



Message from the Director

As you can see Washington County DJFS plays an integral part in services to the citizens of our county. Simply put, we provide help to individuals and families who find themselves in difficult situations brought on by a lack of resources or a sudden change in their circumstances. We are the county agency responsible for basic financial, medical, and social services. It is our mission to provide quality services to help strengthen families and individuals to become self sufficient.

Our case management staff is one of the best in the state of Ohio, for two consecutive years our Accuracy Rate has been 100%. This staff determines eligibility for those basic need programs like Food Assistance and Ohio Works First.

Everyone deserves to live in a safe home free from abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Through community referrals our Social Work staff investigate potential unsafe situations and take appropriate actions designed to protect our elderly population.

We touch a lot of lives in our community and take great pride in the work we do. In these hard economic times our budget has been cut and our work load has increased but we remain committed to serve the deserving citizens of Washington County.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Washington County Department of Job & Family Services 2008 Annual Report.

*Tom Ballengee, Director
Washington County DFJS*



Washington County, Ohio

Mission

Washington Co. Job and Family Services, through State and Local Partnerships, will be the premier family support and workforce development system contributing to skilled and health Ohioans, successful businesses, and a strong Washington County.

Population, 2007 estimate..... 61,576

High school graduates, % of persons age 25+, 2000..... 84.5%

Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+, 2000..... 15.0%

Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000..... 11,076

Households, 2000..... 25,137

Persons per household, 2000..... 2.45

Median household income, 2007..... \$39,502

Per capita money income, 1999..... \$18,082

Persons below poverty, percent 2007..... 13.5%

Agency Expenditures

Ohio Works First (OWF) Cash Assistance	\$458,780.00
Disability Assistance (Aged, Blind, Disabled)	\$233,684.00
Disability Medical Assistance (Aged, Blind, Disabled)	\$47,831.35
Prevention, Retention & Contingency (PRC)	\$1,722,411.90
Food Assistance Program	\$7,172,969.00
Medicaid	\$84,355,255.00
Total	<u>\$93,990,930.90</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2008	

Staffing

The agency is made up of 53 employees.

Contract Service Providers

American Red Cross (DC Services)

Washington Morgan County Community Action (NET, Headlice, HEAP, One Stop, Home Delivered & Congregate Meals, and Air Conditions for Seniors)

Family & Children First Council (Help Me Grow)

Marietta City Health Department

Marietta YMCA

Ohio Tuition Trust

Schafer Auto Center

Speedway (Gas Cards)

Children Services (SOPP)

Washington State Community College (Career Pathways)

Washington County Career Center (YEP)

Programs provided/supported by Washington County Department of Job and Family Services

Adult Protective Services (APS)

Referrals are taken from anyone having reasonable cause to believe an adult, 60 or older, is being abused, neglected, or exploited. The intent is to assist adults who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and have no one else able to assist them. The Social Services Unit investigated 151 APS cases. Of those: 92 were non-validated (3 – physical abuse; 5 – emotional abuse; 1 – sexual abuse; 31 – neglect by others; 40 – self-neglect; and 12 – exploitation); 59 were validated (5 – physical abuse; 6 – emotional abuse; 13 – neglect by others; 30 – self-neglect; and 5 – exploitation).

Bicycle Helmets

Provided approximately 400 bicycle helmets to children attending one of the Safety Town's in Washington County.

Broker Services for Eligible Youths

The local YMCA acts as a broker to provide additional services to eligible Washington County children. The YMCA developed an available list of youth services/programs/ activities in which a posted cost for enrollment is required. Total funding for this program was \$357,000.72 which served 1155 children.

Child Care Assistance

Washington County parents/guardians who are working or in school may be eligible to receive help to pay for child care with a certified provider. For more information on eligibility requirements, contact the Social Services Unit at the WCDJFS, 740-373-5513.

Chore Programs

Provides homemaker and home health aide services to clients 60 years of age or older. An average of 60 Chore clients a month receives services. If you would like to become a Chore Provider, contact the Social Service unit (740) 373-5513

Disability Assistance (DA)

Provides cash and/or medical assistance to disabled individuals not eligible for other cash/medical assistance.

Disability Determination Unit (DDU)

Provides medical benefits for disabled clients while going through the application for Social Security.

Employment Services/Job Club

Employment Counselors can assist with job searches, resumes, and employability skills. Services are open to any resident of Washington County.

Food Assistance Program (Ohio Direction Card)

Food Stamp benefits can be used to buy food or food products intended for human consumption. In Ohio, Food Stamps are issued through the Ohio Direction Card, and electronic benefits debit card.

Gas Cards

Provides gas cards, not to exceed a value of \$200.00, per qualified time, to eligible households that receive food stamps in Washington County and have earned income from an adult who utilizes a car to get to and from work. 887 families have received gas cards.

Head Lice Eradication Program

Provides not only training for the application of available over-the-counter medications, but will also provide other items necessary to achieve complete eradication of head lice. Total funding for this program was \$11,540.68 which served 487 clients.

Healthchek

A group of prevention and treatment services through Medicaid, for children up to the age of 19, to get or stay healthy.

Job Fair

An annual event which allows employers to seek and hire individuals looking for new or better employment. Approximately 69 employer and 600 job seekers attended the one-day event.

Medicaid

Health care coverage for certain low-income and medically vulnerable people. Medicaid programs include coverage for: families, children, and pregnant women; aged, blind, and people with disabilities; women with breast/cervical cancer; and Institutional Care.

Medicare Premium Assistance Program

Assist Medicare recipients with limited income and assets by paying the cost of Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

Non-Emergency Transportation (NET)

Transportation is available for Medicaid recipients to attend medical appointments. Referrals are available for transportation to medical appointments outside of Washington County when medical services are not available within the county. NET services were provided to 3876 clients, totaling \$199,851.98.

Nursing Grant-In-Aid Program

Ohio Tuition Trust Authority credits are available to be used to offset the cost of tuition for very specific and identified programs that benefit the county (ie. nursing, radiology or physical therapy program).

Ohio Works First (OWF) Program

OWF is a time-limited (36 month's lifetime limit) cash assistance program for household with dependant children. The major goal of OWF is to help participants move toward self sufficiency.

Pregnancy Related Services

Provides enhanced support and linkage with resources, to ensure a healthy outcome for the mother and baby.

Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Program

A group of emergency and short-term assistance programs to help families with dependant children or a pregnant woman present in the household. The need should be emergent, unforeseeable, and unavoidable. The assistance may be necessary for health, safety, and well being of the family, to prevent them from coming onto Ohio Works First, or to help gain or retain employment.

School Clothes Program

Provides school clothes and shoes for Medicaid eligible children in Washington County who attend school outside of their home and are in grades K-12. Total funding for this program was \$441,175.00 which served 2521 children.

School Outreach Prevention Program

A total of \$300,000.00 was contracted to the Washington County Children Services Board to administer a School Outreach Prevention Program and a Family Intervention Specialist Program. Prevention Specialists are placed in the school districts to assist in identifying and resolving problems early with children and families before they move to a crisis stage. 7120 students received services through this program.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Provided wage subsidies for low income youths in Washington County. Total funding for this program was \$66,671.06 which served 35 youths

Work Experience Program (WEP)

Provides an opportunity for individuals receiving Ohio Works First or Food Stamp benefits to acquire valuable training, skill development, work experience, and possible job placement. Participants are placed in job settings with community employers for a set number of hours a month, depending on their type of assistance. They are not paid wages, but receive public assistance during the time of their work experience.

Youth Employment Program

The Washington County Career Center through this Youth Employment Program (YEP) will identify and reduce the employment barriers of area high school students enrolled in the YEP program. Services or goods to be provided will be in direct relationship to a need of the student in gaining or retaining employment (i.e. transportation, work clothing, work equipment, etc.). Total funding for this program was \$20,000.00 which served 194 youths.

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