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# Supporting Foster Youth Through the Pandemic Act of 2021

April 6, 2021

The banner features a light blue background with abstract, overlapping curved lines in shades of red and orange. On the left, the word "Ohio" is written in a bold, dark red font, with the "O" being a red circle. To the right of "Ohio" is a vertical line, followed by the text "Department of Job and Family Services" in a dark grey font. Below this, the names of the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Interim Director are listed in a smaller, dark grey font. On the right side of the banner, there is a stylized map of Ohio filled with a pattern of small, light grey circles. To the right of the map, the text "Office of Families and Children" is written in a dark grey font.

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# Welcome

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# The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 December 27, 2020

- \$1.4 trillion in funding
- \$900 million in COVID relief



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# The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 December 27, 2020

Includes the Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act:

- Support older youth
- Support vulnerable children and families
- Prevent children from aging out of care
- Help adjust practice



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# Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act

Flexibilities and additional funding for:

- FFPSA
- IV-B Part 2
- Court Improvement
- Kinship Navigator
- Funding Certainty Baseline
- Home Visiting



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Flexibilities and additional funding for

- Chafee: \$400 million
- Education and Training Vouchers: \$50 million



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# Temporary Chafee Provisions

Laurie Valentine, OFC Section Chief  
Independent Living & Transition Age Youth



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## Temporary Chafee Provisions

- Post Emancipation Young Adult Services Age Extension
- Removes 30 % Cap on Room & Board Spending
- Transportation Assistance
- Delaying Emancipation
- Non Title IVE Maintenance
- ETV Update



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# Voluntary Re-Entry into Foster Care Bridges & Title IV-E Requirements

Jana Pearce, OFC Section Chief

Bridges & Adoption Assistance Connections to Age 21



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## Re-Entry Requirements

- Agencies may not require a young adult to leave foster care due to age.
- Young adults who left foster care due to age during the COVID-19 public health emergency may voluntarily re-enter foster care by enrolling in Bridges.
- There has been a temporary suspension of eligibility criteria for Bridges. Young adults are able to enroll, and remain enrolled, if they are not meeting at least 1 of the 5 criteria outlined in O.A.C. 5101:2-50-02.



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# Allocation Update & Project Codes

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# Allocation Update & Project Codes

- The Chafee Stimulus budgets were distributed March 31
- A BCFTA alert was sent from the CFIS Help Desk April 1 that included financial codes
- RMS codes will be available for the 2021Q3 Sample



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# Conclusion

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Multi-Systems Services & Supports



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