

ANNUAL REPORT

Clark County Department of Job and Family Services

Overall Departmental Budget

Total Revenue	\$37,268,411.75
Total Expenditures	\$41,661,880.94

DIVISIONAL BUDGETS

Employment ... Benefits

Revenue	\$21,152,003.28
Expenditures	\$23,683,889.60

Child Support Enforcement

Revenue	\$4,993,862.31
Expenditures	\$5,247,066.47

Family ... Children Services

Revenue	\$11,122,516.16
Expenditures	\$12,730,924.87

State and Federal Funds Paid to County Residents Through Clark County DJFS

Medicaid	\$161,857,852.00
Food Stamps	\$12,645,063.00
Disability Assistance	\$353,423.00
OWF Cash Assistance	\$4,533,237.00
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Total	\$179,389,575.00

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In 2002

The Employment and Benefits Division provided benefits in 12,988 cases in 2002. This represented an 8% increase from 2001. The types of benefits include, cash assistance, medical assistance, Food Stamps and PRC.

Families receiving on-going cash assistance

- January 2002 - 674
- December 2002 - 711

Individuals receiving health insurance through Medicaid

- January 2002 - 21,713
- December 2002 - 23,345

Individuals receiving food stamps

- January 2002 - 11,620
- December 2002 - 13,493

Individuals receiving job training assistance

- December 2002 - 311

Vital Statistics

PROTECTING AND NURTURING CHILDREN

In 2002..

- The adoptions of 27 children were finalized.
- 2,786 children were assessed by Family and Children Services. Of that number, 230 were assessed for physical abuse, 143 for sexual abuse, and the remainder were general social service assessments.
- \$30.8 million in child support was collected. This represents 62% of all individuals order to pay child support.
- Clark County Children Services handled 3,789 referrals, which includes all telephone and written referrals seeking information.
- Paternity was established for 88% of children born out of wedlock.

EXCELLENCE AND EFFICIENCY IN SERVING CLARK COUNTY RESIDENTS

- Clark County DJFS achieved a 96.88% accuracy rate in the administration of the highly complex food stamp program, as determined by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

This represents an increase in efficiency from the county's 94% rating in 2001. It ranks Clark County as one of the highest performing Ohio counties in this category.

In 2002, department staff member Karen Riley received an "International Facilitator of the Year Award" from Franklin Covey. As the Strengthening Families Coordinator, Karen is responsible for the operation of the Teens Program presented in the area middle schools.

During the past year more than 2,500 seventh and eighth grade students were trained in "7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens". This program provides students with tools to help them make healthy life choices, value differences, and communicate more effectively.

As of December 2002..

- 203 children were under the department's protection and custody.
- 403 children under the department's protection remained in their own homes.
- 770 children received subsidies for child care.
- 7,927 individuals paid on child support orders.

STABILIZING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

- In December 2002, there were 1,652 Clark County households receiving Food Stamps that also earned income. That figure represents an increase of nearly 70% over that for December 2000! This means that even among those still dependent on cash assistance, more people are working. About 20% of adults on cash assistance are working at least part time.

The WORKPLUS Center, located at 1345 Lagonda Avenue in Springfield, in a One-Stop Labor Resource for employers seeking qualified employees, and for men and women seeking good jobs, job training and supports that help them stay employed.

The WORKPLUS Employment Resource room served a total of 11,905

persons in 2002. In addition, 192 individuals reported employment, and 205 students completed training through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Services provided through the WIA also assisted more than 525 dislocated workers from International Truck and Engines.



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