

In the Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Ohio
Juvenile Division

In The Matter Of:

Case Number: _____

Name

Date of Birth

**BRIDGES PARTICIPANT
WAIVER OF ATTENDANCE**

- You are a party to this case and should, if at all possible, plan to attend the hearing. It is your responsibility as a participant in the Bridges Program to attend the hearing, unless work or school prevents you from doing so.
- If you are unable to attend the hearing in person, you may attend electronically via telephone, Skype or other similar means.
- By attending the hearing you will have the opportunity to talk to the Judge/Magistrate.
- During court, you will be given the opportunity to tell the Judge/Magistrate about yourself. You may tell the Judge/Magistrate where you are living and your plan for independence. You may tell the Judge/Magistrate about other things that are important in your life, such as visiting with family, school and counseling.
- The Judge/Magistrate will decide if the Bridges Program is meeting its responsibilities that are described in the Voluntary Participation Agreement (VPA).
- Please check one of the boxes below to indicate whether you WILL or WILL NOT attend court. Sign your name on the line at the bottom of this page and give this paper to your attorney or Bridges caseworker.
- If you are unable to attend due to work or school, you are required to fill out the attached information sheet in order to let the court know how you are doing.
- Even if you sign below that you will not attend court, you are allowed to change your mind and go to court.

Young Adult

My name is _____. I have read, or have had someone read to me, the above statement about my responsibility to attend my court hearings. I understand that at least once a year the Judge/Magistrate will decide if the Bridges Program is providing me with the services agreed to in my VPA Bridges Plan. I understand that if I am unable to attend the court hearing, I must fill out an information sheet to be sent to the court. I also understand that even if I decide not to attend court, I can change my mind and decide that I want to go to court.

I will attend court

I am unable to attend court

Signature

Date

FOR THE BRIDGES CASEWORKER ONLY: As the young adult's worker, I have spoken with the young adult in the last 60 days about the opportunity to attend court and talk to the Judge/Magistrate. Within one week before the hearing, I will verify with the young adult that their decision to attend the court hearing has not changed.

Signature

Date

Printed Name