



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180:2-50-01 Bridges definitions.

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This rule contains the definitions of terms used in Chapter 5101:2-50 of the Administrative Code.

- (A) "Bridges applicant" is an individual applying for bridges.
- (B) "Bridges liaison" is an individual acting on behalf of a bridges regional grantee to provide case management to, and advocacy for, a bridges participant.
- (C) "Bridges participant" is an emancipated young adult approved for and actively receiving bridges services.
- (D) "Bridges regional grantee" is the agency or consortium selected by ODJFS as a result of the procurement process that will be providing services to emancipated young adults in a region or regions of the state.
- (E) "Bridges representative" is an individual acting on behalf of a bridges regional grantee.
- (F) "Business day" is any day, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.
- (G) "Calendar day" is any day in the month including weekends and holidays.
- (H) "Designee" means a person designated by the governing body of an agency who is responsible for the management and administration of a program on behalf of the agency.
- (I) "Emancipation" is the legal process of custody termination from a Title IV-E agency on or after a youth attains the age of eighteen.
- (J) "Foster care maintenance" is an individual entitlement for financial assistance for board and care of young adults who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in rule 5101:2-50-04 of the



Administrative Code, who are in the care and placement of a Title IV-E agency and are in an approved substitute care placement.

(K) "Issued," when used in reference to notices, decisions, and other documents, means the date the document is sent by U.S. mail or hand delivered, whichever is earlier.

(L) "Qualified practitioner," for the purposes of bridges, is a licensed professional qualified to diagnose an individual with a physical, mental, or developmental medical condition.

(M) "Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (Ohio SACWIS)," as established and maintained in accordance with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 674 (a)(3)(C) (10/2008), is a comprehensive automated case management tool that supports child protective and family preservation services.

(N) "Supervised setting" means any setting in which a bridges participant resides that is approved and visited by a bridges liaison, at a minimum, once every thirty days.

(O) "Voluntary Participation Agreement (VPA)" is a written agreement, binding on the parties to the agreement, between ODJFS and a young adult which specifies, at a minimum, the legal status of the young adult and the rights and obligations of the young adult and ODJFS while the young adult is involved in bridges.

(P) "Young adult" means a person who has attained the age of eighteen.