## Highland County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

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

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 Highland Co. Child Protection Unit.**

If the caregiver has custody, they can apply at Highland County Job & Family Services for medical coverage 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
- Income verification & custody papers required
- 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 937-402-5048.

### Food Assistance:
- 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

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.

### Child Care:
- 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)

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.

Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: childcaresearch.ohio.gov

### Housing:
- 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

Fayette Metropolitan Housing Authority (serves Highland Co.):
- Section 8 & HUD housing

Highland County Community Action:
- Home Energy Assistance Program ( HEAP)
- Home Ownership Counseling
- Housing Rehabilitation Program
Highland County Homeless Shelter:
- Emergency shelter for men, women & families with children