

# Camp Oty'Okwa

24799 Purcell Rd.  
South Bloomingville, Ohio 43152

## Ohio Attorney General Life Skills Camp Referral Information

Thank you for your interest in helping to refer children to Camp Oty'Okwa's Life Skills Camp. As you may know, Camp Oty'Okwa is receiving funding through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to provide camp experiences to youth and young adults who have been victims of crime. Youth and young adults ages 14 to 21 years who have been directly or indirectly impacted by a crime are eligible to attend Camp Oty'Okwa through the Life Skills Camp program during the summer and also on weekend outings that occur throughout the year.

Camp Oty'Okwa is owned and operated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio and has been providing camping programs to at-risk children since 1942. The camp uses a "trauma informed" program design that includes small cabin groups with a high counselor to camper ratio; flexible, autonomous camp activities; a focus on relationship development between the campers and the adult counselors, and a safe, secure environment where campers can learn new skills.

If you or your organization are working with youth or young adults who have been impacted by a crime and feel they can benefit from a resident camp experience, we would like to talk with you. We have the opportunity to send 520 youth and young adults to camp this summer. While many of the spaces are already allocated to our current partners, we still have spaces available for more campers to participate.

I am including information about Camp Oty'Okwa with this letter, including a checklist that will help you determine if a young person you're working with is eligible for funding through VOCA. Please review the information and then contact us to discuss potential referrals and to receive registration materials for the campers.

Thank you for your help with this program opportunity.

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## VOCA Referral Criteria

Youth and young adults who have been directly impacted by a crime or indirectly impacted (a family member is a victim, they have witnessed a crime, etc.) are eligible for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to attend Camp Oty'Okwa. Please indicate from the list below which crime will qualify the youth or young adult you are referring for the camp program. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Gratz at [rgratz@bbbscentralohio.org](mailto:rgratz@bbbscentralohio.org) or at 614-625-8244.

**Camper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referral Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crime Description (1 required; please mark all that apply):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Arson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bullying Requiring Intervention \*Explanation of Intervention \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Burglary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Abuse/Neglect
- \_\_\_\_\_ Child Pornography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sexual Abuse/Assault
- \_\_\_\_\_ Domestic/Family Violence
- \_\_\_\_\_ DUI/DWI Incidents
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drug/Alcohol Abuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hate Crime \*Explanation of Hate Crime: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Human Trafficking: Labor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Human Trafficking: Sex
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kidnapping
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mass Violence
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Vehicular Incident
- \_\_\_\_\_ Robbery
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stalking/Harassment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Survivors of Homicide Victims
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Dating Victim
- \_\_\_\_\_ Terrorism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Violation Court Order
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \*Explanation of Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicable, please provide the following information:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homeless
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immigrants/Refugees
- \_\_\_\_\_ LGBTQ+
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cognitive/Physical/Mental Disability
- \_\_\_\_\_ Limited English Proficiency