

# Portage County Job & Family Services Group Home Overview

The group home of Portage County Job and Family Services provides a home environment for children in the custody of Job and Family Services. The services in the group home will focus on creating a family environment that will support children in being happy, healthy, more secure and successful. The environment will expose youth to Independent Living curriculum as well. Youth in the home will participate in individual and/or group therapy in support of positive emotional and mental health and appropriate behavior. Programs and services within the group home will support education and school, recreation, and will foster a home environment.



## **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

## **Child and Adult Protective Services**

449 S. Meridian Street  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266  
24/7 Abuse/Neglect Hotline (330)296-CARE  
Adoption (330)297-3809

## **Hours of Operation:**

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

## **Director:**

Kellijo Jeffries, PHD, MSW, LSW

## **Portage County Board of Commissioners:**

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# PORTAGE COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

## GROUP HOME

**When I approach a child,  
he inspires in me two  
sentiments – tenderness  
for what he is and respect  
for what he may become.”  
– Louis Pasteur**



The Portage County Job & Family Service's Group Home provides services for youth 11-18 in the custody of Portage County Job & Family Services.



## Referral Process

- 1. The Portage County JFS Social Service Worker completes a referral that is sent to the Group Home Program Manager*
- 2. The Group Home Program Manager and the agency's Clinical Manager conducts an interview with the youth*
- 3. When the youth is accepted as a resident, coordination efforts occur with medical providers, social service agencies, and the educational system to promote a successful transition into the home*

Residents of the group home may participate in any or all of the following services and activities as coordinated by the residents :

## Services

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Coordination and support for family and kinship contact, visits, and reunification efforts
- Onsite anger management group
- Onsite substance abuse group
- Case management through OhioMeansJobs CCMEP
- Participation with Portage County Job & Family Services Independent Living Program

## Incentives

- Portage County Job & Family Services provides financial incentives for completion of chores
- A token economy system is used as positive reinforcement

## Activities

- Youth Employment
- Collaboration with Kent State University to maintain the Community Garden
- Attending Kent State Recreation and Wellness Center
- Extracurricular activities such as sports or choir
- Participation in community volunteer work
- Community Outings: Bowling, Whirly Ball, Waterparks and more!

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