

Stark County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

TANF - “Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:

- Apply at Stark County Job and Family Services
221 Third St., S.E.,
Canton, OH 44702-1293
Phone: 330-452-4661 (Mon-Fri 8a-4:30p)
- Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov or
www.starkjfs.org/human-services/cash-assistance
- Apply by phone: 1-844-640-6446
(Mon-Fri 8a-4:00p)

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).

If child is in agency custody, the medical care is managed by Stark Co. Division of Children Services.

If the caregiver has custody, they can apply at JFS for medical along with the “Child Only Benefits”.

Kinship Permanency Incentive Program:

- 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.

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 330-451-8247.

Food Assistance:

- Apply at Stark County Job and Family Services
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Canton, OH 44702-1293
Phone: 330-452-4661 (Mon-Fri 8a-4:30p)
- Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov or
www.starkjfs.org/human-services/assistance-applications-forms
- Apply by phone: 1-844-640-6446
(Mon-Fri 8a-4:00p)
- Explore additional resources at 211

Food Assistance is household income based at JFS. 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.

Summit-Canton Regional Foodbank-
350 Opportunity Parkway
Akron, OH 44307-2234
Phone: 330-535-6900

Child Care:

- Apply at Stark Co. Job and Family Services
221 Third St., S.E.,
Canton, OH 44702-1293
Phone: 330-451-8155 (Mon-Fri 8a-4:30p)
- Website: www.starkjfs.org/human-services/assistance-applications-forms
- Explore additional resources at 211

Child Care Assistance is household income based at JFS.
If child in Stark Co. Division of Children Services custody and placed with you, apply for daycare stipend through the child’s social worker.

Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: childcaresearch.ohio.gov

Housing:

- Apply at Stark Metropolitan Housing Auth.
400 East Tuscarawas Street
Canton, Ohio 44702
Phone: 330-454-8051 or 1-800-750-0750
www.starkmha.org
- Explore additional resources at 211

The Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) provides eligible residents of Stark County with quality affordable housing in decent, safe, and nourishing neighborhoods. By working in partnership with public and private sectors, SMHA provides families with housing choices and opportunities.