



Clark County Department of Job and Family Services

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

“Statistics in an annual report don’t come close to telling the story about how many families we help, how many children we protect, week in and week out. This ‘human factor’ keeps us coming to work every day.”

Robert Suver, Director
Clark County Department of Job and Family Services

The Clark County
Department of
Job and Family
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Serving Families

- The adoptions of 26 children were finalized, and adoption assistance was provided for 316 children.
- 37 children's services cases resulted in indictment/prosecution through the efforts of the Child Advocacy Center. The Center served 229 children, 212 for sexual abuse allegations, 4 for physical abuse allegations, and 4 for neglect allegations.
- 165 children were placed in out-of-home care.
- 151 children removed from their homes were placed in the custody of relatives. At a cost savings of \$30-per-day, per child, compared to non-relative placements, this resulted in a total savings of \$1,259,250.
- 38 children living independently from their families were served. 16 had savings accounts.
- 3,000 children received services of various kinds during the year.
- 174 Adult Protective Services assessments were made, 112 for self neglect, 22 for abuse, 30 for neglect by others, and 10 for exploitation.
- Children and families were safely reunified within 12 months 81% of the time, compared to the target of 76% set by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- The Department provided 4,765 hours of parent aides, homemaker and adult home care. These services are provided to keep families together and seniors living safely in their own homes.
- As of December 31, 2006, 141 children were in the custody of the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services



Serving Adults

- Food stamp benefits were provided to an average of 17,000 county residents each month.
- Medicaid health care coverage was provided to about 25,000 county residents each month in 2006, roughly 18% of Clark County's entire population.
- 15 individuals obtained their GEDs through the Bridges to the Future Program, 3 of whom have enrolled at Clark State Community College.

Child Support Enforcement

Child support is not just about the numbers. It is about taking the steps necessary to make sure that all children know who their parents are, and that children receive the money due them for their well being and self sufficiency.

- 17,531 cases maintained, for which the agency collected more than \$28 million.
- More than 34,000 adults connected to the county child support system.
- Established more than 6,700 child support orders.

One individual owed more than \$40,000 in child support. When he was arrested in North Carolina and brought back to Clark County, he started paying on a regular basis.

Another individual owed more than \$37,000 and was arrested when he returned to Clark County for a funeral. He now pays his child support regularly.

Vital Statistics

Families receiving cash assistance through Ohio Works First

December 2003 - 770
December 2004 - 674
December 2005 - 684
December 2006 - 657

Individuals receiving health insurance through Medicaid

December 2003 - 24,229
December 2004 - 25,129
December 2005 - 26,040
December 2006 - 25,223

Individuals receiving Food Stamps

December 2003 - 14,827
December 2004 - 15,485
December 2005 - 15,942
December 2006 - 16,002

WorkPLUS Successes



Na'Cole Sanford, a single mother of three, was stuck in a low-paying job when she entered the Workforce Investment Act's Adult Program. After months of training and working two part-time jobs, Na'Cole will soon be taking her Surgical Technician State Board exam and will then be hired full-time as a Surgical Technician, a position with a career future, at Community Mercy Medical Center.





Clark County's WorkPLUS One-Stop Center offers an array of employment and job training services for job seekers and employers alike. Through the work of its staff and community partners, WorkPLUS achieved the following in 2006 ...

- An average of 1,500 individuals a month sought assistance from the WorkPLUS Resource Room for employment, training and educational opportunities.
- 117 job placements were made from the WorkPLUS Center through the Workforce Investment Act.
- The WorkPLUS Center served as the hub recruitment center for Kohl's, Marshall's, and Gold Star Grill, two new retail stores and restaurant which opened in Springfield in 2006, and which attracted more than 1,000 job applicants. All three employers reported satisfaction with the WorkPLUS Center's lead role.
- 36 individuals obtained their General Equivalence Degrees (GED) through the WorkPlus One-Stop Center.
- WorkPLUS Transportation provided Clark County residents with an average of 3,816 rides per month

A marketing initiative using television commercials aired by WHIO Channel 7 in Dayton and WBNS Channel 10 in Columbus began, targeting job seekers, employers, and dislocated workers.

Deea Sharpe was on her way to becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse when a fire consumed her home and made her, her three children and her grandmother, homeless. Clark County's Workforce Investment Act program helped replace Deea's uniforms, books and school supplies, and helped with tuition, until she got back on her feet. Deea has completed her training, and is preparing to take her state board exam.

Revenue, Expenditures & Benefits

Total Department Expenditures • Sources of Revenue

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| 2006 Total Department Expenditures | \$245,680,889 |
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Sources of Revenue for 2006 Expenditures came from the following sources:

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| Federal | 64.4% |
| State | 32.6% |
| Local Children Services Levy | 1.2% |
| Local Government Funding | 0.5% |
| Miscellaneous & Third Party | 1.3% |

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| TOTAL | 100% |
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2006 Expenditures for Selected Services – Clark County Department of Job and Family Services

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| Administration and Operations | \$5,312,083 | 2.2% |
| Case Management (all divisions) | \$11,835,479 | 4.8% |
| Contracted Services | \$7,339,802 | 3.0% |
| Disability Assistance Program | \$1,308,469 | 0.5% |
| Food Stamp Benefits | \$19,915,919 | 8.1% |
| Juvenile Court Placement Agreement | \$1,320,151 | 0.5% |
| Medicaid Benefits | \$181,841,006 | 74.0% |
| Ongoing Cash Assistance to Families | \$5,039,438 | 2.1% |
| One Time Emergency Assistance to Families | \$257,054 | 0.1% |
| Out-of-Home Placement Costs | \$4,535,449 | 1.8% |
| Subsidized Child Care Benefits to Families | \$3,109,060 | 1.3% |
| Workforce Development | \$2,760,852 | 1.1% |
| WorkPLUS Transportation | \$1,106,127 | 0.5% |

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| TOTAL | \$245,680,889 | 100% |
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Now That's a Tax Refund!

More than \$175,000 was returned to Clark County income tax filers in 2006 thanks to the efforts of staff from the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services, who lent their time to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, conducted at the WorkPlus Center.

VITA is an IRS-certified program providing qualified residents with free preparations of the basic 1040A and 1040EZ tax returns. For the second consecutive year, volunteers from the Department were certified to participate in VITA by attending training sessions on tax law, basic tax preparation and IRS e-filing.

During the 2006 tax season, VITA served more than double the number of county residents seeking tax assistance from the previous year, and in the end, helped filers gain \$175,247 in refunds!

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