



Stark County Job & Family Services

Human Services Division

221 3rd Street S.E.
Canton, OH 44702
Cash, Food & Medical Assistance
Customer Service: 330.451.8861
Customer Service e-mail:
stark_csc@jfs.ohio.gov
New Applications: 330.451.8500
Child Care: 330.452.4661

Children Services Division

402 2nd Street S.E.
Canton, OH 44702
Child Abuse/Neglect Report Line:
330.455.KIDS
Foster/Adopt:
330.451.8789

Child Support Division

221 3rd Street S.E.
Canton, OH 44702
Customer Service: 330.451.8930
Payment information:
jfs.ohio.gov/ocs

SCJFS Executive Offices

221 3rd Street S.E.
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Independent Living and Emancipation Services

Children Services Division



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Contact Information for Independent Living Specialists

Independent Living Specialists are available
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until
4:30 p.m.

NaSheka Lemon
Independent Living Specialist
(330) 451-8785
Nasheka.Lemon@jfs.ohio.gov

Paige Davies
Independent Living Specialist
(330) 451-8899
Paige.Davies@jfs.ohio.gov

Independent Living Casework Services

Independent Living Casework Services are federally recognized, state-mandated programs serving youth between the ages of 14-21, who are in the custody of Stark County Job and Family Services.

An Independent Living (IL) Specialist and your case worker are responsible for assisting you in your journey from foster care to adulthood. During your journey, your IL worker will provide you with an assessment, case planning and life skills training to assist you in planning for your future. Trainings and activities include:

- Academic Support and Career Preparation
- Post-Secondary Support
- Healthy Relationships
- Housing and Home Management
- Budget and Finances
- Health Education and Risk Prevention



Teen Rights



All teens and young adults have the right to a permanent, safe and healthy place to live, and to receive support and nurturing. In addition, you have the right to:

- be treated with courtesy and respect;
- be spoken to with words you understand;
- ask questions and make your ideas known;
- hear and talk about your strengths, family risks and safety issues;
- take part in talking about, designing and reviewing your Independent Living case plan;
- decide whether to receive services and to know the possible consequences if you choose not to receive services;
- decide whether or not to take part in surveys or research (if you decide not to there will be no consequences);
- complain about the way you have been treated, or about concerns you have, and
- have those complaints investigated, and to get an answer.

Emancipation Services

If you are emancipated and between the ages of 18-21; have had your custody terminated from a child welfare agency due to reaching the age of majority; and have exhausted community resources, Stark County Job and Family Services (SCJFS) Children Services Division may be able to assist you on a voluntary basis.

By participating in emancipation/ aftercare services, you are agreeing to take personal responsibility in developing and completing your emancipation agreement goals. The Independent Living Coordinator will assist you in obtaining services.

