

Walk a Mile Central Ohio Foster Youth Participant Registration

GOAL: To match policymakers with foster youth from their home district for a four-week period in order to give each a more personal view of the other's position. Policymakers will develop a unique perspective of the issues facing foster kids who are aging out of the system. The foster youth will gain a better understanding of the policymaking process, while getting to know their representatives more personally.

ACTIVITIES: Policymakers will live on the same minimum wage budget as their foster youth partner during the four weeks. *Walk a Mile* matches will agree to contact one another four times throughout the month. Matches will also meet at least two times during the four-week period. Suggested activities are:

- ◆ Visit a college and apply for scholarship or financial aid
- ◆ Visit a food bank
- ◆ Visit an employment training program and work on a resume
- ◆ Attend a public hearing
- ◆ Register to vote
- ◆ Visit the state legislature
- ◆ Participate in a meeting with a case worker
- ◆ Visit their partner's home
- ◆ Attend a community meeting
- ◆ Go grocery shopping together
- ◆ Visit a welfare office and apply for housing

WHEN: *November 14, 2005- December 14, 2005*

CONTACT: *For Information: Gayle Loyola, Project Coordinator (614) 273-5819*

WALK A MILE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT: _____

Is there anything you feel that we should know about your situation before you begin the project?

Would you agree to discuss your experiences in the WAM project with the media? (*circle one*) YES NO

Are you willing to participate in an anonymous survey about your experiences in the WAM project with the national WAM office at the University of Washington? (If you agree someone will contact you by telephone within several months of your completing the program). YES NO _____

Would you like someone to contact you to discuss your situation before beginning the project? YES NO

Please return registration form to:

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