

Since 2003, under the leadership of Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, the Summit County Juvenile Court has greatly increased its presence in the community and built strong collaborative partnerships with numerous organizations and agencies throughout Summit County and beyond. The new Job Re-entry Program represents just one of the positive results of such efforts.

Partners in the Community

Pyramid Training Services of Stark County will visit the ODYS institutions to administer the initial occupational assessment pieces and submit a comprehensive report to the Court to aid in developing an individual case plan for each participant.

Jobs for Ohio Graduates our Workforce Advocacy for Youth (J.O.G. our W.A.Y.), a private, 501 (3) (c) not for profit corporation, has served students since 1987, teaching them career development, job search, job survival, basic, leadership, and personal competencies.

JOG our WAY will conduct institution visits beginning within three months of a child's release date, in order to teach youth these competencies to achieve and maintain stable employment as they transition back into to the community.

Mentors will be selected from a pool of community agencies and organizations with a history of providing mentors to area youth. These qualified mentors will be selected as an appropriate match to provide guidance and insight to youth upon release from the institution. They assist youth with setting and achieving goals aimed at eliminating behavior that might typically lead them back into the juvenile justice system and promoting behavior that will lead to successful, healthy and responsible lives.

The Job Re-entry Program represents a key element in Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio's goal of providing meaningful support for all youth re-entering the community from lengthy stays in ODYS, residential treatment facilities and detention to help successfully transition them back into their homes. The Court's Family Resource Center and Intake Department work closely with these youth and their families to ensure that, upon release, they are in the best possible position to reintegrate successfully. Through case management, education, job preparedness, life and independent living skills training, mentoring and close monitoring, the Court strives to significantly reduce the number of youth who re-offend by offering the necessary tools to succeed, become and remain healthy, happy, safe and productive young adults..



This initiative is funded through a partnership with Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) dollars, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Job Re-entry Program of Summit and Medina Counties strives to develop employment skills, provide education and strengthen the youth and family support system through linkage to community resources that will result in a successful reintegration into their family and community and improve their overall quality of life.

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Job Re-entry Program

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The Three Phases of Job Re-entry

What is Job Re-Entry?

As the title suggests, the program is designed to provide youth in Ohio Department of Youth Services facilities with a much better opportunity to become employed within a short time after release. Youth can also receive support in their efforts to graduate from high school, earn their GED and gain access to higher education.

The program is divided into three phases. In Phase I, the youth will be visited in the institution a minimum of twice monthly by a Case Manager and community partners beginning three to six months prior to release. Phase II begins after release and throughout the youth's parole period. Phase III continues program involvement for several months beyond the end of the parole period.

Who is Eligible?

Male and female parolees between the ages of 17-21, as referred by the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS), who will reside in Summit or Medina Counties once released from ODYS.



Phase I

Pre-release Institution Visits Typically Include:

- Career/Vocational Interest Assessment
- Identification and finalization of youth's living arrangements
- Assessment of workplace and social skills, needs and capabilities
- Pregnancy Prevention
- Risky Sexual Behavior Education
- Identification of Non-family Mentor
- Development of Job Readiness Skills
- Education/Literacy Assessment
- Life Skills Assessment
- Case Management/Initiation of community linkage to providers
- Parenting Skills
- Initiation of Post-secondary Education and Training Program



Phase II

Post-release Community Support

- Continued building of skills learned in Phase I
- Job Training & Coaching
- Education Programming
- Mentoring
- Young Parent Education
- Addressing Transportation Issues
- Independent Living Program
- Case Management
- Linkage to Community Resources
- Job Placement Assistance
- Education/Vocation Placement Assistance
- Health Check/Access to Better Care Programming

Phase III

- Continued Contact with Mentors
- Program Monitoring