

NOAS FEBRUARY NEWS

the stories that matter

CELEBRATING TWO NOAS LEGALIZATIONS THIS MONTH

Congratulations to **Ezra** on his legalization. Ezra was adopted on **January 22, 2026**, and we couldn't be happier for him and his family. We wish them a lifetime filled with love, joy, and countless special moments together.

We are also thrilled to celebrate **DeVonte's** adoption from foster care. He deserves all the happiness in the world as he begins this new chapter with a loving family full of laughter, love, and plenty of adventures.



Adopted on January 22nd
Congratulations Ezra



Adopted on January 26th
Congratulations DeVonte

Moments like these are what make the work of NOAS so meaningful, day in and day out. Congratulations to these incredible families!

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: BRIDGES PROGRAM

NOAS is a provider of the Ohio's Bridges program which helps Ohio's former foster youth confidently step into adulthood.

Of the 100 survey respondents, 80% were employed full or part time and 93% reported being happy with their current employment.



With the support of our dedicated **Bridges Liaisons**, participants build meaningful connections, gain stability, and achieve success in key areas like **employment, education, housing, and overall well-being**.

The impact is real—and measurable. These successes don't just transform individual lives; they benefit communities across Ohio.

See the full story in the **Bridges Impact Report** and discover the remarkable difference this program is making for young adults.

[Read the full Bridges Impact story.](#)

GET INVOLVED

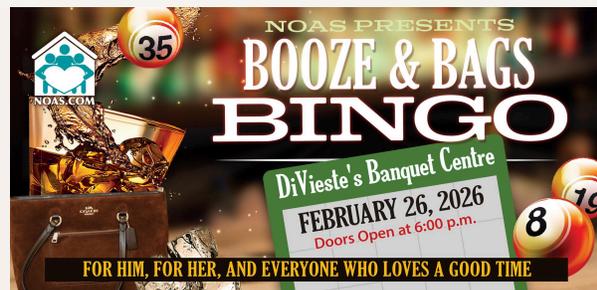
Join NOAS in changing lives—attend our upcoming fundraisers and help provide hope, stability, and a brighter future for children in foster care. Your presence and generosity can make all the difference.

BOOZE & BAGS BINGO

Is almost here. Join NOAS for a fun-filled evening that brings our community together while supporting foster youth and families.

Enjoy a buffet dinner, cash bar, raffles, and exciting prizes—including cash, designer handbags, premier liquor, more than 60 baskets, a **Louis Vuitton duffel bag** and—new this year—**vintage purses**. The night features **10 games of 3-Up Bingo**, with plenty of chances to win big.

DiVieste's Banquet Centre, Warren
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Doors open at **6:00 PM** (5:30 PM for **Sponsors/VIP**)



Tickets are going fast—get yours today!

Questions? Contact **Kathy Evans** at **kevans@noas.com**. Every ticket helps strengthen NOAS programs and supports brighter futures for foster youth and families.

[Sponsorships and Tickets](#)



WIN BIG & SUPPORT FOSTER YOUTH

Can't make it to **Booze & Bags Bingo** but still want to make a difference for foster youth and families? We've got you covered!

You can support NOAS' mission **and** enter for a chance to win a stunning **Louis Vuitton travel bag valued over \$2,500**. Raffle tickets are only \$20. The best part? **You don't need to be present to win!**

Purchase your raffle tickets today and help create brighter futures for foster youth.

Louis Vuitton Raffle Tickets

Every ticket counts—and every ticket helps empower children and families to thrive. Don't miss your chance to win big while making a real impact!

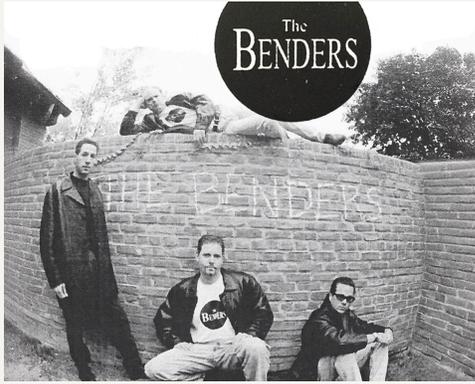


HATS & HORSES - Get Your Denim On

Mark your calendars for an **evening filled with celebrity jockeys, thrilling derby racing, and so much more!** Join us on **Saturday, April 25** at **Candywood Wine Cellar** for **Hats and Horses**.

Put on your best denim, enjoy a night of fun, and support a great cause. **Additional details coming soon.**

The Benders Live at Robins Theatre!



Get ready for an unforgettable night of music with **The Benders** on **Friday, August 28** at **Robins Theatre**.

All proceeds from the evening benefit **NOAS** and support foster youth and families. **More details coming soon.**

NOAS IN-PERSON PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

Are you ready to step up for a foster youth who needs you?

NOAS is hosting an **In-Person Pre-Service Training BLITZ**—a fast, supportive, and engaging way to begin your foster parenting journey and make a difference sooner than you may think.

Why attend in person?

- Enjoy coffee and donuts each morning
- Connect face-to-face with NOAS staff
- Build a strong peer support network
- Complete your required training in just **two weekends**

This isn't just training—it's the start of a community and a chance to take meaningful action right now.



Training Dates:

February 21 & 22

February 28 & March 1

Why wait? Your impact starts now.

Spots are limited—**sign up today** by emailing sgant@noas.com.

NOAS WELCOMES

Trillion West to our team.

Trillion is a graduate of Youngstown State University and joins NOAS from Mahoning County Children Services. In addition to his professional background, Trillion brings a unique perspective as a **licensed foster parent**. He is eager to share his experience and passion in his new role as a **Wendy's Wonderful Kids® Recruiter**, helping connect children with caring families.



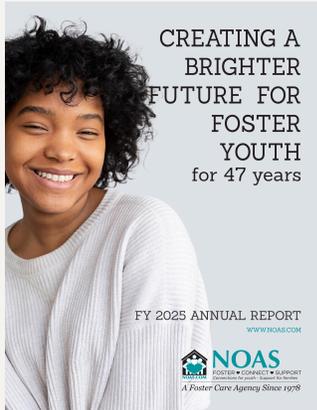
MEET BRIANNA, AGE 12



***Brianna** is a sweet, silly, and fun girl who loves being around people and making friends. She has a big personality that lights up a room and is very social, kind, and outgoing. Brianna is searching for a forever family with a mom, dad, and children.*

[*Read more about Brianna*](#)

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Advancing Our Mission: NOAS FY25 Report

We're excited to share that NOAS has just completed our **FY25 Annual Report!** Inside, you'll find a snapshot of our financial performance, program highlights, and a look at what's ahead. We invite you to take a moment to see the impact made possible by our community.

[click here to read the full annual report](#)

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