



OHIO Youth Advisory Board 2018 Video Project Application

The Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio (OHIO) Youth Advisory Board exists to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that effect all youth who have or will experience out of home care.

I. GOAL OF PROJECT

To create a video (or video series) that will encourage people to become foster parents for teens or host homes for foster youth ages 18-21.

For this video, we are specifically seeking:

- Young people who have had a positive experience as teenagers in their foster home
- Foster parents who have become host homes to young people between 18-21, and had a very positive experience
- The video could show a young person and their foster parent/host home provider interacting together. This could be very powerful to inspire the viewer.

Every youth's experience is valid, and matters to us. For this specific project, we need a positive example. Because hearing that a young person had a terrible time in foster care won't encourage someone to foster teens the way that seeing a positive example will.

II. TONE OF VIDEO

Personal testimonials to redefine former stigmas, such as being afraid to foster teenagers due to misconceptions:

- Be positive and informative
- Show strength

The goal is to inspire the video viewer to want to foster teenagers and/or open up their home as a host home for foster youth between ages 18-21, by giving a positive example. We want the viewer to think: *"I want to be a foster parent/host home provider like THAT. Sign me up now!"*

III. FORMAT OF VIDEO

We want the finished product to be shared at statewide conferences, and in training workshops throughout the state:

- A series of 5-minute bios (similar in format to American Idol bios)
- The bios will add up to a 30 minute piece
- These videos could be shared individually or altogether



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IV. YOUTH / FOSTER PARENT APPLICATION:

Please send an email to lisa@fosteractionohio.org with the following information:

1. Name:

2. County:

3. Youth must provide their age; caregivers share if they are a Foster Parent and/or Host Home

4. Phone Number:

5. Email Address:

6. Essay Portion:

a.) For Youth: (talk about yourself and the positive aspects of your foster care experience)

Such as: *What is your name, and how old are you? What do you like to do in your free time? What is your favorite subject in school? What makes you happy? Favorite food? Favorite Book? Favorite Song? Tell us about some of your positive foster care experiences? What do you see in your future? What are you doing to work towards that future? Has a particular foster care experience affected the way you see the world?*

b.) For Foster Parent: (talk about what you foster teens and/or provide a host home for young adults, and the positive aspects of this experience)

Such as: *Tell us about (a Teenager in Your Home). Do you recognize a particular talent or unique gift this teen has? What did you do to make (the Teen) feel welcome and comfortable? What do you see in (the Teen's) future? What is expected of a Foster Parent? What do you do to keep the kids safe? Are two parents required?*

V. APPLICATION PROCESS (DEADLINE MARCH 20, 2018)

1. Foster youth and/or foster parent submits application to lisa@fosteractionohio.org
2. Phone interviews will be scheduled with the most qualified applicants.
3. Final decisions will be voted on by OHIO Youth Advisory Board Officers