



Cleveland Resources

Adoption Network Cleveland

4614 Prospect Ave E #550,
Cleveland, OH 44103, (216) 325-1000

Services: *Reconnections* provides peer group and/or one-on-one support for young adults who have aged out of foster care and are exploring relationships with birth family members. Please contact Donikea Austin, Youth Services Program Coordinator, (216) 482-2334, donikea.austin@adoptionnetwork.org

A Place 4 Me

Services: Seeking to connect former foster youth ages 18 to 24 with stable housing. Please contact Kate Lodge, (216) 881-6878, klodge@ywcaofcleveland.org

Bessie's Angels

Services: Dedicated to nurturing, educating, empowering, and providing low income housing to young women age 18-24 who have aged out of foster care. This program assists with immediate needs, life skills, employment options and emotional support. Please contact: (216) 854-0246, BessiesChat@gmail.com

Fill This House

Services: Seeks to improve the living conditions of youth aging out of foster care by supplying household needs for youth transitioning to independent housing. Please contact: (216) 633-2448, info@fillthishouse.org

Junior League of Greater Cleveland

10819 Magnolia Drive,
Cleveland OH 44106, (216) 231-6300

Services: Supporting young people aging out of foster care with cooking classes, scholarship opportunities for young women and advocacy on behalf of foster youth.

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

1223 W 6th Street,
Cleveland, OH 44113, (888) 817-3777

Services: Attorney Danielle Gadowski-Littleton helps youth aging out of foster care with their legal needs such as landlord-tenant issues, restoring credit, and access to benefits. Her direct phone number is (216) 957-1816.



IMPROVING OUTCOMES AFTER FOSTER CARE.

National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section

26055 Emery Road, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128, (216) 378-2204

Services: *Focus on Foster Care initiative* advocates on behalf of teens aging out of the foster care system. They provides direct and indirect services for foster youth, including holiday programming for foster youth, and providing duffle bags, toiletries, school supplies, and hand-knitted blankets, teddy bears, scarves and hats. To learn more, please contact Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger at jeannieck@aol.com

Open Table

Services: *Open Table* brings together small groups of 6-8 volunteers who commit to one young person (with a foster care history) for one year. During weekly meetings they help the young person create, organize and achieve his/her life goals. To learn more, please contact Amber Donovan at amberdonovan@theopentable.org

Purple Project

Services: The *Purple Project* exists to assist foster care youth and young adults who have or will transition (age out) of the foster care system with maintaining stability. They host an annual youth conference in Cleveland, and their Program Director is available for advice, resources and support. Please call LaTasha Watts at (216) 269-6667.

Pratt Center Scholars

Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership
Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement
Cleveland State University, (216) 687-9394

Services: Current or former foster youth who are admitted and enrolled at Cleveland State University can apply for this program, which includes scholarship, mentoring, peer networking and academic support. To learn more, contact Dr. Sandra Golden at (216) 687-9330, s.golden@csuohio.edu

Sullivan-Deckard Scholars Opportunity Program

www.csuohio.edu/engagement/sullivan-deckard-scholars-opportunity-program

Services: Current and former foster youth can apply for this Cleveland-based opportunity, which includes scholarship, professional guidance, academic support, and peer mentoring.

Tri-C ~ Reach Scholars Mentoring Program

www.tri-c.edu/student-resources/foster-youthscholars.html

Services: Current and former foster youth who are admitted and enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College can be paired with a faculty or staff member, to support and encourage the student's progress towards degree completion.