

Foster care resources available

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires districts and schools to designate a point of contact for the educational stability of children in foster care for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, Dec. 10, 2016 was the deadline to have procedures in place and on file for best interest determinations and the transportation of students in foster care. Ohio's ESSA foster care guidance suggests these procedures be developed in conjunction with local county welfare agencies.

It is critically important that interagency transportation agreements be in place. This ensures transportation cost sharing is in place, as well as a dispute resolution procedure.

All guidance and support documents – including the model best interest determination form, sample transportation form, and the most up-to-date lists of district, school, educational service center and county child welfare agency points of contact -- are available online at:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Improvement/Foster-Care>

