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NEWSLETTER OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
OF CLARK COUNTY

JANUARY - MARCH 2009

eAlert



VITA - Making Tax Season Easier

VITA is a free tax service program that helps qualified individuals prepare and file their taxes.

Tax season is here. Job and Family Services of Clark County (JFSCC) will again be offering a free tax service program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).

VITA - commercial



VITA is an IRS certified program that will help qualified Clark County residents receive free preparation of basic 1040A and 1040EZ tax returns.

Certified tax training is being given for the volunteer tax preparers. Volunteers will attend a seven hour training session on tax law and basic tax preparation, plus the IRS will provide e-file training.

In addition, the VITA site will educate the community about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Tax payers must meet [eligibility requirements](#) and file a tax return.

The VITA site is located at the JFSCC WorkPlus Center, 1345 Lagonda Avenue, Springfield, 45503. Clark County residents are encouraged to call the VITA direct line, 937-327-1770 beginning January 20, for a screening process. An appointment time will be given if the caller meets eligibility. The site will begin operation on January 26 and continue through April 13. Hours of operation at the WorkPlus Center will be Monday and Wednesday from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Saturday hours will be from 8:00am to Noon. Call 937-327-1770 for more information.

To learn more go to clarktaxhelp.com



April is...

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

We encourage members of our community to learn more about child abuse prevention and to positively encourage and support the children and families in our community.

To learn more, please visit the following links:

[Child Protection](#), and [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

FAMILY & CHILDREN
SERVICES OF CLARK COUNTY



The mission of Family & Children Services of Clark County is to promote protection, stability and permanency for children and older adults.

- [ClarkAdopt.com](#)
- [The Adoption Commercial](#)

WORKPLUS
OF CLARK COUNTY



WorkPlus helps job seekers prepare for rewarding employment opportunities and employers find qualified employees they need to succeed in a changing economy.

- [Offering Free Workshops to prepare job seekers.](#)
- [Rise Above Testimonials.](#)

CHILD SUPPORT
SERVICES OF CLARK COUNTY



At Child Support Services of Clark County, we work with individuals and families to ensure children are supported.


- [Parents as Partners Christmas Party](#)
- [New Child Support Laws for Medical Support](#)

BENEFITSPLUS
OF CLARK COUNTY



Helping families eliminate obstacles to gain and maintain employment and supporting themselves.

- [Plans Announced to Issue Cash Benefits Through Electronic Payment Card](#)






RECENT NEWS & PRESS RELEASES

Project Jericho
Project Jericho was nationally recognized as one of 19 youth arts and humanities programs to receive the prestigious 2008 Coming Up Taller Award. [Learn More >>](#)

Adoption Campaign
JFSCC implemented an aggressive adoption campaign to find adoptive parents. [Learn More >>](#)

View the Clark County Profile.
Clark County Statistics at a Glance. [Learn More >>](#)



DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

10 YEARS
January - Nancy Mahoney

15 YEARS
January - Julia Downey
January - Sandra Penwell
March - Suzan Crozier

20 YEARS
February - Holly Payne
March - Daniel Howard


25 YEARS
February - Cynthia Couser

30 YEARS
February - Sandra O'Conner
March - Rebecca Webb

LOOKING INTO THE NUMBERS

A statistical look at the conditions and circumstances under which Clark County families live, and the performance of Job and Family Services in response.

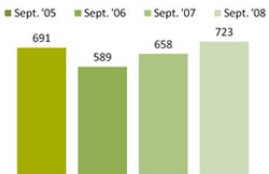
Family and Children Services



Month	Children under protection
Sept. '05	646
Sept. '06	932
Sept. '07	850
Sept. '08	798

Children under our protection who remain in their own homes

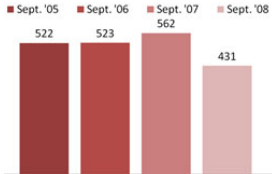
BenefitsPlus



Month	Families receiving cash assistance
Sept. '05	691
Sept. '06	589
Sept. '07	658
Sept. '08	723

Families receiving on-going cash assistance.

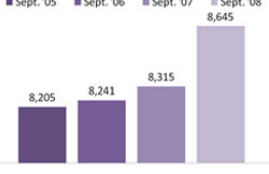
WorkPlus



Month	Individuals receiving job training assistance
Sept. '05	522
Sept. '06	523
Sept. '07	562
Sept. '08	431

Individuals receiving job training assistance.

Child Support Services



Month	Individuals paying on child support orders
Sept. '05	8,205
Sept. '06	8,241
Sept. '07	8,315
Sept. '08	8,645

Individuals paying on child support orders.

MORE STATISTICS >>

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