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TO HELP YOU  
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## EMANCIPATED YOUTH

Portage County Job & Family Services may provide support for room and board through the use of funds from the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) IL dollars. Assistance may include but is not limited to:

- Rent
- Furniture
- Utilities
- Medications
- Other services may be available

Please call the Portage County Cares Line at (330)296-CARE and request Emancipated Youth Services.



Job & Family Services

### Child and Adult Protective Services

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

24/7 Abuse/Neglect Hotline (330)296-CARE  
Adoption (330)297-3809

### Public Assistance and Administration

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)297-3750

### Child Support

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)297-3791

### OhioMeansJobs Portage County

253 S. Chestnut Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
(330)296-2841

### Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Director:

Kellijo Jeffries, PHD, MSW, LSW

### Portage County Board of Commissioners:

Sabrina Christian-Bennett  
Anthony J. Badalamenti  
Vicki A. Kline



# INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

Portage County Job &  
Family Services  
Child and Adult  
Protective Services  
Division

Portage County Job and Family Services (PCJFS) provides all youth ages fourteen years and older independent living services to prepare them for the transition from agency custody to self-sufficiency. PCJFS also provides post emancipation services to former foster care recipients who emancipated from agency custody until their twenty-first birthday.

The Portage County Job and Family Services works with youth, family and a host of community partners to provide:

- Academic Support
- Post-secondary educational support
- Career preparation
- Employment programs or vocational training
- Budget and financial management
- Housing, education, and home management training
- Health education and risk prevention
- Mentoring
- Supervised independent living
- Room and board financial assistance
- Education financial assistance

# ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

PCJFS can financially support youth with the following:

- Employment services such as tools and work supplies
- Uniforms/professional clothing
- Social & recreational activities
- Camps
- Senior expenses
- Driver's education classes/test costs
- Matching funds with youth to purchase an automobile



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Independent Living Coordinator:  
(330)297-3820

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Supervisor:  
(330)297-3748