

## Additional Supportive Services for which Families may Qualify

### Child Support Assistance

- Help to locate child's parent(s)
- Help to establish/enforce child support orders

### Food Assistance Program

- Also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Available to help purchase non-taxable food items

### Medicaid

Medical coverage:

- children
- pregnant women
- elderly
- disabled caregivers

### Medicare Supplement

- Assistance with some Medicare costs

### Subsidized Child Care Assistance

- Help to cover the cost of daycare with certified providers



# Stark County Job & Family Services

## Human Services Division

221 3rd Street S.E.  
Canton, OH 44702

Cash, Food & Medical Assistance

Customer Service: 330.451.8861

Customer Service e-mail:

stark\_csc@jfs.ohio.gov

New Applications: 330.451.8500

Child Care: 330.452.4661

## Children Services Division

402 2nd Street S.E.  
Canton, OH 44702

Child Abuse/Neglect Report Line:

330.455.KIDS

Foster/Adopt:

330.451.8789

## Child Support Division

221 3rd Street S.E.  
Canton, OH 44702

Customer Service: 330.451.8930

Payment information:

jfs.ohio.gov/ocs

### SCJFS Executive Offices

221 3rd Street S.E.  
Canton, OH 44702  
330.452.4661



starkjfs.org



revised  
04/20



# Ohio Works First Cash Assistance for Children of Absent Parent(s)

## Human Services Division



# Stark County Job & Family Services

## Is there OWF cash assistance for children of absent parents?

Yes, the Ohio Works First (OWF) program provides cash assistance to children in need due to the absence of both parents. OWF is the financial portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. Minor children living with guardians other than their parents may be eligible for "child-only" cash assistance, with no time limit.

## Who can apply for OWF for children of absent parents?

- Grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great grandparent, etc.
- Brother or sister
- Aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece, including those with the prefix "great" or "great-great", etc.
- First cousin, or first cousin once removed
- Stepparent or stepsibling
- Spouse or former spouse of an individual listed above
- Court-ordered guardian

## What is needed to apply for OWF for children of absent parents?

You will need to provide:

- Proof of age, citizenship (or lawful immigrant status) and identity
- Social security card or proof of application for the card
- Proof of the blood relationship of the child to the caregiver, or court ordered guardianship documents
- Proof of the child's income
- Caregivers may be required to cooperate in the pursuit of child support from the child's parent(s).
- Caregivers must agree to report changes in the child's financial situation or living arrangements.

## How do I prove my relationship to the child(ren) in need of cash assistance?

You may be asked to present documents such as:

- marriage licenses
- birth certificates
- child support paternity decisions
- court orders
- other acceptable documents to prove your relationship to the child(ren)

A caseworker can help you to obtain these documents if they are needed.

## Frequently Asked Questions OWF assistance for children?

### When only the child(ren) of absent parents are receiving OWF, am I required to show my income and proof if I have a house, car, and savings?

You are not required to show proof of these if you are a non-parent caregiver seeking cash assistance only for the child in your home. If, however, you, your spouse, or your minor child(ren) also needs assistance, you may need to provide this information.

### What other assistance is available for children of absent parents?

A child(ren) living in your home is potentially eligible for medical, child care assistance, and food assistance. Food assistance is determined based on the income and assets of the entire household. For full details about eligibility contact Customer Service at 330.451.8861, [stark\\_csc@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:stark_csc@jfs.ohio.gov)

## Do I have to repay the OWF cash assistance the child(ren) receives?

No, you do not have to pay back the child(ren)'s OWF cash assistance. However, to avoid potential fraud or any other over or underpayment of benefits, please report the following immediately:

- Any change in the child(ren)'s income
- When the child(ren) moves out of your home
- If/when either of the child(ren)'s parents move into the home with the child(ren)

