

Highland County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

<p><u>TANF- “Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Highland Co. Job and Family Services 1575 N. High St. Hillsboro, OH 45133 Phone: 937-393-4278 • Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov 	<p>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).</p> <p>If child is in agency custody, the medical care is managed by Highland Co. Child Protection Unit.</p> <p>If the caregiver has custody, they can apply at Highland County Job & Family Services for medical coverage along with the “Child Only Benefits”.</p>
<p><u>Kinship Permanency Incentive Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregivers must have received custody from a court proceeding on or after July 1, 2005 • Income verification & custody papers required • Caregivers are eligible for a total of 8 payments over a 48 month period. 	<p>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 937-402-5048.</p>
<p><u>Food Assistance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Highland Co. Job and Family Services 1575 N. High St. Hillsboro, OH 45133 Phone: 937-393-4278. • Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov • Highland County Community Action food pantry Phone:937-393-3458 (Ohio Benefits Bank site) • Samaritan Outreach Services Phone 937-393-2220 	<p>Food Assistance is based on household income at Highland County Job & Family Services. Highland County Community Action, Samaritan Outreach Services & several local churches have food pantries available.</p>
<p><u>Child Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at Highland Co. Job and Family Service 1575 N. High St. Hillsboro, OH 45133 Phone; 937-393-4278 (option 4) • Apply through Ohio Benefits Bank site (Highland County Community Action) 	<p>Child Care Assistance is based on household income at Highland County Job & Family Services. If child in Highland Co. Child Services custody and placed with you, apply for daycare stipend through the child’s social worker.</p> <p>Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: childcaresearch.ohio.gov</p>
<p><u>Housing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority 121 E East St. Washington Ct Hs, OH 43160 Phone: 740-335-7525 • Highland County Community Action Phone: 937-393-3458 • Highland County Homeless Shelter contact 937-402-4253 	<p>Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority (serves Highland Co.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 8 & HUD housing <p>Highland County Community Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Ownership Counseling • Housing Rehabilitation Program <p>Highland County Homeless Shelter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency shelter for men, women & families with children