



Mahoning County Children Services

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YEAR-LONG DONOR & SERVICE OPPORTUNITES

Throughout the year, Mahoning County Children Services gratefully accepts and distributes donations for our children and families. Items donated in the past have included toiletries, school supplies, winter coats and accessories, clothing, infant formula, diapers, car seats, comfort tote bags (for children placed in or leaving foster care) comfort blankets, toys, as well as gift cards, monetary donations and household items for youth at age 18 who are emancipating out of foster care.

The Agency has “Wish List” which includes a variety of needs. The list is updated throughout the year to align with seasonal, special needs and inventory.

1. **Comfort Kits/bags/backpacks/rolling suitcases:** with age appropriate items (fleece blankets, plush animals, etc) for kids entering or leaving foster care placement.
2. **“New Home/Starter Kits:”** for youth who are 18 years of age and emancipating out of foster care. The Starter Kits include basic housing supplies and other household items are welcome. Please see *New Home Wish List*.
3. **Clothing:** New basics for infants/toddler through teens 18 years of age.
4. **Back to School:** Supplies & back packs for children of all ages
5. **Easter:** Baskets with candies, plush animals, clothing items (socks) seasonal toys (chalk, bubbles, glow sticks, etc.)
6. **Valentine’s Day:** Cards/Gifts for children in foster care
7. **Christmas Holiday:** The Agency’s *Christmas Gifts for Kids Campaign* seeks winter apparel: coats, clothing, gift cards and toys for kids of all ages to distribute to Mahoning County children on our caseloads. (See attached flyer)
8. **Gift cards for groceries/food etc.** for emergency placement of children into foster care
9. **Toys/Activities:** for kids’ Birthdays, Family Visitation Room and other circumstances

Have a Donation Idea or Service Project? Contact: Jennifer Kollar, Public Information Officer:

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NOTE: Unfortunately, Mahoning County Children Services is unable to accept donations of used items such as gently used/worn clothing, toys, stuffed/plush animals, etc. due to safety, health and hygiene. All items with fabric/cloth and personal care items must be new. Furniture, small appliances and other items donated, **if not new**, will need to be assessed by the Agency prior to accepting for health, hygiene and safety reasons.

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