

WE ARE HERE
TO HELP YOU
SUCCEED!

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

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(330)297-3820

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Supervisor:
(330)297-3748