Stark County Job & Family Services

Stark County Job & Family Services (SCJFS) programs touch county residents from pregnancy and birth through the aging process regardless of socio-economic status. Chances are you know someone who has benefited from these services. It may be parents who foster or have adopted through Children Services. It may be caregivers whose elderly parents receive Medicaid benefits through Human Services. Or it could be a divorced parent who is paying child support and is involved in programs offered through Child Support.

Our mission calls us to partner with our customers, community, and other service providers to protect children and vulnerable adults, stabilize and strengthen families and encourage self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. We take great pride in serving our customers and our community.

Stark County Job & Family Services is a triple-combined agency, made up of the division of Human Services, Children Services, and Child Support. These divisions of supported by administrative, human relations, and finance staff, for a combined workforce of 445.

We are passionate about the work we do, the programs we offer, and the people we serve; and we look forward to sharing our story with your organization. Presentations provide a look at our three divisions and the programs they offer residents.

There is no fee for Stark County Job & Family Services (SCJFS) Speakers Bureau presentations.

Speakers are available for day or evening presentations. All speakers are SCJFS staff or agency volunteers.

If you have questions, are interested in a topic area you do not see listed, or would like to make arrangements for a speaker, please contact one of the SCJFS division representatives listed in this brochure.

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Division of Human Services
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Cash, food, & medical assistance applications
Customer service: 1-844-640-OHIO (6446)
Child Care: 330-452-4661

Division of Children Services
402 2nd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Report child abuse and neglect: 330-455-KIDS
Foster care and adoption: 330-451-8789

Division of Child Support
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Customer service: 330-451-8930
Payment information: JFS.ohio.gov/ocs

Executive Offices
221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
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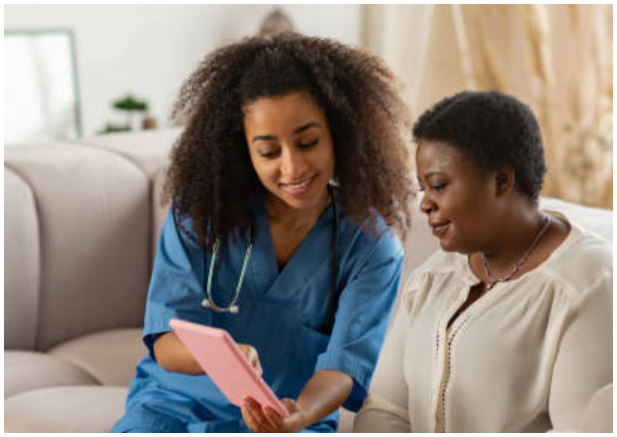
Human Services Presentations

Division Overview
In 2022, approximately one in seven Stark County residents received food assistance; 3,019 individuals received Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance, 111,045 individuals received Medicaid, and 3,240 children were cared for through publicly funded child care. It is estimated that during this same period, the Division of Human Services administered programs that contributed over $1 billion to the Stark County community, benefiting our local grocers, clinics, hospitals, and retailers. This presentation will highlight the many programs offered through Human Services, and will touch upon some of the misconceptions that people have about these government funded programs.

Additional Human Services Topic Areas
Human Services staff are also available to speak about specific programs, which include:

- Long Term Care Services
- Food Assistance/Ohio Direction Card
- Ohio Works First cash assistance
- Medicaid
- Medicare Premium Assistance programs
- Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) services
- Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program and child care programs



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Child Support Presentations

Division Overview
In 2022 there were 24,717 child support cases in Stark County and over $52 million in child support collected. The Division of Children Services applies a positive, non-punitive approach to collecting these payments. Our focus is to help parents prepare for and find employment, and to develop meaningful relationships with their children. In this presentation you will learn more about the division's positive philosophy that gives non-custodial parents a voice, helps them become more emotionally supportive of their children, and better prepares them to provide financial support.

Right Path for Fathers
This presentation focuses on an early intervention program funded through Sisters of Charity and a federal grant waiver to help unemployed, non-custodial parents develop skills and education to compete for employment. Parents are referred to job skill/ employment programs and parenting classes. Of those completing the program, 80% have become employed.

The Fatherhood Coalition
National statistics show involved parents make a difference in their children's lives. The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition advances responsible fatherhood by recognizing emotional support from a parent is as important as financial support. The coalition sponsors numerous activities for fathers and their children, a Parenting Time Order program, child support amnesty and expungement clinics. In this presentation you will learn how the Fatherhood Coalition helps non-custodial parents become, and stay, more involved in their children's lives.

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Children Services Presentations

Division Overview
The Division of Children Services serves the county's children at risk of abuse or neglect, and their families. It is legally responsible for taking and investigating reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency and acting to protect children at risk. Children Services recruits and trains foster and adoptive families, prepares children for adoption, arranges post adoption services, and provides independent living skills for teens. The Division also takes reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of adults 60 and older.

What You Need to Know when Considering Fostering and Adopting
There are children in our community who experience events that jeopardize their safety and well-being. Sometimes it is necessary for them to be removed from their homes and placed in alternate settings. These children need safe homes and loving families. In this presentation you will learn about fostering and fostering-to-adopt, the requirements to become a foster or adoptive family, and how to begin the process.

What is Child Abuse and How do I Make a Report?
In this presentation you will learn about recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect. Included is information about mandated reporters, who should report, and why it is important. Also included is how to make a report, what information is needed, and what happens with your report.

Careers in Child Welfare
This presentation is designed for college-level students. Discussion includes educational requirements, career opportunities, exploration of typical positions, and job requirements and expectations. Questions and dialogue are encouraged.

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