



# **Ohio Youth Advisory Board**

*Statewide Quarterly Meeting*

*Thursday, April 18, 2024*



## **OHIO YAB Mission**

We exist to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care.



# Brainstorming Topics

- 1. Youth Voice on Independent Living Arrangements for Foster Youth: *Department of Children and Youth***
- 2. Private Foster Care Agencies Expanding Access to Independent Living Services for Foster Youth: *Vicky Thompson-Sandy, Buckeye Ranch CEO***
- 3. OHIO YAB Partnership with CDF Ohio: *Dr. John Stanford, Children's Defense Fund-Ohio***
- 4. Leave a Legacy Always: Financial Fundamentals for Foster Youth: *Dedra Porter, Founder and President***



## 10 Things You Can Do To Support Foster Youth

1. Listen and observe
2. Be mindful of language
3. Practice unconditional positive regard
4. Be trauma-informed and trauma-competent
5. Know the Foster Youth Bill of Rights
6. Connect and communicate
7. Build “judgement-free zones”
8. Know your local resources
9. Support participation in Youth Advisory Board
10. Remember your significance to youth

A vertical sign for the Youth Ombudsman. At the top, it says 'Protect YOUR RIGHTS.' Below that is a close-up image of a person's face with the text 'TELL US YOUR STORY.' in large white letters. Below the image is a QR code. Under the QR code, there is a small paragraph of text: 'Youth Ombudsman listens to your concerns and advocates for your rights to be protected while in foster care. The Youth Ombudsman's office conducts investigations in a fair and neutral way. If you have already reached out to your local children services or placement agency and you feel your complaint has not been resolved.' At the bottom, it says 'CALL: 1-877-OHYOUTH' and 'Or scan the QR Code'. The website 'YouthOmbudsman.ohio.gov' is listed at the very bottom.




# Youth Ombudsman Presentation



# OHIO YAB Promotional Video Filming



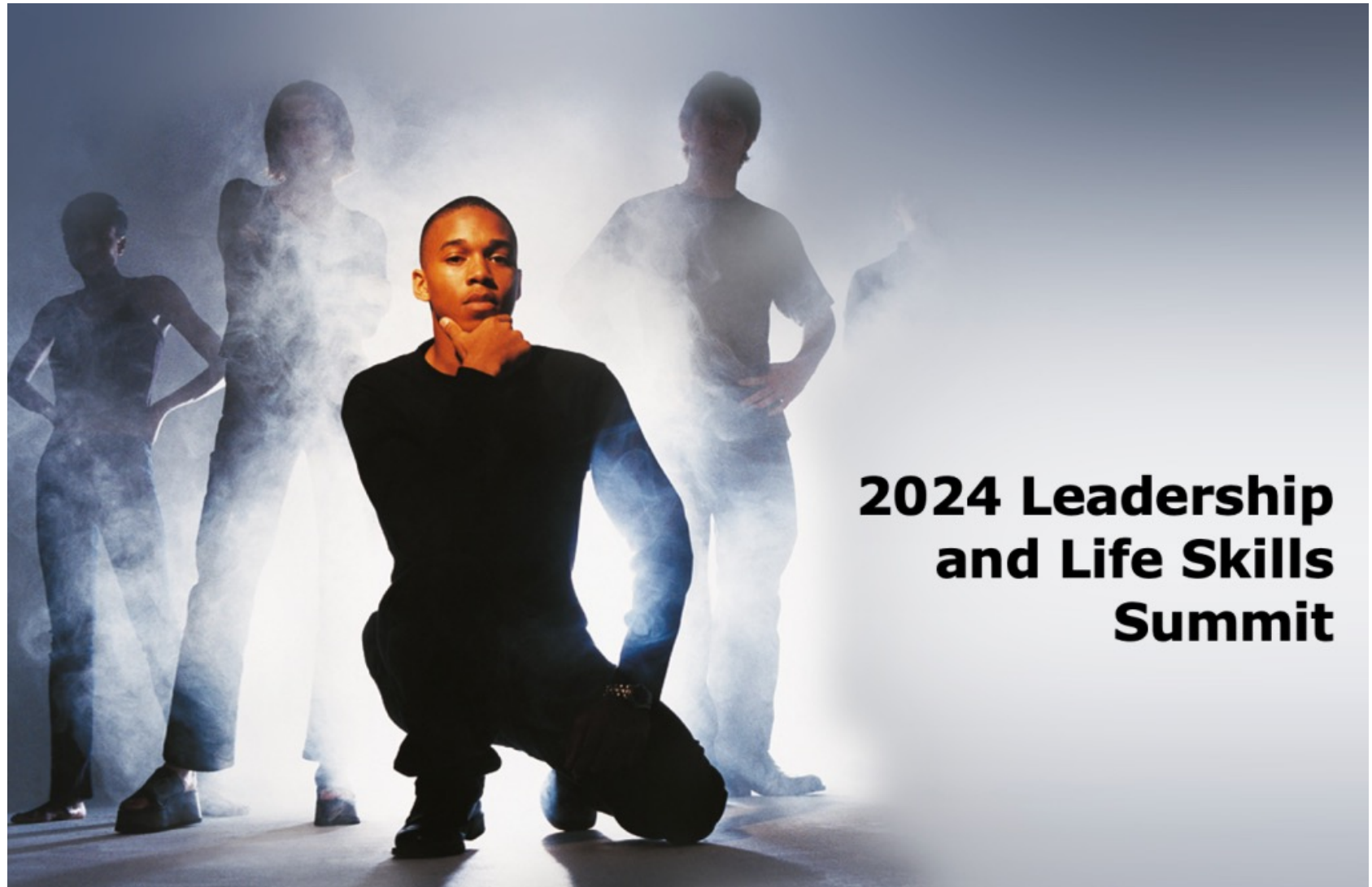
# NW Ohio Youth Leadership Retreat



Youth Voice  
About QRTP  
Requirements  
and the need  
for a Medical  
Ombudsman



# Upcoming Opportunities in 2024



**2024 Leadership  
and Life Skills  
Summit**





# New and Good

