is essential to discovering and building on youth's strengths. When the 5 C's are implemented and used properly they result in the 6<sup>th</sup> C, **contribution**. Contributions refer to active participation and leadership in a variety of settings, making a difference to self, family, community, and to the institutions of a civil society.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> [http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/MCAH/Documents/HYN2015-FiveCs\\_YouthDevelopment.pdf](http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/MCAH/Documents/HYN2015-FiveCs_YouthDevelopment.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <http://ase.tufts.edu/iaryd/documents/4hpydstudywave7.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://y4y.ed.gov/uploads/media/The5CsPositiveYouthDevelopment.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://ase.tufts.edu/iaryd/documents/4hpydstudywave7.pdf>

## Developing a Re-entry Plan

An effective re-entry plan acknowledges and integrates research on adolescent brain development, which shows that the adolescent brain is not fully developed until their mid-twenties. Adolescence is a transitional period; a child is becoming, but is not yet, an adult. An adolescent is at a crossroads of changes where emotions, hormones, judgment, identity, and the physical body are so in flux that parents, and even experts, struggle to understand the child's experience.<sup>6</sup> With this knowledge, re-entry planning should be tailored specifically for youth.

### YOUTH RE-ENTRY PLANS SHOULD:

1. Engage the youth's family and/or community as key partners in supporting the youth's behavioral change and cognitive thought processes.
2. Work with the youth to strengthen their relationships with pro-social peers, thereby reducing the negative peer influences to which many adolescents are susceptible.
3. Support the youth's connections to school and/or work, increasing the probability that they will be influenced by the pro-social developmental opportunities provided in the school or work setting.<sup>7</sup>
4. Be prepared to develop a housing plan for homeless youth or youth with unstable housing.
  - Transitional Housing
  - Foster Care Placements
  - Community based programs that can help provide support and safe housing for the youth
5. Be aimed at addressing collateral consequences

This guide provides youth, their families and/or communities, and other service partners with information about the barriers that re-entering youth may face and resources to help ensure a smooth transition back into their communities and into adulthood. While this guide does not include every resource available to youth in the Cincinnati area, it provides a strong starting point for developing a well-rounded and effective re-entry plan.

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<sup>6</sup>[http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/criminal\\_justice\\_section\\_newsletter/crimjust\\_juvjus\\_Adolescence.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/criminal_justice_section_newsletter/crimjust_juvjus_Adolescence.authcheckdam.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://csgjusticecenter.org/youth/posts/five-emerging-practices-in-juvenile-reentry/>

# EDUCATION

## Education of Detained Youth

Ohio law requires compulsory education for children age six to eighteen.<sup>8</sup> However, individuals are entitled to an education until age twenty-two.<sup>9</sup> Quality education helps pave the way for a youth's successful transition into adulthood. When a child is placed in a juvenile detention center, their education may be disrupted. In Ohio, the detention facility is responsible for coordinating the administration of education to committed youth and each child's school district is responsible for ensuring access to free appropriate education.<sup>10</sup> According to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), detention facilities have many options on how to comply with this requirement. Those options include using a chartered, non-public school operated by their facility, making an arrangement for the child to be educated by their home school, making arrangements with the school district in which the facility is located, contracting with an educational service center, or relying on an internet or computer based educational program. Similarly, upon re-entry, a child may enroll in a variety of types of schools. It is important for a child's re-entry team to know how each child's facility operates. The entity responsible for the child's education, whether it is internal or external, is responsible for the educational records.

### ENROLLMENT OF RE-ENTERING YOUTH

**For a youth placed in a DYS juvenile facility:**<sup>11</sup> He or she is not to be withdrawn from his or her resident district. However, upon release, the child may not be readmitted to any school until the superintendent of school district receives the students' transcripts, behavioral reports, and any IEP from the Department of Youth Services. This may take up to two weeks.

**For a youth placed in a non-DYS juvenile facility:** He or she may be withdrawn from his or her resident district and reenrollment could be required. Although a child's home district school must apply for withdrawal, and a document from another party is usually required to go through with the process, the ODE occasionally grants the school's request for withdrawal of the child.

<sup>8</sup> [ORC §3321.01 \(A\)\(1\)](#)

<sup>9</sup> [ORC §3313.64 \(D\)](#)

<sup>10</sup> Ohio Department of Education, [Education of Students in Correctional Facilities](#).

<sup>11</sup> [ORC § 3313.672\(A\)\(2\)](#)

## School Enrollment Requirements

To start the enrollment process, the child's guardian or the youth (if the youth is 18 or older) must present the person in charge of admission with [any records given to the pupil by the school they most recently attended](#)<sup>12</sup> and [a certification of their birth](#). A school district has 24 hours to request an official copy of a child's school records from the child's previous school. The birth certificate does not have to be a traditional birth certificate. The document can be any of the following:<sup>13</sup>

- "A passport or attested transcript of a passport filed with a registrar of passports at a point of entry of the United States showing the date and place of birth of the child;"<sup>14</sup>
- "An attested transcript of the certificate of birth;"
- "An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism or other religious record showing the date and place of birth of the child;"
- "An attested transcript of a hospital record showing the date and place of birth of the child," or "a birth affidavit."

A school cannot deny admission to a child due to homelessness, the time of year, or while they wait for the appropriate parties to produce school records or proof of residence.<sup>15</sup> As explained in further detail below, this requirement does not apply if a child has been recently released from DYS. In addition to a certificate of birth and previous school records, if applicable, the guardian must provide [certified proof of a court's order for parental custody, power of attorney, and/or a caretaker authority](#). ODE delegates enrollment authority to each school district, so it is important to contact the child's home school district to see if they require additional information such as an application, immunization history, or proof of residency.

If enrolling a child in a [Cincinnati Public School](#), the child's legal guardian should bring the following documents to the new school for registration:<sup>16</sup>

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS	
One item showing, <a href="#">proof of residency</a>	Final report card
Valid photo ID of legal guardian	Completed <a href="#">Student Registration Information Packet</a>
Child's birth certificate	Verification of kindergarten attendance, if entering 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
Child's health record	Proof of legal guardianship (if applicable)

<sup>12</sup> See page 12 for information about requesting educational records.

<sup>13</sup> [ORC § 3313.672\(A\)\(1\)\(a\) to \(e\)](#).

<sup>14</sup> An attested transcript is a notarized copy of an original document.

<sup>15</sup> ODE EMIS Manual, [§2.1.1 Student Enrollment Overview](#). (p. 16-17)

<sup>16</sup> School registration/enrollment information provided on the Cincinnati Public School [website](#)



# Education Options for Youth not in a Juvenile Facility

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ohio public schools are funded by public tax dollars. All children of school age in Ohio are entitled to attend the public schools in their district of without charge.<sup>17</sup>

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment is when a child attends a public school in a district other than the one in which their parent or guardian resides. Ohio allows each school district to choose whether they accept students through open enrollment. If accepted, the child will be able to attend their chosen school tuition free.

\*Because the school district is free to allow, or not allow, children to open enroll, parents or guardians must check [here](#) to see if open enrollment is permitted.

## ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In Ohio, the EdChoice Scholarship Program gives students from underperforming schools, or low-income students in kindergarten through the fourth grade, an opportunity to attend a private school on a state scholarship. To apply, follow the steps below:<sup>18</sup>

1. Determine student's eligibility. View this [video](#) for assistance determining eligibility.
2. Find a participating private school and apply. Find a list of 2018-19 schools [here](#).
3. Once private school accepts application, it will submit a voucher application to ODE.
4. If necessary, the parent completes an [Income Verification Form](#) and returns it to ODE.
5. ODE will send an award or denial letter.

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Career and technical schools offer students a positive alternative to traditional high school classes. Cincinnati Public Schools offers nine "Career Tech clusters" which are housed at different high schools throughout the district. Listed below are the cluster of options, the different "pathways" CPS provides, and the location of each of these pathways.

### Agriculture and Environmental Systems

These programs are ideal for students who are interested in working with plants and animals, studying the science of food, or protecting the environment.

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Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	Gamble Montessori High School	(513) 363-2600	<a href="#">Website</a>
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<sup>17</sup> The Ohio Department of Education's definition of public schools, <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Quality-School-Choice/Public-Schools>

<sup>18</sup> Steps for application process taken from ODE website, [EdChoice-Steps-to-Apply](#).

Animal and Science Management (Zoo Academy)	Hughes STEM High School	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Arts and Communication

These programs are ideal for students who are interested in working in the arts, enjoy performing, or are interested in computer graphics or animation.

Media, Performing, and Visual Arts	The School for Creative & Performing Arts	(513) 363-8000	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Business Management and Administrative Services

This program is ideal for students who are good at working with numbers, are good at working with other people, or have a talent for organizing and planning.

High School of Business	Withrow University High School	(513) 363-9200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Construction Technology

This program is ideal for students who enjoy bringing architectural designs to life, are good with plans and blueprints, or enjoy building and fixing things.

Building Technologies	Woodward Career Technical High School	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Engineering, Manufacturing, and Science Technologies

These programs are ideal for students who enjoy building and fixing things, want to find answers to questions, enjoy working in a laboratory, or are detail-oriented.

Engineering and Design	Aiken High School	(513) 363-6700	<a href="#">Website</a>
Engineering Futures	Hughes STEM High School	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
Advanced Manufacturing Technologies	Woodward Career Technical High School	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Health Science

These programs are ideal for students who enjoy helping people feel better, are interested in medicine or science, or would enjoy working in a laboratory.

Biomedical Science	Hughes STEM High School	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
Biotechnology	Woodward Career Technical High School	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
Exercise Science and Sports Medicine	Woodward Career Technical High School	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
Health Technology	Riverview East Academy	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
Patient Care	Woodward Career Technical High School	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Hospitality and Tourism

This program is ideal for students who enjoy cooking, enjoy dining in restaurants, or would like to work in a hotel, on a cruise ship or in a restaurant.

Culinary Arts	Gilbert A. Dater High School	(513) 363-7200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Information Technology

This program is ideal for students who enjoy learning about and using new technology, enjoy creating or designing things, or are good at solving problems.

Information Support and Services	Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School	(513) 363-8200	<a href="#">Website</a>
Interactive Media	Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School	(513) 363-8200	<a href="#">Website</a>
Programming and Software Development	Hughes STEM High School	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Law and Public Safety

This program is ideal for students who aspire to be a firefighter or police officer.

Law and Public Safety	Western Hills University High School	(513) 363-8900	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## ONLINE / VIRTUAL SCHOOL

When enrolled in online community school, the student receives a computer at home and online access to the school. If interested in this education option, the first step is for a family to contact the online school about enrollment. There is no permission required from the home school district. Be aware, the online school may require you to pay tuition, and/or require the student to take a minimum number of credit hours. There are two types of online schools available in Ohio: general education and dropout prevention.<sup>19</sup>

### Buckeye Online School for Success

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

The Buckeye Online School for Success is a public, K-12, tuition-free, online school open to all students from the state of Ohio. All classes are live with a state accredited teacher.

Tuition: Free	(330) 385 1987	<a href="mailto:contact@go2boss.com">contact@go2boss.com</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Ohio Connections Academy, Inc.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

Ohio Connections Academy (OCA) is a tuition-free K-12 public virtual school that students attend from home, brings a fully accredited public education to students across Ohio

Tuition: Free	(443) 529-1000	<a href="mailto:support@connectionseducation.com">support@connectionseducation.com</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Ohio Distance & Electronic Learning Academy

OHDELA is an online public charter school available to youth in grades K-12. It is tuition free and allows students to engage with one another and interact one-on-one with a teacher.

Tuition: Free	(866) 509-3099	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Ohio Virtual Academy

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

Ohio Virtual Academy is an innovative online school with educators dedicated to empowering K-12 students across Ohio through an education experience tailored to each student's needs.

<sup>19</sup> As classified by the Ohio Department of Education: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Community-Schools/eSchools>

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Tuition: Free      (419) 482-0948      ohvafax@k12.com      [Website](#)

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### Quaker Digital Academy

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

QDA is a non-profit, public online school that offers K-12 students across the state of Ohio a variety of exceptional and accredited curricular options to meet the individual unique needs of a student.

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Tuition: Free      (866) 968-7032      information@go2qda.org      [Website](#)

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### Greater Ohio Virtual Academy

#### DROPOUT PREVENTION & RECOVERY

Greater Ohio Virtual School is a fully accredited online community school that is open to any student attending grades 7-12 and living within the borders of the State of Ohio.

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Tuition: Free      (513) 695-2924      govcs@warrencountyesc.com      [Website](#)

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### Treca Digital Academy

#### DROPOUT PREVENTION & RECOVERY

Treca Digital Academy is a non-profit, publicly funded Ohio public school serving Ohio students who are at least 5 years old by August 1 and no older than 21 years old at the time of enrollment.

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Tuition (full-time): Free      (740) 389-4798      admissions@treca.org      [Website](#)

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## THERAPEUTIC SCHOOLS

Therapeutic schools offer an alternative educational setting tailored to support youth with emotional or behavioral health challenges that make it difficult to learn in a traditional education setting. Therapeutic schools may have a tuition requirement for students who do not have a referral from their home district school.

### Children's Home of Cincinnati

Children's Home of Cincinnati is a state chartered, non-public institution that offers students who struggle to thrive in a traditional school setting a quality educational alternative. All students referred to CHC must have an IEP and district referral. The referral covers the cost of tuition and transportation to and from school.

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(513) 272-2800

[Contact by E-mail](#)

[Website](#)

Madisonville | 5050 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227

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### Lighthouse Community School

Lighthouse Community School is a community charter that uses "unconditional positive approaches to foster a safe, stable community that develops effective social skills and enhances academic progress for students whose... needs are best met in [its] small school" (LCS [Website](#)). This school offers academic services to students, ages 12-22 (grades 7-12), and dropout recovery services to students, ages 16-21.

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(513) 561-7888

[hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org](mailto:hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org)

[Website](#)

Madisonville | 6100 Desmond St, Cincinnati, OH 45227

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## St. Aloysius

St. Aloysius's special education program is a non-public charter that serves youth with behavioral or emotional challenges in grades K-11. St. Al's "highly qualified intervention specialists and caring staff ensure that kids get the support they need to be successful" ([St. Aloysius Website](#)).

(513) 242-7600

[info@stalschildren.org](mailto:info@stalschildren.org)[Website](#)

Bond Hill | 4721 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237

## St. Joseph

St. Joseph's offers an alternative education program to youth in grades K-12 who are experiencing severe behavioral health problems that are negatively impacting their ability to learn in a traditional school setting. Through individualized and group techniques, St. Joseph's aims empower youth and support the achievement of their full academic, emotional, and social potential. Students must be referred by their local school district.

### Villa Campus

Grades K-6

(513) 741-3100

[info@SJOkids.org](mailto:info@SJOkids.org)[Website](#)

Monfort Heights | 5400 Edalbert Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45239

### Altercrest Campus

Grades 7-12

(513) 231-5010

[info@SJOkids.org](mailto:info@SJOkids.org)[Website](#)

Anderson Township | 274 Sutton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45230

## HOME SCHOOL

Before a parent or guardian starts home schooling their child, they must first ask, through a letter of notification, for an excusal from their school district's superintendent.

The superintendent has fourteen days to review the notification, and respond to the parent or guardian in writing.<sup>20</sup> If the home education plan meets the requirements of state law, the superintendent must send the parent a response letter that includes: a statement that the parent's home education plan complies with requirements of Ohio law; a statement that the child is excused from public school attendance; and the signature of the district superintendent. If the request is denied, the parent has the right to a due process hearing before the school's superintendent.<sup>21</sup> For more information about homeschooling, see the ODE [website](#).

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

The College Credit Plus (CCP) is a way for students to receive free college credit, while still meeting high school graduation requirements. If eligible, and the student attends a public university or college, tuition, books, and fees are all available at no cost to the student. Be aware,

<sup>20</sup> [Ohio Administrative Code 3301-34-03](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Ohio Administrative Code 3301-34-03 \(C\)-\(D\)](#)

the college or university must still accept the child as a student. If for some reason they determine the student is not “college ready,” due to grades, etc., the student may be denied CCP funding.

More information about CCP and applying can be found on [ODE’s website](#).

## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCE DIPLOMA<sup>22</sup>

In Ohio, individuals 16 and older who have officially withdrawn from school and have not earned a high school diploma are eligible to take one of three tests (GED, TASC, HiSET) to earn their high school equivalency diploma. Anyone interested in taking a high school equivalency test must submit a signed withdrawal form to the Department’s Ohio High School Equivalence Office. If one is unable to produce a signed withdrawal form because the last school they attended has closed, they can send a letter to the Department’s Ohio High School Equivalence Office stating their interest in taking a high school equivalency test and providing the name of the last school they attended and their last date of attendance so the department can verify their withdrawal. For individuals who are 16 or 17 years old, a parent/legal guardian must sign a consent form to take the test. To take the test, individuals must register online and submit required documentation. For more information about each test, see the table below:

### Graduation Equivalency Diploma (GED)

Cost:	\$120	Voucher:	Contact your local <a href="#">Career Technical Planning District Office</a>
Subjects Tested:	Language Arts (RLA), Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies		

### Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)

Cost:	\$92	Voucher:	Contact your local <a href="#">Career Technical Planning District Office</a>
Subjects Tested:	Reading, Writing (with essay), Math, Science, and Social Studies		

### High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)

Cost:	\$90	Voucher:	Contact your local <a href="#">Career Technical Planning District Office</a>
Subjects Tested:	Reading, Writing (with essay), Math, Science, and Social Studies		

## Requesting Educational Records

Requesting educational records can be a daunting process. However, this section explains who is allowed to request educational records, how long a school has to complete this request, and how to request records from Cincinnati Public Schools.

## FERPA

All schools that receive funding from the United States Department of Education (US DOE) which includes all public and some private institutions must follow the laws set by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).<sup>23</sup> FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of students and their families concerning educational records. A school must have consent from a

<sup>22</sup> See the ODE [website](#) for more information about High School Equivalence Diplomas.

<sup>23</sup> [20 U.S.C. § 1232\(g\)](#); [34 CFR § 99](#)

student's guardian, or the student if she is over 18, to release the records unless the disclosure has been made to:<sup>24</sup>

1. School officials with legitimate educational interest;
2. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
3. Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
6. Accrediting organizations;
7. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
8. Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
9. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law

A student's parent, guardian, or adult students, must be allowed to review the student's records, as well as request changes to incorrect or misleading information within the record. An institution may not charge a fee to search for or to retrieve the education records of a student. However, the institution may charge a fee for a copy of an educational record,<sup>25</sup> unless imposition of that fee effectively prevents a parent, guardian, or eligible student from exercising their right to inspect and review the student's education records.<sup>26</sup> If a student owes outstanding fees, the school may withhold grades and credits until the fees are paid, unless a complaint has been filed at any time in a juvenile court alleging that the student is an abused, neglected, or dependent child.<sup>27</sup>

If a records request is made, the institution shall comply with a request for access to records within a reasonable period of time, but not more than 45 days after it has received the request. A "reasonable period of time" is shorter for a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).<sup>28</sup>

## CPS RECORDS REQUEST<sup>29</sup>

To obtain school records from the most recent school the youth attended, and the last school attended is a Cincinnati Public School:

**If the last school and program the student was involved with is still operating,** then the child's parent/representative must contact the school and ask to speak with the registrar.

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<sup>24</sup> <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

<sup>25</sup> [ORC § 3319.321 \(D\)](#)

<sup>26</sup> [34 CFR § 99.11](#), page 10.

<sup>27</sup> [ORC 3313.642 \(2\)](#)

<sup>28</sup> [IDEA and FERPA Confidentiality Provisions](#), page 15.

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.cps-k12.org/schools/student-records>

If the program or school the student last attended has closed, student records will be in Inactive Records Department. These records are stored off site, and require a call to the records clerk. Cincinnati Public School states this process could take two to four weeks.

A list of Cincinnati Public Schools and their contact information has been compiled in the Resource Directory.

## NON-CPS RECORDS REQUEST

If the most recent school attended is not a Cincinnati Public School, call the Board of Education of the most recent school attended and ask for the name and address of the records custodian of the school you need records from.

## TRANSFERRING SCHOOL RECORDS

When a child transfers from one community school to another, a parent or guardian may share all of the student's records with the new school. However, it is ultimately the job of the new school to request the official records from the school most recently attended.<sup>30</sup> Although it is best to provide a new school with all available records, a student may enroll in a new school before the school has obtained the student's official school records.<sup>31</sup>

However, if a youth is seeking admission to school after being released from DYS, the superintendent of the school district must obtain records from DYS before the youth can be admitted to the school.<sup>32</sup>

When a youth is placed in a detention facility, the facility becomes responsible for coordinating that youth's education. The facility is responsible for arranging the transfer of records from the school that the youth most recently attended.<sup>33</sup>

## Tutoring and Other Learning Supports

### Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati

BGCGC's Graduate Program offers educational enrichment activities and additional support each student's success inside and outside the classroom. Every BGCGC location has certified teachers and offers daily tutoring, homework assistance and an online program called Stride Academy™.

(513) 421-8909

[info@bgcg.org](mailto:info@bgcg.org)

[Website](#)

[Queensgate](#) | 600 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45203

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available boys and girls 5-18 years old. No income restrictions.

<sup>30</sup> [ORC § 3313.672\(A\)\(4\)](#)

<sup>31</sup> [ODE website, Frequently Asked Question 2](#)

<sup>32</sup> [ORC § 3313.672\(A\)\(2\)](#)

<sup>33</sup> [ORC §2151.362\(B\)](#)



**APPLICATION:** To apply, you must fill out an online application, which is available on their website.

### Club Locations

U.S. Bank Club	Avondale	3504 Washington Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229	(513) 961-3113
Sheakley Club	West Price Hill	4100 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205	(513) 818-9084
John P. Parker School	Madisonville	5051 Anderson Place, Cincinnati, OH 45227	(513) 363-2970
Findlay St. Club	Over the Rhine	901 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 407-5329
Roll Hill School	Westwood	2411 Baltimore Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225	(513) 363-4027

## The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Cincinnati Public Libraries provide Hamilton County residents (K-Adult) research and homework help in person, by phone, email, and internet. On their website there are links for Research Databases, Sites by Subject, Cincinnati and the Tristate, and Government Resources. See program details below.

(513) 369-6900

[programs@cincinnati-library.org](mailto:programs@cincinnati-library.org)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 800 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **PROGRAM: Homework Assistance (September – May)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Services available to Hamilton County students (K-8). No Income restrictions.

**APPLICATION:** No application. Eligible students may walk-in during specified hours for assistance.

**HOURS:** See [website](#) for participating branch locations and hours.

**DETAILS:** During the school year, Homework Helpers assist students with homework assignments and provide skills building assistance on any subject.

### **PROGRAM: William Huenke Homework Center (Main Library Only)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Services available to Hamilton County primary and secondary students. No Income restrictions.

**APPLICATION:** No application. Eligible students may walk-in during specified hours for assistance.

**HOURS:** The center is open Mon-Wed 3-7 p.m., Thu-Fri 3-6 p.m., Sat 2-6 p.m., and Sun 1-5 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Offers students homework assistance in person, by phone, email, and the internet.

### **PROGRAM: Adult Learning Center (Main Library Only)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Services available to Hamilton County adults

**APPLICATION:** No application. Walk-ins accepted, but appointments preferred. To make an appointment call (513) 369-3121 or [email](#) the Homework Center.

**HOURS:** The center is open Mon-Wed 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

**DETAILS:** This program offers academic assistance in the areas of Basic Academic Skill Building, Adult Literacy Sessions, Conversational English Study, Online Job Assistance, and Exam Proctoring.

### Library Branch Locations

<a href="#">Anderson</a>	513-369-6030	<a href="#">Madisonville</a>	513-369-6029
<a href="#">Avondale</a>	513-369-4440	<a href="#">Mariemont</a>	513-369-4467
<a href="#">Blue Ash</a>	513-369-6051	<a href="#">Miami Township</a>	513-369-6050
<a href="#">Bond Hill</a>	513-369-4445	<a href="#">Monfort Heights</a>	513-369-4472
<a href="#">Cheviot</a>	513-369-6015	<a href="#">Mt. Healthy</a>	513-369-4469
<a href="#">Clifton</a>	513-369-4447	<a href="#">Mt. Washington</a>	513-369-6033
<a href="#">College Hill</a>	513-369-6036	<a href="#">North Central</a>	513-369-6068
<a href="#">Corryville</a>	513-369-6034	<a href="#">Northside</a>	513-369-4449
<a href="#">Covedale</a>	513-369-4460	<a href="#">Norwood</a>	513-369-6037

<a href="#">Deer Park</a>	513-369-4450	<a href="#">Oakley</a>	513-369-6038
<a href="#">Delhi Township</a>	513-369-6019	<a href="#">Pleasant Ridge</a>	513-369-4488
<a href="#">Elmwood Place</a>	513-369-4452	<a href="#">Price Hill</a>	513-369-4490
<a href="#">Forest Park</a>	513-369-4478	<a href="#">Reading</a>	513-369-4465
<a href="#">Green Township</a>	513-369-6095	<a href="#">St. Bernard</a>	513-369-4462
<a href="#">Green Hills</a>	513-369-4441	<a href="#">Sharonville</a>	513-369-6049
<a href="#">Groesbeck</a>	513-369-4454	<a href="#">Symmes Township</a>	513-369-6001
<a href="#">Harrison</a>	513-369-4442	<a href="#">Walnut Hills</a>	513-369-6053
<a href="#">Hyde Park</a>	513-369-4456	<a href="#">West End</a>	513-369-6026
<a href="#">Loveland</a>	513-369-4476	<a href="#">Westwood</a>	513-369-4474
<a href="#">Madeira</a>	513-369-6028	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	513-369-6014

## CPS Volunteer Tutoring Programs

Cincinnati Public Schools partners with many volunteer tutoring programs and initiatives throughout Greater Cincinnati. Listed below are some partnerships that have been in place for many years.

(513) 363-0000		<a href="mailto:mattheH@cps-k12.org">mattheH@cps-k12.org</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
Corryville   2651 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219			
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Be the Change</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to CPS elementary school students.		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Be the Change's aims to improve outcomes in students' performance by recruiting caring volunteers to support classroom learning through tutoring.		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Tutoring</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to CPS students (K-12).		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Adult volunteer tutors meet with a student regularly in the school to improve academics in one or more subject areas.		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Bearcat Buddies</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to CPS students (K-12) in the following schools: Rees E. Price Academy, Roll Hill Academy, Ethel M. Taylor Academy, Hays-Porter School, Western Hills University High School, Taft Information Technology High School		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Bearcat Buddies work with students (K-12), for about an hour a week during the school day. Tutoring sessions range from 8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday.		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to CPS students (K-4).		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	The Literacy Network recruits, screens, trains, recognizes and evaluates volunteers who serve as reading tutors for a minimum of 30 minutes per week.		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>SEEDS</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to CPS students at the following schools: Dater High School, Oyler School and Shroder High School		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	SEEDS connects Procter & Gamble Company employees with students to help them learn, explore and grow in a variety of ways.		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>GE Aviation</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders at Evanston Academy.		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This weekly tutoring program is a partnership between students and dedicated adults who bring self-discipline, enthusiasm and positive attitudes to help students realize that someone cares		

about their personal and academic goals. The tutors work with students to enhance their skills in reading, mathematics and writing.

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**PROGRAM:** **Xavier University**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to CPS students (K-8) throughout the district.

**DETAILS:** Xavier University provides homework help, tutoring assistance and occupational therapy activities. Services vary at each school and are offered during the school day and after school.

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## College Entrance Exam Preparation (ACT & SAT)

Admission requirements for most colleges and universities include an official report of a student's ACT or SAT scores. For students interested in continuing on to higher education, college entrance exam preparation may be invaluable.

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**PROGRAM:** **PrepFactory**

[Website](#)

**ELIGIBILITY:** There are no specific eligibility requirements.

**DETAILS:** PrepFactory is an online based service that helps youth prepare for the ACT and/or SAT. To sign up for a free account, the child must have access to a computer and the internet.

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# HOUSING & MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

Everyone acknowledges that housing is a basic human need and that safe and stable housing is pivotal in a person's overall health and stability. When a youth returns to an environment where there is no "home" or a home environment that is unsafe or unstable all other areas of their re-entry process seem to fall apart and recidivism increases.

Further, it's no secret that our country is facing a housing crisis with few safe and affordable options available to persons with little to no access to money. Often, youth re-entering from out-of-home placements struggle with finding a place to live when they do not have a job with steady income and also struggle to get a job that would provide a steady income without first having a "home" address. It's a loop inside which these youth get stuck and sometimes cannot get out.

## Public Housing

### HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

Public housing is available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for low-income families, the elderly, and people with disabilities. There are three levels of income qualifications: low income (80% of the county's median income), very low income (50% of the county's median income), and extremely low income (30% of the county's median income).<sup>34</sup> In 2018, the median income in Hamilton County was \$78,300. Thus, a family of four qualifies as low income at \$46,980 and very low income at \$39,150.<sup>35</sup>

However, income and family size are not the only factors that determine eligibility for public housing. In addition, the Public Housing Authority (PHA) evaluates if the future occupant is elderly or has a disability status. They also make sure that the applicant is a U.S. citizen, or an immigrant eligible for public services. After these three stages are passed, PHA will check references from the applicant's former landlord(s), as well as past criminal records (see below for more information on how a criminal record may affect public housing benefits).<sup>36</sup> Although the federal government has formal control of HUD, it delegates management of properties, general admission and occupancy decisions, as well as daily operation to local agencies. Find your local agency at this [website](#).

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<sup>34</sup> Find federal public housing eligibility requirements on HUD's official [website](#).

<sup>35</sup> HUD User Portal – [FY 2018 Multifamily Tax Subsidy Project Income Limits Summary](#).

<sup>36</sup> Find federal public housing eligibility requirements and information about the application process on HUD's official [website](#).

## CRIMINAL HISTORY & HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

According to HUD, a local housing authority cannot admit an individual with one of the following offenses:

1. sex offense that subjects the offender to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program,
2. production of methamphetamine near public housing ground, or
3. previous eviction due to drug abuse.<sup>37</sup>

Individuals with one of the first two offenses have a lifetime ban. However, individuals that have been previously evicted due to drug abuse only have a three-year ban. The housing authority may reduce the three-year ban if the applicant can show that the person who abused drugs either does not live with the family anymore or went through a formal rehabilitation. Other than these express limitations, HUD grants great discretion to local housing authorities when admitting or denying individuals with criminal convictions.<sup>38</sup> Each local housing authority in Ohio publishes a document called the “Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy” that sets forth that housing authority’s specific requirements and limitations. This policy usually states who is automatically ineligible for housing in the region, the grounds for eviction, and what a person can do to regain eligibility. For example, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority does not admit any occupant with a domestic violence charge within five years of the conviction. However, this stipulation can be removed or lowered if the individual can show that they have had 18 months of formal rehabilitation.<sup>39</sup> The policy should also express if the housing authority takes into consideration only conviction, or also arrests. Record sealing or expungement can be a valuable tool for reducing barriers to housing.

## RIGHT TO APPEAL

According to Federal Law, a public housing authority must promptly notify an ineligible applicant of their application denial. The statement must “contain a brief statement of reasons for the decision, state that if the family does not agree with the decision, the family may request an informal hearing on the decision, and state the deadline for the family to request an informal hearing.” The applicant must act promptly or they may lose their right to an appeal.

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<sup>37</sup> [24 CFR § 960.204](#)

<sup>38</sup> *Id.*

<sup>39</sup> Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. “[Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy](#).” (1 August 2009).

The hearing must follow a formal procedure.<sup>40</sup>

1. **The housing authority must have an administrative plan.** "The administrative plan must state the PHA procedures for conducting informal hearings for participants."
2. **Both parties, the applicant and the PHA, have a right to discovery.** The PHA must give the applicant an opportunity to examine any document that the PHA intends to use during the hearing. If the PHA does not follow this rule, they cannot rely on the document at the hearing. However, if the family wishes to have a copy of the document, it will come at the expense of the family. The same procedure applies to the PHA for any applicant documents they wish to view or copy.
3. **The applicant has a right to representation.** However, according to the law, this representation comes at the expense of the family. However, for those who qualify financially, a local legal aid society may represent individuals going through this process. For more information, contact **Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati** by phone at (513) 241-9400.
4. **The hearing may be conducted by any person or persons designated by the PHA.** This person must be one other than a person who made or approved the decision under review or a subordinate of this person. The person must conduct the hearing in accordance to the PHA hearing procedures.
5. **The hearing officer must give both the PHA and the applicant an opportunity to present evidence, and question witnesses.** Evidence may be considered regardless of its admissibility under normal judicial proceedings.
6. **At the end of the hearing, the hearing officer must issue a written decision, and promptly furnish a copy to the applicant.** The hearing officer must make their decision based on "a preponderance of the evidence." Although this standard does not have a clear definition, in this situation that requirement would mean that the original decision maker "more than likely" made the right judgment to deny, or "more than likely" made the wrong judgment. Preponderance of the evidence is a much less strict guideline than the criminal standard of "beyond a reasonable doubt."

A PHA may not be bound by a decision if the hearing officer exceeded their authority; the decision was contrary to PHA policy; or the decision was contrary to HUD regulations or requirements, or otherwise contrary to federal, State, or local law.<sup>41</sup> If the PHA finds that it is not bound by the decision, they must notify the applicant and give an explanation.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> [24 CFR § 982.555](#)

<sup>41</sup> [24 CFR § 982.555\(F\)\(1\)\(2\)](#)

<sup>42</sup> [24 CFR § 982.555\(F\)\(3\)](#)

## Transitional Housing & Emergency Shelters

### The Central Access Point (CAP):

CAP is a centralized intake system for families and individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. Intake Specialists screen callers based on their immediacy of need and make appropriate referrals into a partner agency's program.

CAP accepts calls from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Phone Number: (513) 381-SAFE (7233)

The following shelters require individuals to be screened through the CAP line: Bethany House Services, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Mercy Franciscan at St. John, the Salvation Army, and Mt. Airy Center.

### Bethany House Services

BHS is a nonprofit organization that provides housing, education and assistance to homeless families in the Greater Cincinnati area. To receive ongoing services, individuals must be actively looking for jobs and housing.

(513) 557-2873		info@bhsinc.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Fairmount   1841 Fairmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214			
ELIGIBILITY:	Transitional housing and emergency shelter available to homeless single women and women with children. Emergency shelter available to homeless men and boys 12 and older.		
APPLICATION:	For immediate shelter/housing services, call CAP at (513) 381-7233.		

### Catholic Workers House

CWH offers first-come, first-serve temporary transitional shelter to men. Residents must have goals they are actively working toward and must start a savings account within three weeks. Residents share duties including: cooking meals, house-sitting, cleaning, and taking responsibility for themselves and one another..

(513) 381-4941		staff@catholicworkercincinnati.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
		Over-the-Rhine   1437 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	
ELIGIBILITY:	Available to homeless men; most guests are re-entering the community from detention/prison.		
APPLICATION:	For information about becoming part of this program, call (513) 381-4941		

### City Gospel Mission

City Gospel Mission aims to help break cycles of poverty and despair. It engages, equips and empowers those in need with the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical skills and resources to achieve long-term life transformation and self-sufficiency. Its programs target four key areas: food and shelter, recovery, at-risk youth and job readiness and placement.

(513) 241-1800	contact@citygospelmission.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
West End   1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Over Night Shelter</b>	
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to men experiencing homelessness.	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary, but it is best to call ahead to make sure there is an available bed.	

<b>DETAILS:</b>	City Gospel Mission welcomes up to 74 men each night to their clean, safe shelter. The men are assigned a bed and a locker and meet with a case manager right away to discuss their needs.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Transitional Housing</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to formerly homeless men and women.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about receiving housing services, contact City Gospel Mission.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This programs supports formerly homeless men and women as they transition from our recovery programs to self-sufficiency. These transitional apartments offer independent living with supportive services like counseling, life-skills classes, mentoring and group meetings.

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network serves single parents and couples with children who are experiencing homelessness. Families reside at congregational host sites and spend the day at the Day Center where they work with professional staff on a case plan to gain stable housing and income. The Day Center features amenities including a kitchen, computer lab, storage, laundry, showers, library, and play room.

(513) 471-1100	info@ihncincinnati.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Walnut Hills   990 Nassau St, Cincinnati, OH 45206		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to single parents and couples with children. Must be able to abide by a 3:00 p.m. curfew. Guests cannot drink or do drugs. Individuals with a history of violent crimes or crimes against children are not eligible.	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To be considered, individuals must call or text CAP at (513) 381-7233. CAP will conduct the initial intake interview for placement.	

## Lighthouse Youth Services

LYS is committed to advancing the dignity and well-being of children, youth and families in need by providing early childhood services; behavioral health and psychiatric services; home-based services to families; services to youth engaged with the juvenile justice system; community residential treatment facilities; foster care and adoption; independent living services; and opportunities through education.

(513) 221-3350	hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Walnut Hills   401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Host Home Program</b>	
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to LGBTQ young adults in need of safe, stable housing	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about being matched with a host home call (513) 221-3350.	
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program matches LGBTQ young adults experiencing housing instability with volunteers that are willing to open their homes and hearts while the young adult works towards self-sustainability.	
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Mecum House</b>	
(513) 961-4080	hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Corryville   2522 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to youth 10-17 years old who do not feel safe at home.	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. Youth are never turned away.	
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Mecum House provides a safe haven for youth who are physically or sexually abused, neglected, or for some other reason believe they can't safely be in their own homes.	
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Sheakley Center for Youth</b>	
(513) 569-9500	hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Walnut Hills   2314 Iowa Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206		



<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to individuals 18-24 years old in need of emergency shelter.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about receiving services at the Sheakley Center call (513) 569-9500.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	The Sheakley Center is an emergency shelter where homeless young adults learn self-reliance and life skills. Each young adult works with a case manager who helps the young adult develop a case plan and implement it.

## Shelterhouse

Shelterhouse is a nonprofit organization committed to providing shelter, safety, and nourishment to men and women experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati. It provides residents with holistic case management, health, and employment services. Formerly known as the Drop Inn Center.

### **PROGRAM: David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men**

(513) 721-0643

tgodsey@shelterhousecincy.org

[Website](#)

Downtown | 411 Gest Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to men, 18 years or older, who are experiencing homelessness
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. Walk-ins welcome.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This Center ensures homeless men in Cincinnati access to basic human needs such as shelter, food, emergency clothing items, basic toiletries, and safety. Shelterhouse aims to help guests transition into permanent housing in 30 days or less with an increase in income.

### **PROGRAM: Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women**

(513) 562-1980

tgodsey@shelterhousecincy.org

[Website](#)

Corryville | 2499 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45202

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to women, 18 years or older, who are experiencing homelessness
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. Walk-ins welcome.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This Center ensures homeless women in Cincinnati access to basic human needs such as shelter, food, emergency clothing items, basic toiletries, and safety. Shelterhouse aims to help guests transition into permanent housing in 30 days or less with an increase in income.

### **PROGRAM: Winter Shelter at the David & Rebecca Barron Center for Men**

(513) 721-0643

tgodsey@shelterhousecincy.org

[Website](#)

Downtown | 411 Gest Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to men and women, 18 years or older, who are experiencing homelessness
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. Walk-ins welcome.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	The Winter Shelter is a 10,000 square foot area with its own separate entrance that can house 200 individuals each evening. It is typically open December-February from 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army provides a safe, stable and clean environment with hot meals, case management, employment programs and training programs, money management and life skills.

(513) 381-7233

[E-mail](#)[Website](#)

Over-the-Rhine | 114 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **PROGRAM: Emergency Shelter**

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to single women and their minor children who are experiencing homelessness.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To get more information and/or request services, call (513) 762-5660 or (513) 381-7233
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program provides temporary housing in a safe, stable and clean environment with hot meals and case management to promote self-sufficiency.

**PROGRAM: Housing Assistance****ELIGIBILITY:** Available to anyone experiencing housing insecurity.**APPLICATION:** To get more information and/or request services, call (513) 762-5660**DETAILS:** Salvation Army helps people find transitional housing, permanent housing and rapid re-housing. Housing options vary depending upon the situation of the individual or family seeking assistance, and the funding structures that are in place at the time.

## Material Assistance

### FoodPantries.org

This non-profit agency is dedicated to supporting the effort to end hunger. It maintains a comprehensive and up to date list of food pantries, soup kitchens, and non-profit organization committed to stopping hunger.

[Website](#)

### Freestore Foodbank, Customer Connection Center

Freestore Foodbank is the largest emergency food provider in the Tri-State area. In collaboration with other non-profit organizations and community partners, Freestore Foodbank supports and/or operates food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, community centers, program sites, senior centers and daycare facilities. Freestore Foodbank can also help individuals apply for SNAP (food stamps) and other public benefits

(513) 241-1064

[E-mail](#)[Website](#)

Over-the-Rhine | 112 East Liberty Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to anyone living in poverty and in need of assistance.**HOURS:** Food Pantry: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Clothing Assistance: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Salvation Army

The Salvation Army provides individuals and families in need with the food and material assistance they need to get by. Salvation Army offers food from their pantries, clothing vouchers, bus tokens, or utility and rent assistance.

(513) 381-7233

[E-mail](#)[Website](#)

Over-the-Rhine | 114 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** No specific eligibility requirements.**HOURS:** Hours vary based on [center location](#).

### Society of St. Vincent DePaul

This non-profit organization provides emergency material and spiritual assistance to community members in need. Some of the services they provide include food assistance, clothing assistance, furniture/household item assistance, rent and utility assistance, prescription medicine assistance, state ID and birth certificate assistance, and re-entry assistance.

(513) 421-0602

[info@svdpcincinnati.org](mailto:info@svdpcincinnati.org)[Website](#)

West End | 1125 Bank Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214

**ELIGIBILITY:** No specific eligibility requirements.**HOURS:** Hours vary based on [center location](#).

# EMPLOYMENT

A staggering number of individuals in our city are without jobs. Many of those people are suffering from employment barriers related to former incarceration. Organizations across Cincinnati have developed programs to help tackle these barriers. Some provide industry-specific work experience and training, while others focus more on teaching their participants how to properly engage in an interview and at the workplace. Rather than applying to job after job and being turned down, your efforts may be best spent putting energy into a program designed to help you become job-ready.

## Beacon of Hope Business Alliance

Beacon of Hope strives to inspire employers in Hamilton County to increase the number of jobs open to “hard-to-hire” individuals, such as people with criminal records. Beacon of Hope helps raise awareness about the need for, and benefit of, “second chance” employment.

(513) 813-2730

[ebaker@nehemiahmfg.com](mailto:ebaker@nehemiahmfg.com)

[Website](#)

West End | 1130 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to individuals 18 years or older facing employment barriers due to a criminal record.

**APPLICATION:** To be considered for a position, interested individuals can attend an open interview, which are held every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. at the City Link Center located at 800 Bank Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214. Participants must bring a background check from the Hamilton County Justice Center, but can fill out an application on site.

## Cincinnati Works

Cincinnati Works is a nonprofit organization that serves people living in poverty by assisting them in advancing to self-sufficiency through employment. It offers a comprehensive approach to eliminating poverty in the Tri-State area through a network of job services and employer partnerships.

(513) 744-9675

[info@cincinnatiworks.org](mailto:info@cincinnatiworks.org)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 708 Walnut Street, Floor 2, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **PROGRAM:** Phoenix Program

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to men and women at high risk for involvement in group violence. Most participants have a criminal background. However, it is not available to individuals with a sex offense.

**APPLICATION:** Attend an information session, which are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon at 708 Walnut Street, and every Friday at 4600 Erie Avenue.

**DETAILS:** Program aims to help participants advance to a life of economic self-sufficiency through legal employment. The goal is to empower individuals to establish new, positive patterns of behavior that lead them away from a life of criminal activity and toward a bright future.

### **PROGRAM:** Next Steps

**ELIGIBILITY:** Young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. Not available to individuals with a sex offense.

**APPLICATION:** Attend an information session, which are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon at 708 Walnut Street, and every Friday at 4600 Erie Avenue.

**DETAILS:** Cincinnati Works provides Next Step Members the opportunity to overcome barriers and attain the education and skills necessary to find employment and be economically independent.

**PROGRAM: Advance You**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Individuals who have had stable employment for at least one year and interested in pursuing a career path. Not available to individuals with a sex offense.

**APPLICATION:** Attend an information session, which are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon at 708 Walnut Street, and every Friday at 4600 Erie Avenue.

**DETAILS:** Advance You functions as the final step on the path to economic self-sufficiency. For members interested in pursuing a career opportunities through additional skills training, attending college, development of specific interpersonal skills, and/or obtaining a driver's license and transportation, Cincinnati Works offers career paths and counseling to develop an action plan for reaching self-sufficiency along with milestones to mark progress toward the goal, advanced interviewing and resume & cover letter writing skills, a financial coach to help with establishing a budget that enables investments such as a house, vehicle, and ongoing education.

**Community Action Agency**

CAA is a nonprofit organization that offers services to low-income individuals and families in a holistic approach to help lift them out of poverty. In addition to the following programs, CAA offers one-on-one employment coaching, educational and training resources, budgeting services, transportation and housing resources, legal advocacy, and behavioral health & chaplain services.

(513) 569-1840

[along@cincy-caa.org](mailto:along@cincy-caa.org)

[Website](#)

Bond Hill | 1740 Langdon Farm Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

**PROGRAM: Blue Print for Success**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Cincinnati residents who are 18-30 years old and have a high school diploma or GED.

**APPLICATION:** To apply, contact CAA's Career & Job Services at by email or phone (listed above).

**DETAILS:** This Construction program provides practical work experience, employment skills, educational support, Financial Education and Life-Skills to young adults. The first month consists of "Boot Camp," an educational classroom setting designed to train participants for work in the field. When this is completed, students will complete 2 months in the field. At finish, students will be ready to work in the field or explore post-secondary education (3 month program).

**PROGRAM: C-10 Construction Training**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton County residents who are 18 years or older.

**APPLICATION:** To apply, contact CAA's Career & Job Services by email or phone (listed above).

**DETAILS:** 7-10 week program that focuses on community safety, poverty reduction, and preparation for careers in the construction industry with an emphasis on commercial and industrial skills where employment can be held year-round.

**PROGRAM: Cincinnati Manufacturing Certification Program**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton County residents who are at or below 125% the poverty line.

**APPLICATION:** To apply, interested individuals must complete an [interest form](#), attend an information session, and complete an application, testing, and assessments. For more information, see the CAA [website](#).

**DETAILS:** Provides 140 hours of training in Manufacturing Skills Standards and equips students with a Production Technician Certification. Program participants also receive assistance with their job search and interview coaching to help them earn a great-paying job in the manufacturing industry. The national average wage for Certified Production Technicians is \$16/hour.

**PROGRAM: Commercial Driver's License Training**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton County residents 18 years and older with a valid driver's license. Participants must meet income eligibility requirements, complete and pass the Department of Transportation's

physical examination, be able to pass a drug test, and agree to zero-tolerance policy for violence and drugs.

<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, interested individuals must complete an <a href="#">interest form</a> and complete as assessment/application and interview. For more information, see the CAA <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Participants in this program receive truck driver training and are offered life skills training and other supportive services offered by CAA. Prior to starting CDL classes participants must attend a one-week professional development training class. Full-time participants will complete the program in 5 weeks, part-time participants will complete it in 10 weeks.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Fresh Start/Ex-Offenders</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Hamilton County residents 18 years and older with a criminal record.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, contact CAA's Career & Job Services at <a href="mailto:along@cincy-caa.org">along@cincy-caa.org</a> or (513) 569-1840.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	CAA assists ex-offenders in finding employment by providing services with a special focus on the unique barriers that people leaving prison often face when returning to society
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>YouthBuild</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to young people who are 16-24 years old and out of school.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, contact CAA's Career & Job Services at <a href="mailto:along@cincy-caa.org">along@cincy-caa.org</a> or (513) 569-1840.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	CAA YouthBuild Academy is a training program that gives youth certifications in the fields of Healthcare and Construction and a high school diploma.

## City Gospel Mission

City Gospel Mission aims to help break cycles of poverty and despair. It engages, equips and empowers those in need with the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical skills and resources to achieve long-term life transformation and self-sufficiency. Its programs target four key areas: food and shelter, recovery, at-risk youth and job readiness and placement.

(513) 241-1800

[contact@citygospelmission.org](mailto:contact@citygospelmission.org)

[Website](#)

Queensgate | 1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>JobsPlus Employment Network</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to individuals age 18 and older who have been incarcerated or who have other barriers to obtaining a job.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, contact Job Plus at <a href="mailto:awoolfolk@citygospelmission.org">awoolfolk@citygospelmission.org</a> or (513) 241-1800
<b>DETAILS:</b>	The JobsPlus program works closely with participants to create a customized career strategy based on their work experience, strengths, challenges and goals. JobsPlus offers classes, one-to-one coaching, resume preparation, job search assistance, transportation and more.

## Lawn Life

The mission of Lawn Life is to provide disconnected youth with an opportunity to gain real work experience and transferable skills. Lawn Life provides under-resourced communities with detailed landscapes, reasonable prices, and excellent service in a very professional manner.

(513) 961-2222

[info@lawnlife.org](mailto:info@lawnlife.org)

[Website](#)

PO Box 68123, Cincinnati, OH 45223

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to individuals 16 year or older and willing to take a drug test.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, fill out an online application available on Lawn Life's <a href="#">website</a> .

## Santa Maria Community Services

Santa Maria Community Services provides free job-readiness training to low-income individuals in an effort to develop a community in which citizens improve their lives and neighborhoods through economic opportunity. Their employment services include: career exploration, job search coaching, resume and cover letter development, job application assistance, interviewing skills instruction, job placement, job retention counseling and intensive case management.

(513) 587-6920

[info@santamaria-cincy.org](mailto:info@santamaria-cincy.org)[Website](#)

Price Hill | 3208 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton County residents ages 16-24, who are not enrolled in high school or post-secondary school and have not graduated from high school. Must have authorization to work in the U.S. Services may not be available if already enrolled with other CCMEP or WIOA providers.

**APPLICATION:** No application is required; the participant need only attend a workforce orientation Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or Wednesday 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 3208 Warsaw Avenue.

## Summer Youth Employment Program

SYEP, available through Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services, provides youth with employment experiences that teach responsibility, organizational skills, time management, and good work habits through job experience. The SYEP is designed to be the first step towards financial stability and economic independence for eligible Hamilton County youth.

(513) 946-1000

[Website](#)

Over-the-Rhine | 222 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Oh 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton County youth ages 14-24, you are a minor or the parent of a minor, and have a gross household income that is less than 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**APPLICATION:** To apply, complete an online application available at [www.hcjfs.org/syep](http://www.hcjfs.org/syep)

## Urban League of Southwestern Ohio | Greater Cincinnati

The Greater Cincinnati Urban League (GCUL) aims to promote personal empowerment and economic self-sufficiency through a variety of education and job training/advancement programs. GCUL serves individuals from a wide variety of back grounds. To learn more about available programs and become involved, interested individuals should attend an information session. Session are held at GCUL (address below) every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early. Late comers will not be accepted.

(513) 281-9955

[gcul@ulgso.org](mailto:gcul@ulgso.org)[Website](#)

Avondale | 3458 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45229

### **PROGRAM: Urban Champions**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth 14-18 years old and enrolled in school.

**APPLICATION:** Contact the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati for more information about becoming part of this program.

**DETAILS:** The Urban Champions program merges work readiness training with academic success supports. This program supports youth in exploring careers, learning how to advance in those careers, achieving academic success, and developing personal leadership skills.

### **PROGRAM: SOAR (Solid Opportunities for Advancement & Retention)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to individuals 18 and older.

**APPLICATION:** No application necessary. To learn more about this becoming part of this program and others, attend an information session (more information on page 28).



<b>DETAILS:</b>	This three-week program offers day and evening classes which simulate an actual job. The day class operates Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and covers topic areas such as self-exploration, financial literacy, understanding employer expectations, resume writing, completing online applications, professional job placement and retention assistance.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Employment Connections</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	This program is intended for young professionals 18 years or older.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. To learn more about this becoming part of this program and others, attend an information session (more information on page 28).
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This two day program teaches participants how to connect with potential employers. Topics range from setting career goal, to resume writing, to networking and preparing for an interview.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Construction Connections</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to individuals who have completed the SOAR program (more info above).
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. To learn more about this becoming part of this program and others, attend an information session (more information on page 28).
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This six-week Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program prepares participants for a career in the construction industry. It is a collaboration between the GCUL and Allied Construction Industries that focuses on technical instruction, as well as, soft skill development.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>ACE (Advanced Customer Service Education)</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to individuals with a high school diploma or GED.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. To learn more about this becoming part of this program and others, attend an information session (more information on page 28).
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This four-week program helps participants develop the skills necessary to obtain stable employment in Customer Service. Graduates are equipped with the training and experience necessary to compete for high-end entry level employment in customer service industries.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>CCMEP (Comprehensive Case Management Employment Program)</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to low-income individuals ages 16 to 24, who are eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) or Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth program.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	No application necessary. To learn more about this becoming part of this program and others, attend an information session (more information on page 28).
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Participants are provided services to support goals outlined in their individual opportunity plan, which may include support to obtain a high school diploma, job placement, work experience, and other supportive services such as child care and transportation.

## Youth to Work Program (Y2WK)

Y2WK brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and private corporations to offer employment and internship opportunities to youth. Participants not only gain valuable job skills and career knowledge, but also earn an hourly wage. They learn career and life skills that put them on the path to becoming successful 21st Century leaders, employers and entrepreneurs.

(513) 352-4047

[greg.walker@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:greg.walker@cincinnati-oh.gov)

[Website](#)

West End | 805 Central Avenue, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45202

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Youth 14 to 18 years of age who meet household income guidelines. Must have a valid work permit (14 and 15 years old) or parental consent (16 and 17 years old).
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, youth must complete an applicant profile, answer agency wide questions, and answer supplemental questions. Once you've completed the application, confirm all the information is accurate, then certify and submit it. See more detailed instructions, <a href="#">here</a> .

# LEGAL MATTERS

## Court Fees

The juvenile court has many different ways of enforcing punishment, such as:

- Levying a fine against the child
- Placing the juvenile on community control
- Requiring the youth to complete community service
- Requiring the juvenile to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED)
- Placing the youth on a monitoring system for drugs or alcohol
- Placing the youth on house arrest or implementing specified curfew times
- Confining the youth in a detention center.<sup>43</sup>

Some of the fines that a juvenile in Ohio could face range from \$20 to \$2,000. Most traffic charges cost \$50. The scaling system for misdemeanors and felonies can be found below.

Misdemeanors		Felonies	
Unclassified & Minor	Up to \$50	5 <sup>th</sup> Degree	Up to \$300
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	Up to \$100	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	Up to \$400
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Up to \$150	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Up to \$750
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Up to \$200	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Up to \$1,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Up to \$250 <sup>44</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Up to \$1,500 <sup>45</sup>

If a court levies a fine against a juvenile then the juvenile is responsible for the payment of that fine. It may be paid by cash, check, money order, or credit card. This payment is paid to the clerk of court in the county where the youth was charged and fined.

If the offense is one that requires restitution then a restitution hearing can occur. During this hearing, the court will base the fine off the recommendation by the victim, presentence investigation report, receipts indicating the cost of repairing or replacing property and any other information that is provided to the court. If the court orders restitution, then the youth may be required to pay it in a lump sum or installments, to perform repair work to restore any damaged

<sup>43</sup> [ORC 2152.19](#)

<sup>44</sup> [ORC 2152.20](#)

<sup>45</sup> [ORC 2152.20](#)



property to its original condition, to complete community service, or to perform any other of form of restitution that the court deems appropriate.<sup>46</sup>

## Collateral Consequences

When youth return to their communities after court-ordered placements, they often encounter several “collateral consequences” that may restrict their access to employment, housing, and education. However, successful experiences in these areas after re-entry help reduce recidivism rates.<sup>47</sup>

### EMPLOYMENT

Adjudications play several roles in one’s ability to secure or maintain employment. Some offenses may prevent one from being able to obtain certain employment positions. Other consequences may affect one’s ability to maintain employment if the adjudication occurs after hiring. Below are a few examples of potential employment related consequences.

Depending on the offense, a person seeking employment after an adjudication:

- May not be able to obtain employment in elderly, child, and hospice care positions.
- May not be able to obtain employment in civil service, law enforcement, fire and rescue, and first responder positions
- May not be able to obtain employment in credit unions, credit services organizations, banking, real estate, and construction
- May temporarily be unable to serve in professional fund-raising or fund-raising consultant positions
- May not be eligible for a position as a telephone solicitor
- May not be able eligible for several medical positions
- May be denied the opportunity to earn a license as pharmacist, psychologist, social worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, chemical dependency counselor, and/or a CPA certification<sup>48</sup>

### HOUSING

Adjudications can limit one’s ability to secure stable housing. Some offenses, such as sexual offenses, may result in an automatic and mandatory bar from public housing.<sup>49</sup> Since juvenile

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<sup>46</sup> [ORC 2152.20](#)

<sup>47</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/blog/second-chances-vital-criminal-justice-reform>

<sup>48</sup> This list was compiled using data from Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions Under Ohio Law, <http://civiccchio.org/>

<sup>49</sup> CSG Justice Center. (2017, November 29). Collateral Consequences of a Juvenile Adjudication [Webinar]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyUY2ytUy84>

records in Ohio are not public information, most offenses will not appear on background checks. However, offenses that would have been felonies if committed by an adult may be accessible, which could make it more difficult for you and/or your family to secure housing.<sup>50</sup> See below for few examples of potential housing related consequences:

- May be unable to live with a person seeking to adopt or foster a child.
- May be denied access to public housing for some offenses.
- May be denied housing by landlord for some offenses.

## EDUCATION

If a child is charged with a delinquent act, the juvenile court is required to inform the child's school district of the charge, even if the offense did not occur on the school's campus.<sup>51</sup> Officers are also required to inform the school of the nature of the offense and the specifics surrounding the offense at that time.<sup>52</sup> If the child is adjudicated, the court is required to notify the child's school of the adjudication,<sup>53</sup> and then the school has the power to suspend or expel the child.<sup>54</sup> The Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) is also required to notify the school if the child is committed to the custody of DYS.<sup>55</sup>

## CIVICS

"Civics" refers to one's rights and duties as a citizen. The most common form of collateral consequences against one's civic duties is the impairing of an individual's ability to serve on a jury.

Collateral consequences can seriously hinder a youth's ability to successfully re-enter the community and society in general. They may be in the form of discretionary disqualifications or mandatory sanctions.<sup>56</sup> State laws impose most collateral consequences, however, some may come from federal or local ordinances as well.<sup>57</sup> For example, some collateral consequences youth and their families may face can include:

- Lifelong registration on a public offender list;

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<sup>50</sup> Ohio Justice & Policy Center and Ohio Poverty Law Center. "[Understanding and Concealing Criminal Records in Ohio](#)." March 2011.

<sup>51</sup> [ORC § 2152.021\(C\)](#) (Westlaw 2017).

<sup>52</sup> [ORC § 2152.021\(C\)](#) (Westlaw 2017).

<sup>53</sup> [ORC § 2152.18\(D\)\(1\)](#) (Westlaw 2017).

<sup>54</sup> Pursuant to the school's individual expulsion policy. *See e.g.*

<sup>55</sup> [ORC § 2152.18\(D\)\(3\)](#) (Westlaw 2017).

<sup>56</sup> Kimberly R. Mossone & Cara A. Roecker, [Ohio Collateral Consequences Project: Executive Summary](#), 363 U. Tol. L. Rev. 611, 611 (2005).

<sup>57</sup> *Id.* at 613.

- Substantial obstacles to receiving an education;
- Barriers to employment, service in the military, professional licensing, subsidized housing, and college admittance;
- Denial of medical services;
- Publically available court records;
- Risk to immigration status;
- Loss of right to vote or serve on a jury;
- Loss of driving privileges; and
- Possible future prosecution.<sup>58</sup>

**Note:** The above information is in no way meant to be an exhaustive list. There are thousands of collateral consequences; this list merely includes the most common. If you would like to know more specifics about your case, make sure to contact your public defender.

## COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES BASED ON OFFENSE

Ohio's Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions (CIVICC) website,<sup>59</sup> compiled by the Ohio Justice and Policy Center and maintained by the Ohio Public Defender, provides a database of the possible collateral consequences of *adult* convictions, however, there is concern that juveniles may face some of these adult consequences as well.

As mentioned earlier, the following is a list of the most common juvenile offenses in Hamilton County, with its corresponding number of collateral consequences (or impacts).

- **Theft:** 547 Impacts;
- **Robbery:** 583 Impacts;
- **Receiving Stolen Property:** 532 Felony Impacts, 220 Misdemeanor Impacts;
- **Obstruction of Official Business:** 447 Felony Impacts, 90 Misdemeanor Impacts;
- **Resisting:** 446 Felony Impacts, 90 Misdemeanor Impacts;
- **Carrying of a Concealed Weapon:** 536 Felony Impacts, 192 Misdemeanor Impacts;
- **Possession of Marijuana:** 551 Felony Impacts, 237 Misdemeanor Impacts;
- **Offenses Against Family (Domestic Violence):** 550 Felony Impacts, 217 Misdemeanor Impacts.

## HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court sees a wide variety of crimes committed by juveniles, however, the most common among the youth include: theft and robbery, receiving stolen

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<sup>58</sup> National Juvenile Defender Center, Models for Change, Innovation Brief: Avoiding and Mitigating the Collateral Consequences of a Juvenile Adjudication (December 2013) 1, available at <http://njdc.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Collateral-Consequences-Inno-Brief-2013.pdf>.

<sup>59</sup> See Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions under Ohio Law, <http://civiccOhio.org/> (last visited March 16, 2017).

property, obstruction of official business, resisting, carrying of a concealed weapon, possession of marijuana, and offenses against family.

Although all crimes result in some form of collateral consequence for employment, education, or housing, some collateral consequences are technically classified as “mandatory,” rather than merely “discretionary.” This means that while the decision-maker can ultimately decide not to impose a consequence against the youth in some situations for discretionary consequences, in many other situations, other factors—such as the severity of the crime or age of the child—**cannot** play a role in the decision process. In other words, the mandatory consequence is applied automatically with no regard to individual circumstances.

Some consequences may allow for future restoration of the rights lost. Some rights may be restored automatically after a specified amount of time passes, while other rights require a waiting period and a specific process to occur before restoration.<sup>60</sup> Unfortunately, most rights do not have the possibility of restoration.<sup>61</sup>

## Sealing and Expungement

### JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS

Juveniles are adjudicated “delinquents” and therefore do not receive criminal convictions. This means that juvenile records are not considered to be criminal records. Thus, if someone with an adjudication is asked on a job application if they have been “convicted of a crime,” the legally correct answer is simply “no.”<sup>62</sup> Still, certain offenses will still show up on background checks. Schools and certain employers and government agencies, like courts, police, and prosecutors may have access to juvenile records.<sup>63</sup>

A sealed juvenile record is removed from the individual’s main criminal history file, and may only be accessed by courts, police, and prosecutors.<sup>64</sup> Sealed records will not appear on background checks for housing or employment.<sup>65</sup> Conversely, expunged records are completely destroyed both in their physical and electronic forms, so they become permanently irretrievable.<sup>66</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> Mossoney and Roecker, *Ohio Collateral Consequences Project: Executive Summary*, *supra* note 2, at 612.

<sup>61</sup> *Id.* at 616.

<sup>62</sup> Hamilton County Public Defender, Fresh Start Expungement Clinic, *available at* <http://www.hamiltoncountypd.org/index.php?page=fresh-start-2>.

<sup>63</sup> *Id.*

<sup>64</sup> *Id.*

<sup>65</sup> *Id.*

<sup>66</sup> *Id.*

When an individual applies to have his/her juvenile records sealed and/or expunged, the court will consider the following in deciding whether to grant the application: all prior adjudications, the individual's age at the time of the offense, the nature of the offense, the individual's efforts at rehabilitation including employment and education, and any other factors the court deems relevant.<sup>67</sup> The following juvenile adjudications can **never** be sealed: aggravated murder, murder, and rape.<sup>68</sup>

## ADULT CRIMINAL RECORDS

As with juvenile records, sealing an adult criminal record can help mitigate barriers to employment, education, and housing. When an adult criminal record is sealed, "*most* employers, all landlords, and anyone else will not be able to access sealed records."<sup>69</sup> However, a sealed adult criminal record is still accessible by:

- Prosecutors, judges, and police if there are future criminal investigations;
- Judges considering convictions for sentencing in future crimes;
- Employers in law enforcement, jobs working with children or the elderly (e.g. schools, daycares, and health-care services), and some jobs in real-estate and financial institutions;
- Most state professional-licensing boards, such as the State Accountancy Board, State Medical Board, State Dental Board, State Board of Nursing, State Board of Psychology, and others, for the purposes of license denial, suspension, or revocation.<sup>70</sup>

To begin the process of having an adult criminal record sealed, one must first determine whether they are eligible. An adult may be eligible if they have no more than five felonies on their record, do not have any pending criminal charges, and have satisfied the waiting time.<sup>71</sup> If one determines that they are eligible, they can begin the application process by filling out sealing (expungement) forms available at the Office of the County Clerk of Courts or, in some counties, on the Clerk of Courts [website](#). Once the appropriate paperwork has been completed, an individual will need to file the application at the Clerk's Office. After filing, the applicant will receive a court date.<sup>72</sup> For assistance applying for sealing/expungement individuals can attend the [Fresh Start Clinic](#) or contact one of the legal resources listed on page 37.

### Hamilton County Clerk of Courts

1000 Main St, Cincinnati, OH 45202 | (513) 946-5656 option 2

<sup>67</sup> *Id.*

<sup>68</sup> *Id.*

<sup>69</sup> Ohio Justice & Policy Center and Ohio Poverty Law Center. "[Understanding and Concealing Criminal Records in Ohio](#)." March 2011.

<sup>70</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>71</sup> [Ohio Revised Code 2953.32](#)

<sup>72</sup> OJPC, "Understanding & Concealing." See pages 11-12 for OJPC's more detailed instructions.

## Legal Service Providers

### Children's Law Center, Inc.

CLC is a non-profit legal service center protecting the rights of children and youth to help them overcome barriers and transition into adulthood, better advocate for their needs, and successfully contribute to society. It provides individual legal advocacy to children and youth.

(859) 431-3313

[info@childrenslawky.org](mailto:info@childrenslawky.org)

[Website](#)

Covington | 1002 Russell Street, Covington, KY 41011

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth under 24 years old who live in Southwest Ohio or Kentucky. Legal services may vary based on location.

**APPLICATION:** Those interested in receiving legal services should contact CLC by phone or email. Before retaining a lawyer, a youth or their legal guardian must complete a short intake, which is usually done over the phone.

### Fresh Start Clinic, Public Defenders Office

The Fresh Start Clinic, through the Public Defender's Office, provides individuals with a criminal record an opportunity to receive help with issues from sealing or expunging their criminal record to getting certificates that help open doors for enrollment in job training programs.

(513) 946-3700

[freshstart@cms.hamilton-co.org](mailto:freshstart@cms.hamilton-co.org)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 125 E. Court Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** This clinic is open to the public, but is intended for individuals with a juvenile or criminal record and are eligible for sealing or expungement.

**APPLICATION:** There is no application necessary; walk-ins are welcome.

### Lawyer Referral Service, Cincinnati Bar Association

The LRS is a free service that helps connect individuals in need of legal services with an attorney near them who can meet their specific needs. For individuals who have limited income, but do not qualify for Legal Aid or pro bono programs, the Cincinnati Bar Association offers the [Lawyer Referral Service Modes Means Program](#).

(513) 381-8359

[E-mail](#)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 225 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Floor 2, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Ohio residents who live in or near Cincinnati.

**APPLICATION:** To use this service, either call (513) 381-8359 or fill out an online service request form.

### Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati

Legal Aid is committed to promoting economic and family stability by providing low income individuals with quality legal representation. Legal Aid attorneys work with individuals to achieve case-by-case problem resolution, and use legal advocacy to improve large systems.

(513) 241-9400

[info@lascinti.org](mailto:info@lascinti.org)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 215 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Legal Aid can help low-income individuals and families who have annual before tax incomes less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Every family's situation is different. Eligibility will be determined during your intake interview. (Legal Aid does not take criminal cases)

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving legal services, call Legal Aid at (513) 241-9400.

## Ohio Justice and Policy Center

OJPC provides free legal assistance to people looking to overcome barriers created by a criminal record and to people who are incarcerated and face denials of basic human rights.

(513) 421-1108

[contact@ohiojpc.org](mailto:contact@ohiojpc.org)

[Website](#)

Downtown | 215 East 9th Street, Suite #601, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** While OJPC does not have specific eligibility requirements, there are some restrictions for expungements and record sealing per the law, which may hinder OJPC's ability to provide any sort of representation.

**APPLICATION:** Individual's interested in OJPC's services should call to set up an appointment (513-421-1108) or attend one of the clinics listed on OJPC's [website](#).

# PHYSICAL, MENTAL, & SEXUAL HEALTH

Upon re-entry it is important for young people to have well rounded support, including quality health coverage. While there are no significant barriers to receiving health care due to having a juvenile record, it is an important element of a youth's re-entry plan.

## Health Insurance

### Ohio Medicaid

Medicaid provides low income Ohioans with affordable medical coverage. To be eligible for Medicaid you must:

- Be a United States citizen or meet Medicaid citizenship requirements.
- Have or get a Social Security number.
- Be an Ohio resident.
- Meet financial requirements.

To determine if you are eligible and to apply visit the [Ohio Medicaid website](#) or visit your local Jobs and Family Services Office. *The Cincinnati JFS office is located at 222 E Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45202.*

## Primary Care

### Cincinnati Children's Hospital Teen Health Center

The Teen Health Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital provides a multidisciplinary approach to medicine, informed by adolescent development, to young people ages 12-21. At the clinic, health professionals address the medical, social, emotional, sexual, educational and nutritional concerns that youth confront. The teen health clinic provides adolescent primary care and adolescent psychiatric evaluations.

(513) 636-4681

[teenhealth@cchmc.org](mailto:teenhealth@cchmc.org)

[Website](#)

Corryville | 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to young people ages 12-21. Clinicians can also treat youth younger than 12 if they are encountering problems related to puberty.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about making an appointment at the Teen Health Center, call or email the center.

## Mental Health

### Cincinnati Children's Mental Health & Behavior

Cincinnati Children's Hospital offers psychological and psychiatric services to youth including diagnosis and treatment. Cincinnati Children's Hospital also provides a list of the mental and behavioral health providers in the region on their [website](#).

(513) 636-4200

[specialneeds@cchmc.org](mailto:specialneeds@cchmc.org)

[Website](#)

Corryville | 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility varies based on mental health program. For more information, contact Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, call or email Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

### Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services

This organization offers comprehensive mental health service to youth and families in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region.

(513) 354-5200

[E-mail](#)

[Website](#)

Walnut Hills | 1501 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to individuals and families in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region who are in need of therapeutic or psychological support services.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving services, call (513) 354-7555. Walk-ins welcomed Monday-Friday from 8:30-12:00.



## Lighthouse Youth Services

LYS is committed to advancing the dignity and well-being of children, youth and families in need by providing early childhood services; behavioral health and psychiatric services; home-based services to families; services to youth engaged with the juvenile justice system; community residential treatment facilities; foster care and adoption; independent living services; and opportunities through education.

(513) 221-3350

[hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org](mailto:hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org)

[Website](#)

Walnut Hills | 401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206

### **PROGRAM: Case Management Services**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth ages 14-24 who have severe and chronic mental illness.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, contact LYS.

**DETAILS:** This program provides an array of specific and individualized services to each client in the home, school, and/or community.

### **PROGRAM: School-Based Mental Health Services**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth in school with mental health needs.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, contact LYS.

**DETAILS:** School-based staff work with school personnel to identify students with mental health needs and link them to appropriate services such as case management, therapy, and psychiatric services. School-based staff also provide crisis management support and prevention services to the school.

### **PROGRAM: School-Based Services**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth in school with mental health needs.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, contact LYS.

**DETAILS:** Individual aides work with students to develop the skills needed by each student to improve behavior in school. This service helps students stay in school or eases the transition to less restrictive school settings.

### **PROGRAM: Therapy Services**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Therapy services are available to a variety of age groups, contact LYS for more information.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, contact LYS.

**DETAILS:** Lighthouse provides services tailored to meet the specific needs of families and individuals. This includes diagnostic assessments; medication management; and individual and family therapy.

### **PROGRAM: Wraparound Services**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to individuals 24 and younger with mental health needs.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving mental health services, contact LYS.

**DETAILS:** This program offers a variety of short term, time sensitive services to support families and youth in their own homes, in foster care, group homes or independent living programs.

# Sexual Health

## Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood offers high quality, affordable healthcare and comprehensive sex education. Their services include: birth control; pregnancy testing; the morning after pill; abortion referrals; STD testing, treatment, and vaccines; HIV testing; women's health care; men's health care; LGBT services; and general health care.

1(800) 230-7526		info@ppsw.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
ELIGIBILITY:	Services available to individuals with or without health insurance. If someone is under the age of 18, parental consent for treatment may be necessary.		
APPLICATION:	To receive care you can book an appointment <a href="#">online</a> or by calling your local Planned Parenthood office.		

### Cincinnati Locations

Mt. Auburn	2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	(513) 287-6484	<a href="#">Website</a>
Western Hills	2016 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	(513) 574-4348	<a href="#">Website</a>

# PREGNANCY & PARENTING

An unplanned pregnancy can feel overwhelming, but services are available to help young people navigate this challenging time, provide information about all of their options, and support them through whatever decision they make. If a young person chooses to move forward with the pregnancy, there are also many resources to help ensure a healthy pregnancy and prepare them for parenthood.

## Pregnancy Resources: Choosing the Right Path

### A Caring Place

A Caring Place offers non-judgmental help and support to individuals and couples who are experiencing the challenges associates with an untimely pregnancy.

(513) 427-2271		help@acaringplace.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
		4446 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244	
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Pregnancy &amp; Sexual Health Services</b>		
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to anyone in need (must have a valid I.D.)		
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about receiving services, call or email A Caring Place.		
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Services include pregnancy testing, free ultrasound to determine viability of fetus, abortion information consultation, adoption information & referrals, post-abortion support, sexual integrity support, and sexually transmitted infection support.		

### Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood offers high quality, affordable healthcare and comprehensive sex education. For those who think they might be pregnant, Planned Parenthood offers pregnancy tests, provides information for having a healthy pregnancy, and helps people explore their options, including options for terminating the pregnancy and adoption. Other services include: birth control; the morning after pill; abortion referrals; STD testing, treatment, and vaccines; HIV testing; women's health care; men's health care; LGBT services; and general health care.

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Services available to individuals with or without health insurance. If someone is under the age of 18, parental consent for treatment may be necessary.		
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To receive care you can book an appointment <a href="#">online</a> or by calling your local Planned Parenthood office.		

#### Cincinnati Locations

Mt. Auburn	2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	(513) 287-6484	<a href="#">Website</a>
Western Hills	2016 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	(513) 574-4348	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Women's Centers of Ohio

This non-profit organization provides confidential pregnancy services, including an initial consultation free of charge. The all-female staff at Women's Centers of Ohio are dedicated to upholding each woman's right to accurate and complete information and they believe that every woman's decision about pregnancy is an important one that requires careful consideration. Further, they understand the need for emotional support in a confidential setting. Every pregnancy decision is unique.

<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Services available to individuals with or without health insurance. If a young woman is under the age of 18, parental consent for some services may be necessary.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To ensure an appointment, you should book an appointment <a href="#">online</a> or by calling your local Women's Center of Ohio.

### Cincinnati Locations

Forest Park	1230 W. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240	(513) 620-8844	<a href="#">Website</a>
Lebanon	736 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036	(513) 934-1777	<a href="#">Website</a>
Sharonville	11262 Reading Road, Sharonville, OH 45241	(513) 563-6100	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Healthy Start Program

The Healthy Start Program, which falls under Ohio Medicaid, ensures medical insurance for low income children and pregnant women. This program is available to insured and uninsured children with a family income up to 156% of the federal poverty guideline and pregnant women with a family income up to 200% of the federal poverty line. For more information about eligibility and how to apply for benefits, visit the Ohio Medicaid [website](#) or call Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services at (513) 946-1000.

## Parenting Classes & Other Pregnancy Resources

### A Caring Place

A Caring Place offers non-judgmental help and support to individuals and couples who are experiencing the challenges associated with an untimely pregnancy.

(513) 427-2271	help@acaringplace.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
4446 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244		
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>H.O.P.E. (Helping Ourselves Parent Effectively)</b>	
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to new and/or expectant mothers and fathers.	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about receiving services, call or email A Caring Place.	
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This 8-week program helps new/expectant parents how to best care for their new baby and/or preschool aged child. Graduates of the program choose between a new crib and a new infant car-seat and also receive a bountiful layette of brand new baby items from the Center's H.O.P.E. Boutique.	
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Personal Finance Classes</b>	
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to new and/or expectant mothers and fathers.	
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about receiving services, call or email A Caring Place.	

**DETAILS:** This is a two class program intended to help individuals learn how to get out of debt, avoid debt, and/or best manage their finances. Participants work one-on-one with a trained Financial Life Skills Mentor to learn the basics of creating a budget, living within one's means, whittling away any debt, and much more. At least two one and a half-hour sessions are required. Continued sessions are available.

**PROGRAM:** **Miranda's Closet (Material Assistance)**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to new and/or expectant mothers and fathers.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about receiving services, call or email A Caring Place.

**DETAILS:** Miranda's Closet provides gently used maternity and baby clothes, diapers, wipes, baby food, formula and pre-owned baby equipment. Clients may receive assistance up to 3 times during a calendar year. Clients in difficult circumstances can "earn" two (2) additional visits by participating in the Financial Life Skills sessions.

### **Beech Acres Parenting Center**

Beech Acres aims to inspire and equip today's parents, families, and communities to raise capable, caring, contributing children.

(513) 231-6630

[E-mail](#)

[Website](#)

**PROGRAM:** **Fathers Are a Factor**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton and Warren County fathers.

**APPLICATION:** To register, complete the registration form, found on the [webpage](#), and mail it to Beech Acres, or fax it to (513) 231-8782.

**DETAILS:** Fathers Are a Factor is a free general parenting class that lasts four weeks. Each session is two hours long.

**PROGRAM:** **Parenting Coaching**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Hamilton and Warren County parents.

**APPLICATION:** To schedule a session or learn more about this program, call (513) 231-6630

**DETAILS:** Parenting Coaching provides one-on-one consultations and a personalized plan for your family. Parents and caregivers learn to identify strengths and successes, examine barriers, clarify goals and develop practical solutions.

### **Center Locations**

Anderson Township      6881 Beechmont Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

West Glenmore      3325 Glenmore Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Lebanon      767 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

### **Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio**

Catholic Charities' mission is to serve, enlighten, and empower the local community. It offers a variety of high quality programs that it strives to bring to the community in a loving way.

(513) 241-7745

[E-mail](#)

[Website](#)

Roselawn | 7162 Reading Road, Suite 600, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

**PROGRAM:** **Pregnancy Counseling Program**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to expectant mothers.

**APPLICATION:** To set up an appointment to talk to one of their counselors, call (513) 489-8898.

**DETAILS:** Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Counseling Program focuses on providing Crisis Pregnancy Counseling to women who are struggling with the emotional aspects of their pregnancy.

**PROGRAM:** **Parenting Classes**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to expecting parents, as well as parents of children 12 and younger.

**APPLICATION:** For information about course offerings call (513) 863-6129.

**DETAILS:** This 6 week class helps parents increase their knowledge of child development, develop appropriate discipline skills, and improve the relationship with their children. Classes are taught by experienced instructors who are parents themselves and the cost is \$80.

**PROGRAM: Loving Solutions**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to parents of a child between 5 and 10 years old who has behavioral issues.

**APPLICATION:** For information about course offerings call (513) 863-6129.

**DETAILS:** This class lasts 10 weeks and deals with issues such as parenting a child with ADHD.

**PROGRAM Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to parents with a child 10 or older who is "at-risk" or has been involved with the juvenile justice system.

**APPLICATION:** For information about course offerings call (513) 863-6129.

**DETAILS:** This class lasts 10-16 weeks and helps parents gain skills to deal with their child's challenges.

**Families Forward (Parent Workshops)**

Families Forward offers parent workshops twice a month in a series format covering topics as smart diet choices and being active; personal-relationship development; school and community engagement; self-empowerment; personal and family finances; personal and family goal-setting; time management; problem-solving; equal housing opportunities; and helping children succeed in school.

(513) 721-7044

[support@familiesforward.net](mailto:support@familiesforward.net)

[Website](#)

Walnut Hills | 2400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to Cincinnati parents.

**APPLICATION:** For more information about registration, call or email Families Forward.

**Family Nurturing Center (Every Parent's Library)**

Every Parent's Library offers parenting classes on D.V.Ds. The parent watches one video and then returns it back to Family Nurturing Center within a week. The class lasts for 4 weeks and can be completed at any time of the year. It is free, but if the D.V.D gets lost or damaged the participant is responsible for a \$25 replacement fee.

(859) 538-1614

[carol.lapin@familynurture.org](mailto:carol.lapin@familynurture.org)

[Website](#)

Florence | 8275 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to expecting/new mothers and fathers.

**APPLICATION:** To participate, all you need to do is fill out a Member Agreement form, available [online](#), and submit to Family Nurturing Center.

**Jewish Family Service**

Jewish Family Service offers professionally led classes to provide answers, emotional support and activities for families. By participating in these classes and workshops, parents can learn how to nurture and strengthen their family and become more confident about their parenting skills.

(513) 469-1188

[info@jfscenti.org](mailto:info@jfscenti.org)

[Website](#)

Amberley Village | 8487 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236

**PROGRAM: Kibbitz & Coffee**

Kenwood | Rockwren Academy, 8401 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to the community.

**APPLICATION:** For more information, see the [website](#) or call.

**DETAILS:** This class meets for 1 hour each week for 3 weeks.

**PROGRAM: Ages & Stages**

Amberley Village | Mayerson JCC Early Childhood School, 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to the community.**APPLICATION:** For more information, see the [website](#) or call.**DETAILS:** The class meets for six weeks and is one hour in duration.**Lighthouse Youth Services (Help Me Grow)**

LYS is committed to advancing the dignity and well-being of children, youth and families in need by providing early childhood services; behavioral health and psychiatric services; home-based services to families; services to youth engaged with the juvenile justice system; community residential treatment facilities; foster care and adoption; independent living services; and opportunities through education.

(513) 221-3350

[hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org](mailto:hamiltoncountycjj@lys.org)[Website](#)

Walnut Hills | 401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206

**PROGRAM: Help Me Grow Early Intervention****ELIGIBILITY:** Available for children 3 and under who qualify for WIC or Medicaid and who may have certain medical diagnoses or developmental delays.**APPLICATION:** To find out more information about registration, call (513) 434-3322.**DETAILS:** This program provides family-centered services for children under age 3 with a developmental delay, disability, or a medical condition likely to result in a delay or disability**PROGRAM: Help Me Grow Home Visiting****ELIGIBILITY:** Available to first time expectant or new parents who qualify for WIC or Medicaid.**APPLICATION:** To find out more information about registration, call (513) 434-3322.**DETAILS:** This program provides first time expectant or new parents the information and support they need to be prepared for the birth of their child and provides ongoing education and support for families to maximize their child's health and development to age 3.**Pregnancy Center East**

Pregnancy Center East provides free and confidential services to expectant mothers. Some of the services they provide include on-site ultrasounds, adoption information and referrals, mentoring for men involved in a pregnancy decision, STI/STD testing, medical referrals, referrals for Legal Aid and other social services, parenting education classes for first-time expectant couples, post-abortion care, and material assistance (baby supplies to families in need every three months).

(513) 321-3100

[E-mail](#)[Website](#)

Oakley | 3944 Edwards Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to expectant mothers.**APPLICATION:** Call for more information about receiving their services.**Pregnancy Center West**

Pregnancy Center West provides free and confidential services to expectant mothers. Some of the services they provide include on-site ultrasounds, adoption information and referrals, mentoring for men involved in a pregnancy decision, STI/STD testing, medical referrals, referrals for Legal Aid and other social services, parenting education classes for first-time expectant couples, post-abortion care, and material assistance (baby supplies).

(513) 244-5700

[pcwest@fuse.net](mailto:pcwest@fuse.net)[Website](#)

West Price Hill | 4900 Glenway Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45238



<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Healthy Beginnings</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to expectant mothers.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Call for more information about receiving services.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Healthy Beginnings offers full-service pro-life, pre-natal clinic offering complete obstetrical care including on-site ultrasounds
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Earn While You Learn</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to expectant and new parents.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Call to set up an appointment.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program offers new and expectant moms and dads an opportunity to receive much-needed items for their babies as well as valuable parenting and life skills information when they complete a 40-minute life skills or parenting lesson.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Parenting Classes</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to young mothers in their third trimester with their first child.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Call for more information about registration.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	These classes are one night per week for six weeks and are facilitated by health and pregnancy professionals as well as volunteers. Participants qualify for baby items upon completion of classes.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Fatherhood Program</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to expectant and new fathers.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Call for more information about registration.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	The Be More Fatherhood Program is a Christian faith based program. Their goal is to encourage men to be active fathers and partners.

## Childcare Support

### CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

Childcare vouchers, available through Jobs and Family Services, cover part or all of the cost of childcare for eligible families. Eligibility is based on gross income and family size. To be eligible:

- Caretakers (parents) must be working or in an approved work activity
- Children must be under the age of 13, or if they have special needs, under the age of 18.
- Children must meet citizenship requirements
- Other eligibility factors.

For more information, or to apply for vouchers, call Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services at (513) 946-1000 or visit their [website](#).

### HEAD START

Head Start, Early Head Start, and Home-Based Head Start are federally funded programs that provide early childhood care, education, and health services to children from families with limited income. For more information about eligibility and applying, visit the Head Start [webpage](#).

# PROSOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Creative Arts

### ArtWorks

ArtWorks of Cincinnati is an award-winning non-profit organization that employs and trains local youth and talent to create art and community impact through three strategic programming areas: Public Art, including an extensive mural program; an art therapy division, ArtRx; and an entrepreneurial arm, Creative Enterprise.

Over-the-Rhine | 20 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 333-0388 [info@artworkscincinnati.org](mailto:info@artworkscincinnati.org) [Website](#)

#### **PROGRAM: Help Make Art Work**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to anyone interested in helping. No artistic skill level required.

**APPLICATION:** To become a volunteer, call (513) 333-0388

**DETAILS:** Volunteers work alongside local artists on public art projects throughout the city.

#### **PROGRAM: Youth Apprentice Tour Guides**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth 14-21.

**APPLICATION:** To apply for an apprenticeship, fill out an [online application](#).

**DETAILS:** Paid Youth Apprentice Tour Guides work alongside adult tour guides to give tours to the general public as well as private groups.

### Association of Community Theatre (ACT)

ACT is a non-profit that serves as an umbrella organization that unites local community theaters. Through ACT, individuals interested in participating in any aspect of community theater can get connected to their local community theater.

[Contact](#) [Website](#)

#### Participating Community Theaters

Acting Up   Mason	Beechmont Players   Anderson
Center Stage   Wyoming	Cincinnati Music Theatre   Downtown
Fairfield Footlighters   Fairfield	Footlighters, Inc.   Newport
Gaslight Theatre Players   Georgetown	Innovatheatre   Dayton/Cincinnati
Loveland Stage Companies   Loveland	Mariemont Players   Mariemont
Mason Community Players   Mason	Merit Theatre
Milford Theatre Guide   Milford	RiverStage   New Richmond
Stagecrafters, Inc.   Amberley Village	Sunset Players   Price Hill/Westwood
The Drama Workshop   Cheviot	Tri-County Players   Sharonville
Union Community Players   Union	Village Players of Ft. Thomas   Ft. Thomas

### Cincinnati Arts Association

The Cincinnati Arts Association is a non-profit that oversees the programming and management of Music Hall and the Aronoff Center for the Arts. For individuals interested in the arts, the Cincinnati Arts Association offers several volunteer opportunities.

(513) 621-2787 [volunteers@cincinnatiarts.org](mailto:volunteers@cincinnatiarts.org) [Website](#)  
Downtown | 650 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Aronoff Center for the Arts</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Must be 18 years or older.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, fill out and submit an <a href="#">application</a> available online.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Volunteer options include: ushers, information desk, marketing, and tour guides.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Music Hall</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Must be 18 years or older.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	To apply, fill out and submit an <a href="#">application</a> available online.
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Volunteer options include: ushers, tour and education outreach program volunteers, and special projects and administrative assistance.

## Elementz

Elementz is an Urban Arts Center that fosters the talent, potential, and possibilities of inner-city youth. It helps build dreams and brighter futures through the power of music, poetry, and art.

Over-the-Rhine | 1640 Race Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 721-5800

[info@elementz.org](mailto:info@elementz.org)

[Website](#)

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Studio E</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati teens.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about participating in this program, call or email Elementz.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program enables youth to learn skills in music production, video production, and performance. Youth in this program have an opportunity to perform, work on music projects, and engage in community events.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Beats & Rhymes
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati teens and young adults
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about participating in this program, call or email Elementz.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	Participants have an opportunity to express themselves through music and learn how to use studio equipment and beat making programs like Reason & Fruityloops.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Street Dance
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati youth
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about participating in this program, call or email Elementz.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program includes a variety of hip hop and contemporary dance lessons.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Voices of Freedom
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati youth
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about participating in this program, call or email Elementz.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	In this program participants have an opportunity to express themselves through the art of poetry and spoken word.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Learn 2 Reign</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati youth and adults.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	For more information about participating in this program, call or email Elementz.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	This program schools students in the art of DJing. Members will learn about the equipment needed to DJ, how to maintain for DJing equipment, as well as beat mixing and scratching.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Visual Art &amp; Street Art</b>
<b>ELIGIBILITY:</b>	Available to Cincinnati youth.
<b>APPLICATION:</b>	Call Elementz to inquire about our current offerings in visual art.
<b>DETAILS:</b>	At different points in the year Elementz offers classes in visual art and/or street art.

## Physical Recreation

### Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC)

ACT is a non-profit that serves as an umbrella organization that unites local community theaters. Through ACT, individuals interested in participating in any aspect of community theater can get connected to their local community theater.

Bond Hill Recreation Center	(513) 242-9565	bondhill@cincinnati-oh.gov 1501 Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	<a href="#">Website</a>
Bush Recreation Center	(513) 281-1286	bush@cincinnati-oh.gov 2640 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206	<a href="#">Website</a>
Clifton Recreation Center	(513) 961-5681	Clifton@cincinnati-oh.gov 320 McAlpin Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220	<a href="#">Website</a>
College Hill Recreation Center	(513) 591-3555	collegehill@cincinnati-oh.gov 5545 Belmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224	<a href="#">Website</a>
Corryville Recreation Center	(513) 221-0888	corryville@cincinnati-oh.gov 2823 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	<a href="#">Website</a>
Dunham Recreation Center	(513) 251-5862	dunham@cincinnati-oh.gov 4356 Dunham Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	<a href="#">Website</a>
Evanston Recreation Center	(513) 861-9417	Evanston@cincinnati-oh.gov 3204 Woodburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207	<a href="#">Website</a>
Hartwell Recreation Center	(513) 821-5194	Hartwell@cincinnati-oh.gov 8275 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216	<a href="#">Website</a>
Hirsch Recreation Center	(513) 751-3393	Hirsch@cincinnati-oh.gov 3630 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	<a href="#">Website</a>
LeBlond Recreation Center	(513) 352-4013	LeBlond@cincinnati-oh.gov 2335 Riverside Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	<a href="#">Website</a>
Lincoln Recreation Center	(513) 721-6514	Lincoln@cincinnati-oh.gov 1027 Linn Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203	<a href="#">Website</a>
Madisonville Recreation Center	(513) 271-4190	bill.bailey@cincinnati-oh.gov 5320 Stewart Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227	<a href="#">Website</a>
McKie Recreation Center	(513) 681-8247	mckie@cincinnati-oh.gov 1655 Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223	<a href="#">Website</a>
Millvale Recreation Center	(513) 352-4351	millvale@cincinnati-oh.gov 3303 Beekman Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225	<a href="#">Website</a>
Mt. Washington Recreation Center	(513) 232-4762	mt.washington@cincinnati-oh.gov 1715 Beacon Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230	<a href="#">Website</a>
North Avondale Recreation Center	(513) 961-1584	northavondale@cincinnati-oh.gov 617 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	<a href="#">Website</a>
Oakley Recreation Center	(513) 321-9320	Oakley@cincinnati-oh.gov 3882 Paxton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209	<a href="#">Website</a>
Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center	(513) 381-1893	otr@cincinnati-oh.gov 1715 Republic Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	<a href="#">Website</a>
Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center	(513) 731-7894	pleasantry@cincinnati-oh.gov 5915 Ridge Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213	<a href="#">Website</a>
Price Hill Recreation Center	(513) 251-4123	pricehill@cincinnati-oh.gov	<a href="#">Website</a>

	959 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205		
Sayler Park Recreation Center	(513) 941-0102	saylerpark@cincinnati-oh.gov	<a href="#">Website</a>
	6720 Home City Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233		
Westwood Town Hall Recreation Center	(513) 662-9109	westwoodtownhall@cincinnati-oh.gov	<a href="#">Website</a>
	3017 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211		
Winton Hill Recreation Center	(513) 641-0422	wintonhills@cincinnati-oh.gov	<a href="#">Website</a>
	5170 Winneste Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232		

## Community Service Opportunities

### Cincinnati Red Cross

Throughout the year, Cincinnati Red Cross offers many community service opportunities, whether it's registering donors for a blood drive, teaching CPR or first aid, assisting with disaster relief, or helping with fundraising.

(513) 579-3000		<a href="#">Connect</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
Downtown   2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207			
ELIGIBILITY:	Eligibility varies based on service activity.		
APPLICATION:	To participate in Red Cross service opportunities, apply <a href="#">online</a> .		

### Give Back Cincinnati

This organization provides young adults in Cincinnati an opportunity to participate in community service projects across the city. Following a day of service, participants gather at a local restaurant/bar to celebrate and get to know one another.

membership@givebackcincinnati.org		<a href="#">Website</a>	
Downtown   312 Walnut Street, Suite 3600, Cincinnati OH, 45202			
ELIGIBILITY:	Geared toward Cincinnati young adults (18-35)		
APPLICATION:	No formal application is necessary, but to receive updates about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, fill out a short contact form <a href="#">online</a> .		

### Freestore Foodbank

Freestore Foodbank is the largest emergency food provider in the Tri-State area and relies on support from community volunteers. Freestore Foodbank needs "volunteers every day to pack Power Packs and Senior Boxes for the youngest and oldest in our community, sort food donations to be sent to our Community partners, provide customer service at our Food Room (pantry), plant and harvest crops at the farm, assist with special events throughout the year and provide talents and skills for dozens of other activities that help people when they are in crisis."

- [Freestore Foodbank](#)

(513) 482-7550		volunteer@freestorefoodbank.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
Over-the-Rhine   112 East Liberty Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202			
ELIGIBILITY:	Volunteer opportunities available to most age groups. Contact Freestore Foodbank for more information about eligibility.		
APPLICATION:	Sign-up to volunteer <a href="#">online</a> .		

## Matthew 25: Ministries

This humanitarian non-profit agency is committed to providing aid for those in need. From supplying school and medical supplies to towns in need, to preparing packaged meals for disaster sites, and hosting an annual 5K run/walk to fight hunger, Matthew 25: Ministries does a little bit of everything.

(513)793-6256

[info@m25m.org](mailto:info@m25m.org)

[Website](#)

Blue Ash | 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to all ages, but youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**APPLICATION:** Individuals may walk-in during standard operating hours. Groups of four or more should schedule a time to come in. For more information about volunteering, visit Matthew 25: Ministries' [website](#).

## Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House helps keep families close to each other and the medical care a child needs while he or she recovers from a significant illness. Volunteers play an important role in ensuring that the Ronald McDonald House can continue supporting children and families when they are most in need.

(513) 636-7642

[volunteer@rmhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@rmhouse.org)

[Website](#)

Avondale | 341 Erkenbrecher Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility varies based on volunteer activity. Contact Ronald McDonald for more information about eligibility.

**APPLICATION:** To become a volunteer, visit [website](#) for online applications or call/email Ronald McDonald House.

## VolunteerMatch

VolunteerMatch is a non-profit online service that connects individuals with local organization seeking volunteers.

**ELIGIBILITY:** No specific eligibility requirements.

**APPLICATION:** To sign up for these services, sign up on the VolunteerMatch [website](#).

# MENTORING & LIFE SKILLS

Mentoring connects youth with a positive role model in the community. This process exposes a youth to experiences that he or she may not otherwise have. Many of the following organizations serve in a particular way by focusing on job-mindedness or educational success. Nevertheless, any mentoring program that helps a youth feel connected to someone in their community in a healthy way can be a vital component to re-entry services.

## Mentoring Resources

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati

Children in this program are linked-up with a mentor who will spend 3-4 hours per week with them. Each child is also assigned a case worker who will talk with the mentor and the child every 6 months to see how the partnership is progressing. The Mentor will provide transportation and the two will choose what activities to do together.

(513) 421-4120

[bigforkids.org](http://bigforkids.org)

[Website](#)

Walnut Hills | 2400 Reading Road, Suite 148, Cincinnati, OH 45202

**ELIGIBILITY:** Initial services are available to youth 8-13 years old, but services may continue until a child turns 18 years old.

**APPLICATION:** To enroll in the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program, you must fill out an [application](#) online. Once submitted, someone will call to schedule a home visit with the child and parent.

### Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring Program

CYC is dedicated to supporting students' academic success and self-esteem through its mentoring programs. Participating youth are linked-up with a mentor who will touch base with them a minimum of 1 hour per week. This could be a simple phone call to check in. Mentors also do 1-2 activities per month with the youth and incorporate education as much as possible into these activities.

(513) 363-5200

[dplogmann@cycyouth.org](mailto:dplogmann@cycyouth.org)

[Website](#)

Corryville | 301 Oak St, Cincinnati, OH 45219

#### **PROGRAM: One-to-One Mentoring**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to CPS students in grades 2-12.

**APPLICATION:** To apply, youth must fill out an application and complete an assessment. Based on the assessment, the student will wait to be matched with an appropriate mentor.

**DETAILS:** Students and their mentor meet one-on-one for one hour each week. Every mentor commits to maintaining a relationship with their mentee for a full year.

#### **PROGRAM: College Mentoring**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to young people enrolled in post-secondary school (college/university)

**APPLICATION:** To apply, youth must fill out an application and complete an assessment. Based on the assessment, the student will wait to be matched with an appropriate mentor.

**DETAILS:** This program pairs a caring adult with a college student to help them attain college success.

#### **PROGRAM: Group Mentoring**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Available to youth enrolled in school.

APPLICATION:	To apply, youth must fill out an application and complete an assessment.
DETAILS:	Programming for group mentoring varies according to mentors' and students' needs.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Worksite Mentoring</b>
ELIGIBILITY:	Available to young people enrolled in school.
APPLICATION:	To apply, youth must fill out an application and complete an assessment.
DETAILS:	This program partners local businesses and corporations with a group of students. Programs vary based on businesses' and students' needs.

## Mentoring Plus

At Mentoring Plus, Case Managers work closely with each teen and their family members to develop a Coordinated Care Plan (CCP), which comprehensively responds to the needs and strengths of participating youth. Each teen is matched with a volunteer mentor, who they meet with weekly on a program nights, along with other teens and their mentors. At a typical program night, the entire group shares a meal and the participates in break-out sessions during which, teens and mentors focus on issues such as substance abuse, education, job and career preparation, and life skills. In addition to program nights, mentors touch base with teens by phone, email, or text every week. Program staff work continuously with the youth and family throughout the week on meeting needs and achieving goal.

(859) 892-5895		chris@mentoringplus.org	<a href="#">Website</a>
		Newport   801 York Street, Newport, KY 41071	
ELIGIBILITY:	Available to youth ages 13-18 who have been referred to the program.		
APPLICATION:	To participate, the teen must be referred through juvenile justice office, school, community organization or agency. Acceptance into Mentoring Plus is based upon specific criteria addressed through a needs assessment and those most in need of services.		

## Villedge

Villedge is a non-profit organization that connects hard to reach teens with trained behavioral coaches who have had similar experiences and faced similar obstacles. Coaches and teens work together to develop a plan that emphasizes the teens' strengths, goals, and interests. Coaches help teens learn how to use their strengths to meet their goals and connect teens with other community resources and individuals who can support their growth. As teens become more connected, more empowered, and meet more of their goals, coaches gradually decrease their involvement. Teens who wish to stay connected through Villedge's web-based platform and/or by becoming mentors for the next generation.

(513) 454-6535		<a href="#">E-mail</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
		Anderson   8425 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati Oh 45225	
ELIGIBILITY:	Available to teens in the Cincinnati area.		
APPLICATION:	For more information about becoming a member, email or call <a href="#">Villedge</a> .		



## Life Skills & Transitioning to Adulthood

### Bridges to Success

Bridges is a voluntary program that provides guidance and support to young people aging out of the Ohio foster care system. Bridges aims to meet the unique needs of youth transitioning to adulthood by providing a wide range of support services. Participants develop goals and learn life skills that are important to becoming self-sufficient adults.

	(614) 568-6596	<a href="mailto:sw.region@cfhcoho.org">sw.region@cfhcoho.org</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
ELIGIBILITY:	Available to young people (18-20) who are aging out of the Ohio foster care system. For more information about eligibility, visit the Bridges <a href="#">website</a> .		
APPLICATION:	To apply talk with your children services caseworker about your interest in Bridges. He/She will contact a Bridges representative three months before you leave foster care to coordinate service. If you've already aged out of foster care, but are not yet 21, fill out an online interest form and a Bridges representative will contact you within 2 business days.		

### Child Focus, Inc.

Child Focus offers hour long Life Skills training sessions every week that help equip youth the skills and competencies for a successful transition to adulthood. Youth who attend and participate in these sessions are eligible to receive a stipend.

	(513) 752-1555	<a href="mailto:CFIreferrals@child-focus.org">CFIreferrals@child-focus.org</a>	<a href="#">Website</a>
	Mt. Caramel   555 Cincinnati-Batavia Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244		
ELIGIBILITY:	Individuals must be "at risk" youth or young adults ages 15 to 21, youth in foster care, group care or independent living, youth involved in juvenile court, youth with social, emotional or mental health problems, youth with developmental disabilities, or pregnant & parenting teens		
APPLICATION:	Must be referred (See contact Information)		

### ROOTS: Life Skills (Youtube.com)

*Roots* is a Youtube.com channel with a video playlist (around 32 videos) focused on life skills. This playlist primarily focuses on children through the 6th grade, but may be applicable for older youth.

ELIGIBILITY:	Must have access to a computer and the internet
	<a href="#">Website</a>

# RESOURCE DIRECTORY

## Education Resources

### CINCINNATI PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

<b>Aiken High School</b>			
College Hill	5641 Belmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224	(513) 363-6700	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Cincinnati Digital Academy</b>			
West End	425 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45203	(513) 363-2040	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Clark Montessori High School</b>			
Hyde Park	3030 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208	(513) 363-7100	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Dater (Gilbert A.) High School</b>			
Covedale	2146 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238	(513) 363-7200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Gamble (James N.) Montessori High School</b>			
Westwood	2700 Felicity Place, Cincinnati, OH 45211	(513) 363-2600	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Hughes STEM High School</b>			
Clifton	2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Oyler School</b>			
Price Hill	2121 Hatmaker Street, Cincinnati, OH 45204	(513) 363-4100	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Riverview East Academy</b>			
East End	3555 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45226	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>School for Creative and Performing Arts</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	108 W Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Shroder High School</b>			
Madisonville	5030 Duck Creek Road, Cincinnati, OH 45227	(513) 363-6900	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Robert A Taft Information Technology High School</b>			
West End	420 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 363-8200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Walnut Hills High School</b>			
Walnut Hills	3250 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207	(513) 363-8400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Western Hills University High School</b>			
West Price Hill	2144 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238	(513) 363-8900	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Withrow University High School</b>			
Hyde Park	2520 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45208	(513) 363-9200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>

### CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

<b>Agriculture, Food, &amp; Natural Resources   Gamble Montessori</b>			
Westwood	2700 Felicity Place, Cincinnati, OH 45211	(513) 363-2600	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Animal and Science Management   Hughes STEM High School</b>			
Clifton	2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Media Arts   The School for Creative &amp; Performing Arts</b>			

Over-the-Rhine	108 W Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Performing Arts   The School for Creative &amp; Performing Arts</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	108 W Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Visual Arts   The School for Creative &amp; Performing Arts</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	108 W Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>High School of Business   Withrow University High School</b>			
Hyde Park	2520 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45208	(513) 363-9200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Building Technologies   Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Engineering &amp; Design   Aiken High School</b>			
College Hill	5641 Belmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45224	(513) 363-6700	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Engineering Futures   Hughes STEM High School</b>			
Clifton	2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Advanced Manufacturing Technologies   Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Biomedical Science   Hughes STEM High School</b>			
Clifton	2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Biotechnology   Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Exercise Science and Sports Medicine   Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Health Technology   Riverview East Academy</b>			
East End	3555 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45226	(513) 363-3400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Patient Care   Woodward Career Technical High School</b>			
Bond Hill	7005 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237	(513) 363-9300	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Culinary Arts   Dater (Gilbert A.) High School</b>			
Covedale	2146 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238	(513) 363-7200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Information Support and Services   Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School</b>			
West End	420 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 363-8200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Interactive Media   Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School</b>			
West End	420 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 363-8200	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Programming and Software Development   Hughes STEM High School</b>			
Clifton	2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-7400	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Law and Public Safety   Withrow University High School</b>			
Hyde Park	2520 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45208	(513) 363-9200	<a href="#">Website</a>

## ONLINE / VIRTUAL SCHOOL

<b>Buckeye Online School for Success</b>			
Tuition: Free	contact@go2boss.com	(330) 385 1987	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Ohio Connections Academy, Inc.</b>			
Tuition: Free	support@connectionseducation.com	(443) 529-1000	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Ohio Virtual Academy</b>			
Tuition: Free	ohvafax@k12.com	(419) 482-0948	<a href="#">Website</a>

**Quaker Digital Academy**

Tuition: Free	information@go2qda.org	(866) 968-7032	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Akron Digital Academy**

Tuition: Free	admissions@akrondigital.k12.oh.us	(330) 237-2200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Greater Ohio Virtual Academy**

Tuition: Free	govs@warrencountyesc.com	(513) 695-2924	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Treca Digital Academy**

Tuition (full-time): Free	admissions@treca.org	(740) 389-4798	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**TUTORING & OTHER LEARNING SUPPORTS****Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati**

Queensgate	600 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45203	(513) 421-8909	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Hamilton County Club Locations**

U.S. Bank Club	Avondale	3504 Washington Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229	(513) 961-3113
Sheakley Club	West Price Hill	4100 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205	(513) 818-9084
John P. Parker	Madisonville	5051 Anderson Place, Cincinnati, OH 45227	(513) 363-2970
Findlay St. Club	Over the Rhine	901 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 407-5329
Roll Hill School	Westwood	2411 Baltimore Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45225	(513) 363-4027

**The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County**

Downtown	800 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 369-6900	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Hamilton County Public Library Locations**

<a href="#">Anderson</a>	513-369-6030	<a href="#">Madisonville</a>	513-369-6029
<a href="#">Avondale</a>	513-369-4440	<a href="#">Mariemont</a>	513-369-4467
<a href="#">Blue Ash</a>	513-369-6051	<a href="#">Miami Township</a>	513-369-6050
<a href="#">Bond Hill</a>	513-369-4445	<a href="#">Monfort Heights</a>	513-369-4472
<a href="#">Cheviot</a>	513-369-6015	<a href="#">Mt. Healthy</a>	513-369-4469
<a href="#">Clifton</a>	513-369-4447	<a href="#">Mt. Washington</a>	513-369-6033
<a href="#">College Hill</a>	513-369-6036	<a href="#">North Central</a>	513-369-6068
<a href="#">Corryville</a>	513-369-6034	<a href="#">Northside</a>	513-369-4449
<a href="#">Covedale</a>	513-369-4460	<a href="#">Norwood</a>	513-369-6037
<a href="#">Deer Park</a>	513-369-4450	<a href="#">Oakley</a>	513-369-6038
<a href="#">Delhi Township</a>	513-369-6019	<a href="#">Pleasant Ridge</a>	513-369-4488
<a href="#">Elmwood Place</a>	513-369-4452	<a href="#">Price Hill</a>	513-369-4490
<a href="#">Forest Park</a>	513-369-4478	<a href="#">Reading</a>	513-369-4465
<a href="#">Green Township</a>	513-369-6095	<a href="#">St. Bernard</a>	513-369-4462
<a href="#">Green Hills</a>	513-369-4441	<a href="#">Sharonville</a>	513-369-6049
<a href="#">Groesbeck</a>	513-369-4454	<a href="#">Symmes Township</a>	513-369-6001
<a href="#">Harrison</a>	513-369-4442	<a href="#">Walnut Hills</a>	513-369-6053
<a href="#">Hyde Park</a>	513-369-4456	<a href="#">West End</a>	513-369-6026
<a href="#">Loveland</a>	513-369-4476	<a href="#">Westwood</a>	513-369-4474
<a href="#">Madeira</a>	513-369-6028	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	513-369-6014

**CPS Volunteer Tutoring Program**

Corryville

2651 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219

(513) 363-0000

[Website](#)**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION****PrepFactory.com**[Website](#)

## Housing & Material Resources

### EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

**Central Access Point (CAP) Hotline**

(513)-381-7233

[Website](#)**Bethany House Services**

Fairmont

1841 Fairmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214

(513) 557-2873

[Website](#)**Catholic Worker's House**

Over-the-Rhine

1437 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 381-4941

[Website](#)**City Gospel Mission**

West End

1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214

(513) 241-1800

[Website](#)**Interfaith Hospitality Network**

Walnut Hills

990 Nassau St, Cincinnati, OH 45206

(513) 471-1100

[Website](#)**Lighthouse Youth Services**

Walnut Hills

401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206

(513) 221-3350

[Website](#)

Host Home Program

Walnut Hills

401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206

(513) 221-3350

[Website](#)

Mecum House

Corryville

2522 Highland Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

(513) 961-4080

[Website](#)

Sheakley Center for Youth

Walnut Hills

2314 Iowa Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

(513) 569-9500

[Website](#)**Shelterhouse**

David and Rebecca Barron Center for Men

Downtown

411 Gest Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 721-0643

[Website](#)

Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women

Corryville

2499 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 562-1980

[Website](#)

Winter Shelter at the David &amp; Rebecca Barron Center for Men

Downtown

411 Gest Street, Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 721-0643

[Website](#)**The Salvation Army**

Over-the-Rhine

114 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 381-7233

[Website](#)

## MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

<b>FoodPantries.org</b>			
			<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Freestore Foodbank, Customer Connection Center</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	112 East Liberty Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 241-1064	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Salvation Army</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	114 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 381-7233	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Society of St. Vincent DePaul</b>			
West End	1125 Bank Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 421-0602	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Employment Resources

<b>Beacon of Hope Business Alliance</b>			
West End	1130 Findlay Street, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 813-2730	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Cincinnati Works</b>			
Downtown	708 Walnut Street, Floor 2, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 744-9675	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Community Action Agency</b>			
Bond Hill	1740 Langdon Farm Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	(513) 569-1840	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>City Gospel Mission</b>			
Queensgate	1805 Dalton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214	(513) 241-1800	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Lawn Life</b>			
Northside	PO Box 68123, Cincinnati, OH 45223	(513) 961-2222	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Santa Maria Community Services</b>			
Price Hill	3208 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205	(513) 587-6920	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Summer Youth Employment Program</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	222 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Oh 45202	(513) 946-1000	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Urban League of Greater Cincinnati</b>			
Avondale	3458 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45229	(513) 281-9955	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Youth to Work Program (Y2WK)</b>			
West End	805 Central Avenue, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 352-4047	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Legal Resources

<b>Hamilton County Clerk of Courts</b>			
Downtown	1000 Main St, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 946-5656	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Children's Law Center, Inc.</b>			
Covington	1002 Russell Street, Covington, KY 41011	(859) 431-3313	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Fresh Start Clinic, Public Defenders Office</b>			
Downtown	125 E. Court Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 946-3700	<a href="#">Website</a>

**Lawyer Referral Service, Cincinnati Bar Association**

Downtown	225 East 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Floor 2, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 381-8359	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati**

Downtown	215 East 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 241-9400	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Ohio Justice and Policy Center**

Downtown	215 East 9th Street, Suite 601, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 421-1108	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Health Resources

### HEALTH INSURANCE

**Ohio Medicaid**

Over-the-Rhine	222 E Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 946-1076	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### PRIMARY CARE

**Cincinnati Children's Hospital Teen Health Center**

Corryville	3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	(513) 636-4681	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### MENTAL HEALTH

**Cincinnati Children's Mental Health & Behavior**

Corryville	3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	(513) 636-4200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services**

Walnut Hills	1501 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206	(513) 354-5200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Lighthouse Youth Services**

Walnut Hills	401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206	(513) 221-3350	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### SEXUAL HEALTH

**Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio**

Mt. Auburn	2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	(513) 287-6484	<a href="#">Website</a>
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Western Hills	2016 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	(513) 574-4348	<a href="#">Website</a>
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## Pregnancy & Parenting Resources

### CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH

**A Caring Place**

Eastgate	4446 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244	(513) 427-2271	<a href="#">Website</a>
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Mt. Auburn	2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	(513) 287-6484	<a href="#">Website</a>
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Western Hills	2016 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	(513) 574-4348	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Women's Centers of Ohio**

Forest Park	1230 W. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240	(513) 620-8844	<a href="#">Website</a>
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Lebanon	736 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036	(513) 934-1777	<a href="#">Website</a>
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Sharonville	11262 Reading Road, Sharonville, OH 45241	(513) 563-6100	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### PARENTING CLASSES & RELATED RESOURCES



<b>A Caring Place</b>			
Eastgate	4446 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45244	(513) 427-2271	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Beech Acres Parenting Center</b>			
Anderson	6881 Beechmont Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45230	(513) 231-6630	<a href="#">Website</a>
West Glenmore	3325 Glenmore Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211	(513) 231-6630	<a href="#">Website</a>
Lebanon	767 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036	(513) 231-6630	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio</b>			
Roselawn	7162 Reading Rd., Ste. 600, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	(513) 241-7745	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Families Forward (Parent Workshops)</b>			
Walnut Hills	2400 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 721-7044	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Family Nurturing Center (Every Parent's Library)</b>			
Florence	8275 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042	(859) 538-1614	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Jewish Family Service</b>			
Amberley Village	8487 Ridge Road , Cincinnati, OH 45236	(513) 469-1188	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Lighthouse Youth Services (Help Me Grow)</b>			
Walnut Hills	401 E. McMillan, Cincinnati, OH 45206	(513) 221-3350	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Pregnancy Center East</b>			
Oakley	3944 Edwards Road, Cincinnati, OH 45209	(513) 321-3100	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Pregnancy Center West</b>			
West Price Hill	4900 Glenway Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45238	(513) 244-5700	<a href="#">Website</a>

## CHILDCARE SUPPORT

<b>Childcare Vouchers, Jobs and Family Services</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	222 E Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 946-1076	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Head Start, Community Action Agency</b>			
Roselawn	1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	(513) 569-4510	<a href="#">Website</a>

## Prosocial Activity Resources

### CREATIVE ARTS

<b>ArtWorks</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	20 East Central Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 333-0388	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Association of Community Theaters (ACT)</b>			
<a href="#">Website</a>			
<b>Cincinnati Arts Association</b>			
Downtown	650 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 621-2787	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Elementz</b>			
Over-the-Rhine	1640 Race Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 721-5800	<a href="#">Website</a>

### PHYSICAL RECREATION

<b>Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC)</b>			
Downtown	805 Central Ave #800, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 352-4000	<a href="#">Website</a>
<b>Recreation Center Locations</b>			
Bond Hill RC	1501 Elizabeth Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237	(513) 242-9565	



Bush RC	2640 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206	(513) 281-1286
Clifton	320 McAlpin Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220	(513) 961-5681
College Hill	5545 Belmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224	(513) 591-3555
Corryville	2823 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219	(513) 221-0888
Dunham	4356 Dunham Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238	(513) 251-5862
Evanston	3204 Woodburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207	(513) 861-9417
Hartwell	8275 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216	(513) 821-5194
Hirsch	3630 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	(513) 751-3393
LeBlond	2335 Riverside Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	(513) 352-4013
Lincoln	1027 Linn Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203	(513) 721-6514
Madisonville	5320 Stewart Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227	(513) 271-4190
McKie	1655 Chase Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223	(513) 681-8247
Millvale	3303 Beekman Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225	(513) 352-4351
Mt Washington	1715 Beacon Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230	(513) 232-4762
N. Avondale	617 Clinton Springs, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229	(513) 961-1584
Oakley	3882 Paxton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209	(513) 321-9320
Over-the-Rhine	1715 Republic Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	(513) 381-1893
Pleasant Ridge	5915 Ridge Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213	(513) 731-7894
Price Hill	959 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205	(513) 251-4123
Sayler Park	6720 Home City Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233	(513) 941-0102
Westwood	3017 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211	(513) 662-9109
Winton Hill	5170 Winneste Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232	(513) 641-0422

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Cincinnati Red Cross

Downtown	2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207	(513) 579-3000	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Give Back Cincinnati

Downtown	312 Walnut Street, Suite 3600, Cincinnati OH, 45202		<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Freestore Foodbank

Over-the-Rhine	112 East Liberty Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 482-7550	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Matthew 25: Ministries

Blue Ash	11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242	(513) 793-6256	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Ronald McDonald House Charities

Avondale	341 Erkenbrecher Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229	(513) 636-7642	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### VolunteerMatch

[Website](#)

## Mentoring & Life Skills Resources

## MENTORING

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati

Walnut Hills	2400 Reading Rd., Suite 148, Cincinnati, OH 45202	(513) 421-4120	<a href="#">Website</a>
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### Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring Program

Corryville	301 Oak St, Cincinnati, OH 45219	(513) 363-5200	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Mentoring Plus**

Newport	York Street, Newport, KY 41071	(859) 892-5895	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Villedge**

Anderson	8425 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati Oh 45225	(513) 454-6535	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**LIFE SKILLS****Bridges to Success**

		(614) 568-6596	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**Child Focus, Inc.**

Mt. Caramel	555 Cincinnati-Batavia Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244	(513) 752-1555	<a href="#">Website</a>
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**ROOTS: Life Skills (Youtube)**

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