



## Meet Our Mask Creators



Cloé Cooper: 25, She/Her/Hers. Foster alumnus and OSU Social Work student desiring to improve life outcomes for those who transition out of the child welfare system. As someone who aged out of Franklin County Children Services, she knows firsthand the barriers that alumni of care face when trying to navigate independent living.

She is passionate about supporting former foster youth, especially in pursuing higher education. She advocates as a member of ACTION Ohio, recommending improvements to policy and legislation regarding current and former foster youth on a state and national level. She is also the Director of Outreach for non-profit organization

AgedOutt, coordinating their Suits for Success program designed to provide professional attire to former foster youth entering the workforce.



Nikki Chinn is a former foster youth who is following her passions and pursuing a degree in Social Work. She spends countless hours advocating for youth in the foster care system.

She is one of the founding board members of ACTION Ohio – a statewide advocacy organization made up of former foster youth and allies. She serves on the board of MVOB. She is a mentor to youth who are currently in care. Nikki is also an artist, poet, and an avid crocheter.

Juliana Barton is a former foster youth who grew up in Toledo, Ohio. She is a survivor of a broken child welfare system that, despite numerous warning signs, failed to protect her. Juliana spent most of her childhood suffering severe abuse and neglect before entering the foster care system, where she remained until aging out.



Juliana aspires to use her experiences before, during and after foster care to influence and change the lives of others impacted by the system and is most passionate about addressing the health inequities that she and many system-involved children experience. She is an active advocate for the foster care community, including serving as a member of ACTION Ohio, the statewide voice of foster care alumni, and is a student coordinator for Columbus State Scholar Network, a peer support group for former foster youth pursuing higher education.

Most recently, Juliana was appointed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to the Children Services Transformation Advisory Council, which is tasked with reviewing and developing recommendations for Ohio's child welfare system.

Juliana currently resides in Columbus, Ohio, where she is a premedical student working toward combining her two passions – medicine and child welfare.

