

Cuyahoga County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

<p><u>TANF-“Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Job and Family Services - contact 216-987-7000 for the nearest location. • Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov • Apply by calling the Healthy Start hotline at 216-987-7346 • Apply through Ohio Benefits Bank (Now available at Family To Family Sites) 	<p>Relatives who have a relative child in their home can apply for “Child Only Benefits” which are based on the income of the child (not the caregiver’s income).</p> <p>If child is in agency custody, the medical care is managed by DCFS.</p> <p>If the caregiver has custody, they can apply at CJFS for medical along with the “Child Only Benefits”.</p>
<p><u>Kinship Permanency Incentive Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregivers must have received custody from a court proceeding on or after July 1, 2005 • Caregivers are eligible for a total of 8 payments over a 48 month period. 	<p>Courts must have awarded legal custody or guardianship of the child to the grandparent, relative or other kinship caregiver, based on the best interest of the child. A Public Children's Services Agency must have been involved and completed the relative approval process including a criminal background check. For complete eligibility criteria and more information call 216 -881-4345.</p>
<p><u>Food Assistance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Job and Family Services – contact 216-987-7000 for the nearest location. • Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov • Apply through Ohio Benefits Bank (Now available at Family To Family Sites) • Refer to Family to Family Resource Specialist • Explore additional resources at 211 	<p>Food Assistance is household income based at CJFS. There are community food banks in neighborhoods. To find out where food banks are located in the caregiver’s community contact 211 or the community collaborative for food bank and food pantry locations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greater Cleveland Food Bank 15500 S Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, OH 44110 Phone: (216) 738-2265</p>
<p><u>Child Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Job and Family Services - contact 216-987-7000 for the nearest location. • Apply by calling the Child Care hotline at 216-987-7346 • Apply through Ohio Benefits Bank (Now available at Family To Family Sites) • Explore additional resources at 211 	<p>Child Care Assistance is household income based at CJFS. If child in DCFS custody and placed with you, apply for daycare stipend through the child’s social worker.</p> <p>Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: childcaresearch.ohio.gov</p>
<p><u>Housing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Auth. 8120 Kinsman Road Cleveland, OH 44104-3101 Phone: 216-431-1471 www.cmha.net • Explore additional resources at 211 	<p>Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority has the Fairfax Intergenerational Housing program which is dedicated to relative caregivers age 55 and older who have custody of at least one kinship child who is in their home.</p>