



THE SUPREME COURT of OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE

Self-Study Course

Ensuring Meaningful Opportunities for Youth Engagement in Court

Course Availability

January 1 - December 31, 2013

*Course must be completed by
12/31/2013 in order to receive credit
for this reporting year.*

Who Should Attend

This course is open to judges and magistrates in all jurisdictions.

Credit Hours

Continuing Judicial Education
Self-study CJE - 2.0 hours

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This course was created by The Judicial College in collaboration with the American Bar Association, Casey Family Foundation, Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Ohio Youth Advisory Board, Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges, Ohio Association of Magistrates Juvenile Practice Area, and National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges.

Course Description: This course provides meaningful information and strategies for judges and magistrates to engage foster care youth in court proceedings, particularly those proceedings that involve child dependency issues.

The objectives of the course are:

- To illustrate to judges and magistrates the value of having youth engaged actively in those court proceedings that affect the lives of the youth involved;
- To identify challenges to engaging youth and effective strategies for overcoming those challenges; and,
- To increase youth participation in permanency planning.

The courtroom is where major permanency decisions are made or ratified on behalf of youth in foster care. The 2006 amendment to the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program requires the court to consult with the child in an age-appropriate manner about the child's permanency plan. The 2008 Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act requires the children services agency to ensure a youth-driven transition plan is developed within the 90 day period prior to a youth aging out of foster care. As a result, many courts across the country have started implementing policies and procedures to involve and engage youth in review and permanency hearings.

How to Register:

1. Go to www.judicialedemy.ohio.gov
2. Select "**Login or create an account**" at the upper right corner of the page.
3. To Login:
 - **Ohio Attorneys:** Login on the left side using your Ohio Attorney Registration Number (username) and Attorney Services password.
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4. Once you have logged in to the Judicial eCademy, scroll down to the search results box and click on the name of the course you wish to attend.
5. Click "**Register online**" and follow the steps to complete your registration.
6. Upon completion of your registration, an email confirmation will be sent.

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