

# Clark County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

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

- Apply at Clark Co. Job & Family Services  
1345 Lagonda Ave # A  
Springfield, OH 45503  
Phone: (937) 327-1700  
Mon.- Fri. (8a-4:30p)
- Apply online at <http://www.clarkdjfs.org/150/>  
Application-Center or [www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.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 Clark Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services (CCDJFS).**

If the caregiver has custody, they can apply at CCDJFS 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 937-327-1748.

## **Food Assistance:**

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- Explore additional resources at 211

Food Assistance is available for low income caregivers that are working. Eligibility is based on household income. There are community food banks in neighborhoods. To find out where food banks are located in the caregiver’s community contact 211 or Clark County 30 Days to Family® Specialist at 937-327-1788 or [Misty.Board@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Misty.Board@jfs.ohio.gov).

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Child Care Subsidy is available for low income caregivers that are working. Eligibility is based on household income.

**If child in Clark 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](http://childcaresearch.ohio.gov)

## **Housing:**

- Apply at Springfield Metropolitan Housing Auth.  
101 W. High St.,  
Springfield, Ohio, 45502  
Phone: 937-325-7331
- Explore additional resources at 211

Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) provides subsidized housing to income-qualified individuals and families. SMHA’s Housing Choice Program (Section 8) provides vouchers to qualified applicants to use in the private market for landlords willing to accept the voucher.