

Ohio Revised Code

Section 5180.429 [Former R.C. 5101.1412, amended and renumbered as R.C. 5180.429 by H.B. 96, 136th General Assembly, effective 9/30/2025] Young adults - voluntary participation agreement.

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- (A) Without the approval of a court, an emancipated young adult who receives payments, or on whose behalf payments are received, under division (A) of section 5180.428 of the Revised Code, may enter into a voluntary participation agreement with the department of children and youth, or its representative, for the emancipated young adult's care and placement. The agreement shall stay in effect until one of the following occurs:
- (1) The emancipated young adult enrolled in the program notifies the department, or its representative, that they want to terminate the agreement.
- (2) The emancipated young adult becomes ineligible for the program.
- (B) In order to maintain Title IV-E eligibility for the emancipated young adult, both of the following apply:
- (1) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of the voluntary participation agreement, the department or its representative must petition the court for, and obtain, a judicial determination that the emancipated young adult's best interest is served by continuing the care and placement with the department or its representative.
- (2) Not later than twelve months after the effective date of the voluntary participation agreement, and at least once every twelve months thereafter, the department or its representative must petition the court for, and obtain, a judicial determination that the department or its representative has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan to prepare the emancipated young adult for independence.