

# Allen County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

## **TANF- “Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:**

- Apply at Allen Co. Job and Family Services  
1501 South Dixie Hwy  
Lima, OH 45802  
Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm  
Phone: (419) 228-2621.  
Toll Free: (888) 228-2120
- Apply online at [www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov) or [acjfs.org/application\\_page/application](http://acjfs.org/application_page/application)

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 Allen 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 419-227-8590.

## **Food Assistance:**

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- 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 for food bank and food pantry locations.

West Ohio Food Bank  
1380 E. Kibby Street  
P.O. Box 1566  
Lima, Ohio 45802  
Phone: (419) 222-7946

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Child Care Assistance is household income based at JFS. **If child in Allen Co. Division of Children Services custody** and placed with you, apply for daycare stipend through the child’s social worker. (This is not income based.)

Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: [childcaresearch.ohio.gov](http://childcaresearch.ohio.gov)

## **Housing:**

- Apply at Allen Metropolitan Housing Auth.  
600 S. Main St. Lima, OH 45804  
Phone: 419-228-6065.  
[www.allenmha.com](http://www.allenmha.com)
- Explore additional resources at 211

Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Offers Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Program, Public Housing Program , Single Room Occupancy (SRO) & Shelter Plus Care