



Ohio Works First (Cash Assistance)

Ohio Works First is temporary assistance to families with a child in the household to help pay for immediate needs while the adults prepare for and search for employment. Families receive financial assistance in exchange for spending 20 to 35 hours per week working, attending school, or participating in a work experience program. Benefits are distributed through the EPPIcard, which can be used like a debit card or through direct deposit into a bank account. Eligibility is based on family income and the number of people living in the household. Minor children and women who are at least six months pregnant may also be eligible. **Apply at www.odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov or at Fairfield County Job and Family Services.**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services Mission Statement

To protect children and elderly, encourage family stability, and promote self-reliance for a stronger community.

Accessing Services

If you have experienced any of the following situations, contact Fairfield County Job & Family Services. Assistance may be available and is determined on an individual basis.

- Pregnant without health insurance
- Routinely struggling to afford food
- Unemployed/need help with job search
- Unable to meet financial commitments for shelter, utilities, or health care
- Grandparent taking care of grandchildren
- Employed and need car repair

Services are available:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or www.fcjfs.org
Please call the Customer Call Center at (740) 652-7889 for questions.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES Serving Our Community

Community Services uses a customer-driven philosophy for providing services to assist families to become self-reliant. The services can be direct financial or medical assistance or supportive services such as case management. All of the public assistance programs are based on specific eligibility criteria such as household size, income, and resources.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP offers nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to our community. Eligible families receive an electronic card with a dollar credit of monthly benefits based on family income, family size, shelter costs and other eligibility criteria. Benefits are distributed on the Ohio Direction card which can be used like a debit card at most grocery stores. Eligibility is determined through an interview over the phone by an Eligibility Referral Specialist. **Apply at www.odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov or at Fairfield County Job and Family Services.**

Medicaid for Individuals and Families

Ohio Medicaid provides health care coverage for eligible families, pregnant women, infants, children, and young adults. Medicaid is a state and federally funded health care program that provides assistance to low-income and medically vulnerable people. The medical benefits include doctor visits, prescription, and Medicare premium payments. To be eligible for coverage, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or meet citizen requirements
- Have or applied for a social security number
- Be an Ohio resident
- Meet financial requirements

The Medicaid assistance group or household is determined by who is claimed on the yearly tax return, (parents, spouse, dependents). Permission to verify reported information through electronic verification is required. The applications are processed with no interview or appointment required. Most individuals who have Medicaid must join a managed care plan to provide coordinated health care. **Apply at www.benefits.ohio.gov or call 1-844-640-OHIO to complete an application over the phone.**

Transportation

Medicaid eligible individuals can receive transportation through the Non-Emergency Transportation program for medical appointments paid through Medicaid, such as doctor appointments, counseling, and pregnancy visits. Transportation is provided through Fairfield County Job and Family Services drivers or through contracts with transportation vendors. **Contact 740-652-7682 five days before the scheduled appointment.**

Medicaid for Nursing Home or Home-based Services

Medicaid for nursing home or home-based services help older adults and people with disabilities accomplish everyday tasks. These tasks may include bathing, getting dressed, fixing meals, and managing a home. As our population ages, the number of individuals needing this kind of help will increase. Long-term services and supports allow individuals to live healthy, secure, and independent lives either in a long-term care facility or in a home and community-based setting.

- **Home and Community-Based Services:** Home and community-based services offer individuals with long-term care needs the option of receiving their services at home or in a community setting.
- **Services in a Facility:** Individuals who cannot care for themselves at home may require services through a facility-based care setting (such as a nursing home or other long-term care setting).

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Subsidized Childcare

Parents who are employed, in school, or participating in work activity programs to meet the requirements of Ohio Works First cash assistance program can apply for help to pay for their child care. Families whose gross earnings are 125% or below the federal poverty guidelines may be eligible for assistance. Applying for child care services requires you to complete both an application and to submit verification documents such as income, school schedules and birth certificates. **Apply at Fairfield County Job and Family Services.**

Safe Children • Stable Families • Strong Community