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Stark County Job & Family Services

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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STRIVE

Division of Human Services

Stark County Job & Family Services
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Email: Stark-STRIVE@jfs.ohio.gov
Phone: 330-451-8282
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What is STRIVE?

STRIVE is a voluntary program designed to help you create a brighter future by developing skills, securing employment, and achieving self-sufficiency.

Recognizing that each person's path is unique, STRIVE provides a holistic approach to finding meaningful work. Participants receive free training, education, and personalized career guidance to help them reach their goals. Additionally, STRIVE offers support to overcome barriers to employment or career advancement, such as assistance with transportation, childcare, uniforms, supplies, and more.

Enrollment for the STRIVE program is simple. All you need to do is let us know you're interested in joining, and we can get started! Call 330-451-8282, email Stark-STRIVE@jfs.ohio.gov, or quickly complete the request on the Ohio Benefits Self-Service Portal at ssp.benefits.ohio.gov.

How do I qualify for the STRIVE program?

You must be an active SNAP participant, or eligible for SNAP and meet criteria for referral.

What happens after I submit a request to join?

Once your request has been received, one of our program advocates will contact you to schedule time to discuss your employment goals, needs, barriers, and strengths.

If I am a SNAP participant, do I have to enroll in STRIVE?

No, SNAP participants are not required to enroll in STRIVE. The STRIVE program is optional, and your decision will not affect your SNAP benefits.

Is someone available to guide me through the STRIVE program?

Yes! Your program advocate is your partner in STRIVE. They will be in regular contact with you to discuss your progress, provide support, and help you celebrate all your successes. Your program advocate will also provide coaching, help with setting goals, and link you to additional resources.

How long does the program take to complete?

The length of time will vary based on your goals and the activities you choose. Your program advocate will be able to provide you more details during your initial discussion.

I am employed but would like to find more meaningful work. Can I enroll in the STRIVE program?

Yes! You can join STRIVE regardless of your current employment status. The program offers skills and training to help you advance or change the direction of your career.