

FOSTER YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Foster Youth Advocacy Center (FYAC)?

FYAC is a program run by the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy at Capital University Law School that serves as a resource for current and former foster youth in Central Ohio, providing key life-planning, legal information and limited legal representation in certain areas.

Who does FYAC serve?

Currently, FYAC provides services to current and former foster youth ages 16-25.

What hours is FYAC open?

FYAC is open Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00pm. If you need to meet with someone outside of these times, just let us know and we will set up a meeting that is convenient for everyone.

What type of issues can FYAC help me with?

FYAC provides the following services: helping you understand legal papers, help with getting healthcare, public benefits, housing or insurance, help applying to college, deleting criminal records, finding your social security card, birth certificate and other personal documents and helping you learn to speak up for yourself in court, at school or in the community.

What should I expect at my first meeting?

At your first meeting with FYAC, you will meet the persons that will be working with you. The meeting will give you an opportunity to explain your issue and what you would like FYAC to help with. We will then ask you a series of questions about subjects you may need help with. You should plan for the meeting to last around 1-2 hours.

What happens after the first meeting?

After the first meeting, the FYAC persons working on your case will meet and come up with a few case goals and an action plan. We will then meet with you and get your thoughts on the goals and plan. Together, we will all create a final action plan that everyone will work on together in order to work towards resolving your issue.

What do I do if I do not agree with the action plan that was created?

Let us know! We want you to be on board with the plan!

What do I do if I have a new issue come up when FYAC is helping me with something else?

Again, let us know! We will talk with you about your new issue to see if we can help.

What if I have an issue that I need help with, but FYAC doesn't provide help in that area?

We will do our best to refer you to a place that can help!