

**Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court
And the Buckeye Local School District**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, herein after referred to as ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, Family Resource Center, herein after referred to as ("ACJCFRC") 4717 Main Ave, Basement, Ashtabula, OH 44004, and the Buckeye Local School District, herein after referred to as ("BLSD") 3436 Edgewood Dr., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

RECITALS

Whereas, the ACJCFRC and the BLSD endeavor to work together to address the underlying causes of a youth's behavior(s); and

Whereas, this Agreement formalizes the relationship between participating entities in order to foster an efficient and cohesive program with the goal being to address youth behavioral concerns, truancy and other issues in a cohesive way with the goal being to address youth concerns before they rise to the level that needs law enforcement involvement OR ensures coordination of systems and services for those youth who are juvenile justice involved.

Whereas, the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court has a Family Resource Center that can be utilized by all persons in the County but more specifically, school districts can refer youth for behavioral, truancy, vaping, and unruly needs. The Family Resource Center provides services identified below, to school-aged children. The mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide a coordinated, multi-agency, single entry site, which contributes to the safety of youth, families and the community through early intervention, comprehensive screening and assessment and improved access to appropriate services.

Principal Goals of the ACJCFRC are to:

1. Identify at-risk and delinquent youth in the community in need of the intervention.
2. Enhance public safety through identification, comprehensive screening and assessment, intervention and service referrals for at-risk and delinquent youth to include follow-up by ACJCFRC personnel.
3. Provide a single point of entry for law enforcement allowing them to return to their duties in a timely manner.
4. Increase coordination of information and services.
5. Utilize an individualized approach that is tailored for the family to obtain positive outcomes for the youth, their families and the community.
6. Increase effectiveness in the use of limited resources through the elimination of duplication of efforts and enhanced accountability.
7. Facilitate better working relationships between agency serving youth, families and the community; and
8. Serve as a resource to the community concerning youth related issues and services.

AGREEMENT

The ACJCFRC will:

1. Receive referrals from the school district for youth exhibiting behaviors, including but not limited to truancy, disruptive behavior, substance use, suspension, expulsion, and other types of behaviors disruptive to learning.
2. At the willingness of the youth and family, engage in a screening and assessment or triage in order to determine underlying causes of behavior, connect to services and resources, and follow-up to ensure access to referred services was successful.
3. Provide dissemination of screening and assessment information to the school districts in accordance with all laws, including those related to confidentiality.
4. Assist the school district with intervention planning, resource connection, through triages or by participating in school meetings (BIP, AIP, MFE, etc.).
5. Provide ongoing training to school district personnel on ACJCFRC services, as applicable.
6. Provide updates and status reports on youth that are involved at the ACJCFRC.
7. Through a grant from the Department of Youth Services, Cadence Care Network will hire a Family Engagement Specialist to assist the school and the youth in preventing them from entering the Court system. The Specialist will work with the youth's behaviors, emotions and eliminate barriers for the family.

The BLSD will:

1. Send referral information on a designated form to the ACJCFRC when all of in-school programs have been exhausted and when all House Bill 410 law requirements have been met.
2. Commit to training school staff of ACJCFRC services on an annual basis to ensure awareness and understanding.
3. The district will assign at least one (1) point of contact person for all cases and personal issues.

Term, Renewal and Termination of Agreement

Term and Renewal of Agreement: This agreement shall be for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and terminating June 30th, 2023; provided that this agreement shall automatically renew for five (5) successive one-year terms unless a party gives written notice of termination.

Termination by Written Notice: This Agreement may be terminated by written notice from either party with at least ninety (90) days' notice prior to the renewal date of June 30th.

Additional Provisions

Severability Clause: If any provisions of this Agreement or the application thereof to any party or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or applications of the Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of the Agreement are declared to be severable.

Supersedes: This agreement supersedes and replaces all prior agreements among the parties whether written or oral.

Nondiscriminatory Policy: The ACJCFRC shall make its services, facilities, and program available to all persons regardless of race, color, age, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

Signatures of Parties

Ashtabula County Juvenile Court Family Resource Center

Name of Authorized Party

Signature

Title of Signer

Date

Buckeye Local School District

Patrick Colucci
Name of Authorized Party

Patrick Colucci
Signature

Superintendent
Title of Signer

10/10/22
Date