



BRIDGING THE GAP

**Students and Families
in Transition**



Supporting Your Child Every Step of the Way

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We understand that life can bring unexpected challenges—whether your family is facing homelessness, foster care placement, or involvement with juvenile justice. Our team wants you to

know that support is available.

We offer resources that help remove barriers to learning: housing and transportation assistance, essential school supplies, emotional support, and more. Our work is guided by federal protections like ESSA and the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure that every child has a fair chance to thrive.



If your child is going through a difficult time, please reach out. We're here to help your family navigate the support you deserve.

Happy Holidays

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- Winter Break - December 22 - January 2 (*CCS schools closed*)
- CCS Back in Session - January 5
- MLK Jr. Day - January 19 (*CCS closed*)
- Professional Development Day - January 20 - *Students not in attendance*
- Records Day - January 21 - *Students not in attendance*
- All Schools Closed - February 16
- Professional Development Day - February 17 - *Students not in attendance*
- Records Day - March 18 - *Students not in attendance*
- Spring Break - April 3 - April 10
- CCS Back in Session - April 13

RESOURCES

To support students experiencing homelessness, foster placed, or justice system involvement in Columbus, Ohio, here is a curated list of resources categorized for easy navigation.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE 

EDUCATION



Organizing your child's IEP

This time of year is busy, busy, busy! That means it's easy to lose track of IEP progress. Here are a few tips to help you stay organized and prepare for the second half of the school year.

1. Check in with your child.

Now that the school year is in full swing, [check in with your child](#) about how things are going. What's working? What are the challenges? Brainstorm together about what could help. You may be surprised at how insightful your child can be.

2. Organize your IEP binder (or make one if you don't have one).

You can [watch this video](#) on how to make an IEP binder. To get started, all you need is a three-ring binder, six tabbed section dividers, and a three-hole punch.

If you already have a binder or another system for organizing everything, now's a good time to sort through it. Set aside a little time to:

- **Review it.** Make notes about what's been followed and what hasn't.
- **Clean it up.** We all know how easily papers get shuffled.
- **Add to it.** Include any recent paperwork or report cards.

3. Schedule time to talk with your child's teacher or IEP team if you need to.

By law, the IEP team needs to meet at least once a year. But you're allowed to [ask for additional meetings](#) if you need an issue addressed, or if you just want to communicate how things are going on your end. Don't be afraid to let your voice be heard!



Through My Eyes 🖱

Step into the world of kids with ADHD, dyslexia, and dyscalculia. See differently, so you can act differently.

Khan Academy Resources 🖱

College Grants 🖱

Learning Aid Ohio Spring Semester - Free Tutoring

Free Tutoring Services

- Columbus Metropolitan Library Homework Help Centers: Offers free after-school homework assistance at all branch locations.
 - Asian American Community Services: Provides after-school and summer tutoring for grades K-12
 - FAFSA Assistance: Columbus State Community College Foster Youth Support: Offers guidance on FAFSA applications and financial aid for former foster youth and all CCS graduates.
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FOOD ASSISTANCE

Food Pantries 

Mid-Ohio Food Collective 

HOUSING AND STABILITY

RENTFUL: Rent Assistance Hub for Tenants + Landlords 

No one in Franklin County should lose their home to eviction.

Emergency Shelters & Drop in Centers 

Other Shelter Services:

- Huckleberry House: Provides a 24/7 crisis shelter for youth aged 12-17 facing homelessness or family conflict.
 - Community Shelter Board: Operates a 24/7 hotline connecting individuals and families to emergency shelters.
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MENTAL HEALTH

Celebrate the differences in your life 🖱

- Worksheet: [Celebrate the differences in your life](#)
- Worksheet: [Empowering Yourself with Healthy Boundaries](#)

Teens Beware: Sextortion Can Happen to Anyone: 🖱

What to do if you are a victim

St. Vincent Family Center: 🖱

Same-day access

EMPLOYMENT

SAVE THE DATE

We are inviting employers, workforce partners, and community organizations to connect with this initiative and help promote access to employment, stability, and economic mobility. Your engagement—whether through sharing this resource, referring participants, or partnering with us—can make a meaningful impact for job seekers who are ready to move forward.

Saturday, April 18th 2026

Registration details will be announced soon.
To connect with us sooner, please visit: www.omjfc.org

Job Training:

- [Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program \(CCMEP\)](#): Provides employment assistance and tuition support for youth aged 14-24.
- Apprenticeships:
- [Ohio Apprenticeship Program](#): Offers opportunities to learn a trade while earning income job
- [OhioMeansJobs](#) As a job seeker, you can get help finding a job



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