

Sample Initial Hearing/Best Interest Determination Hearing Entry

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF _____ COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

In re _____ Case No. _____

Judge _____ Magistrate _____

BRIDGES PROGRAM INITIAL HEARING/BEST INTEREST DETERMINATION

This matter came before the Court for a Bridges Program Initial Hearing and Best Interest Determination on _____ (Date) before Judge/Magistrate _____.

Persons in attendance:

- ☐ Emancipated Young Adult: _____
- ☐ Emancipated Young Adult's Attorney: _____
- ☐ Bridges Representative: _____
- ☐ Additional Person(s): _____

Findings:

- ☐ Party/parties' rights to counsel ☐ Explained and waived ☐ Not waived, will retain counsel
- ☐ Emancipated Young Adult meets the eligibility requirements for participation in the Bridges program.
- ☐ Services identified for the Emancipated Young Adult/progress made:

- ☐ Emancipated Young Adult's living arrangement:

- ☐ Voluntary Participation Agreement (VPA) signed by all parties on: _____
- ☐ Bridges Plan filed on: _____

Upon review of the record, testimony, and evidence presented, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- ☐ The motion to participate in the Bridges Program is GRANTED. Pursuant to R.C. 5180.429(B), the emancipated young adult's best interest is served by continuing the care and placement with the Department of Children & Youth or its representative through the emancipated young adult's participation in the Bridges Program.

The Court makes this finding based on the following:

- ☐ The motion to participate in the Bridges Program is DENIED. Pursuant to R.C. 5180.429(B), the emancipated young adult's best interest is not served by continuing the care and placement with the Department of Children & Youth or its representative through the emancipated young adult's participation in the Bridges Program.

The Court makes this finding based on the following:

- ☐ It is further ordered that:

The case is ordered to be heard on the following dates:

1st Annual Reasonable Efforts Hearing: _____ at _____ am/pm
2nd Annual Reasonable Efforts Hearing: _____ at _____ am/pm
3rd Annual Reasonable Efforts Hearing: _____ at _____ am/pm

Date

Magistrate

Date

Judge