

Did You Know....

Kids in stable and loving families:

1. Get better grades in school
2. Get in less trouble at school
3. Are less likely to become involved in the juvenile justice system
4. Are less likely to become involved in the adult criminal system
5. Are less likely to be homeless
6. Are more likely to get a job

Than those who do not have a loving and stable family.

In 2012, Lucas County Juvenile Court was awarded the Child Welfare- Education System Collaboration to Increase Educational Stability Grant.

This grant will fund The Lucas County Pathways to Success Initiative, which will foster strategic coordination and communication between the Juvenile Court, Lucas County Children Services, Toledo Public Schools, and other community organizations to improve educational outcomes of youth in foster care.

The Lucas County Pathways to Success Initiative will increase educational stability, graduation rates, foster placement stability and reduce the risk of foster youth becoming involved in the juvenile justice system through strategic planning, policy reform and linked inter-agency services.



Lucas County Pathways to Success Initiative



Foster Placement Stability Mediation Program

A collaboration between Lucas County Children Services, Lucas County Juvenile Court, and Toledo Public Schools to improve the lives of youth in foster care.

Foster Placement Stability Mediation

Foster Placement Stability Mediation will help to facilitate communication among foster youth and foster parents, in order to increase stability for youth in foster care, reduce juvenile delinquency, avoid placement disruption and increase academic success.



What is mediation?

Mediation is a practice of alternative dispute resolution involving a neutral third party

who facilitates discussion and resolutions among parties. The job of a mediator is not to make decisions; but rather, to help the involved parties work together to reach an agreement

Why mediate?

Foster Placement Stability Mediation is geared toward the unique needs of youth in foster care and is designed to increase placement stability.

The use of mediation will allow foster youth and foster parents the opportunity to communicate with each other and develop a plan that works best for them.

Am I eligible?

A case may involve youth ages 10-17 be referred to mediation if a foster youth, foster parent, CASA, LCCS caseworker, or a court staff member believes that the family would benefit from mediation.

Also, every case that is at risk of disruption will be screened to determine if mediation is appropriate.

Is there a cost?

No, Foster Placement Stability Mediations are free of charge for foster families.

Does participating in mediation harm my juvenile record?

No, the goal of Foster Placement Stability Mediation is to provide an opportunity to problem solve situations before they become a crisis. The hope is that this intervention will actually reduce charges.

How do I schedule Mediation?

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