

Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers (Summit Co.)

TANF- “Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:

- Apply at Summit County Job and Family Services (2 locations)
 - 1) 1180 South Main Street, Suite 102
Akron, OH 44301
Phone: 866-320-8822 (M-F 7:30a-4:30p)
 - 2) 1040 East Tallmadge Ave. Akron, OH 44310
Phone: 800-573-8080 or 330-643-8200 (M-F 8:00a-4:30p)
- Apply online at <http://www.summitdjfs.org>
- Application Line: 844-640-6446
- Email: SummitE-Docs@jfs.ohio.gov

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 Summit Co. 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) 996-1799 option 2 or email Julie Kirven at JKirven@summitkids.org.

Food Assistance:

- Apply at Summit County Job and Family Services
1180 South Main Street, Suite 102
Akron, OH 44301
Phone: 866-320-8822 (M-F 7:30a-4:30p)
- Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov
- Explore additional resources at 211
- Apply through Ohio Benefits Bank
(Now available at Family To Family Sites)

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 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 Summit County Job and Family Services - Sojourner Truth Building
37 N. High St. Akron, OH 44308
Phone :330-643-7686
- Website: www.summitdjfs.org
- Explore additional resources at 211

Child Care Assistance is household income based at JFS. **If child in Summit County 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 Akron Metropolitan Housing Auth.
100 West Cedar Street
Akron, OH 44307
Phone: 330-762-9631
www.akronhousing.org
- Explore additional resources at 211

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) provides safe and decent affordable housing for low-income residents in the Akron area. They offer many programs to help you find a home.