

# Geauga County Job and Family Services

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Child Support  
Customer Service  
Web Portal



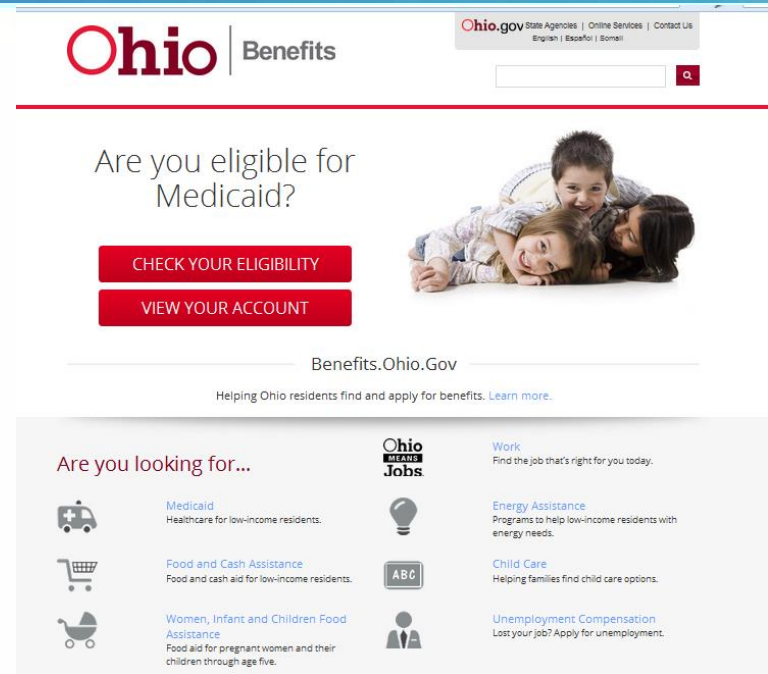
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocs>

- Location services
- Paternity establishment
- Support establishment
- Support enforcement
- Medical support
- Order review/adjustment
- Collections and disbursement
- Payment Options
- Payment Remittance
- Payment status

## GEAUGA COUNTY RESIDENTS! If you are...

- Parents/caretakers of minor children (children age 0-18)
- Children under age 19
- Pregnant woman

And are not currently eligible for Medicaid coverage, you may be eligible under the Affordable Care Act for coverage starting January 1, 2014.



The screenshot shows the Ohio Benefits website. At the top, the Ohio state logo is next to the word "Benefits". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Ohio.gov", "State Agencies", "Online Services", "Contact Us", "English", "Español", and "Italian". A search bar is on the right. The main content area has the heading "Are you eligible for Medicaid?" and two red buttons: "CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY" and "VIEW YOUR ACCOUNT". To the right is a photo of a family. Below the buttons is the text "Benefits.Ohio.Gov" and "Helping Ohio residents find and apply for benefits. Learn more." At the bottom, there is a section titled "Are you looking for..." with icons and links for Medicaid, Food and Cash Assistance, Women, Infant and Children Food Assistance, Ohio Means Jobs, Energy Assistance, Child Care, and Unemployment Compensation.

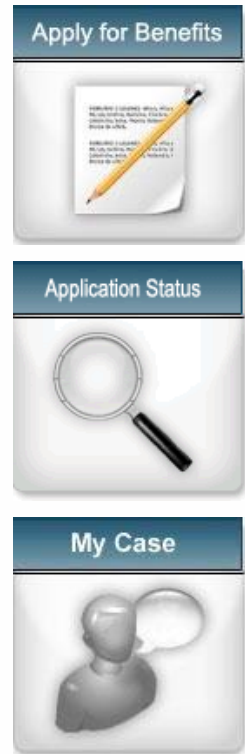
**There are three ways to apply:** *(ask the receptionist or call 285-9141 for details)*

- Online at <https://benefits.ohio.gov>
- Apply by phone by calling the Medicaid Hotline: **1-800-324-8680**
- In person at Geauga County Job and Family Services

The Affordable Care Act requires that most people must have health coverage or pay a fee (aka: the "individual shared responsibility payment"). However, you may be eligible get an exemption in certain cases. For more details go to: <https://www.healthcare.gov/exemptions>

# Food and Cash Assistance Online Self-Service Website

- Apply online at [ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov](http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov)
- View your application status
- View your benefits & benefits history
- View your case information
- Report a change
- Complete an Interim Report
- Reapply



Ask our receptionist for a copy of the “*Let’s Get Started*” guide.  
*Computer and Internet access is available in our Career Center.*



## Who are the Managed Care Plans?

Buckeye Community Health Plan

1-866-246-4358

<http://www.bchpohio.com>

Molina HealthCare

1-800-642-4168

<http://www.molinahealthcare.com>

CareSource

1-800-488-0134

<http://www.caresource.com>

Paramount *Advantage*

1-800-462-3589

<http://www.paramounthealthcare.com>

UnitedHealthcare

1-800-895-2017

[www.uhccommunityplan.com](http://www.uhccommunityplan.com)





# CONFIDENTIALITY

***Geauga County Job & Family Services respects  
client's confidentiality.***

***Please wait until you are in a private area to  
discuss your private information with a worker.***

***Any concerns, please notify our front desk  
receptionist.***



*Lifeline Service - Wireless  
Phone System for Low-  
Income Ohioans*

<http://www.safelinkwireless.com>

# Geauga County Help Me Grow

SERVING PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 0-3

*There are so many exciting things for your child to discover...*



*...let us help you along the way.*





For more information contact:  
Geauga County Help Me Grow  
440-729-5250 or 866-975-1100  
[www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow](http://www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow)

Help Me Grow provides services that promote children's growth and development and supports families during the important early years of a child's life.



Help in increasing your understanding about your child's behavior



New ways to play with and care for your child



Links to helpful community resources



Events for you and your family

Geauga Help Me Grow is funded by Geauga Family First Council & Ohio Department of Health with the Early Childhood Developmental & Home Visitation Program component funded by Geauga County Job & Family Services.



## **Weatherization Services**

**Provided to Geauga County Residents through  
the Ashtabula Community Action Agency**

**6920 Austinburg Road; P. O. BOX 2610 ASHTABULA, OHIO 44005-2610  
TELEPHONE (440) 998-4996 FAX (440) 998-1925**



## Weatherize Your Home For Free

Keep your home warm, safe and energy efficient. Our programs may save you up to 24% on your heating and cooling energy use.

### What you will need to provide:

- Proof of Home Ownership
- Your most recent Electric and Heating fuel bills
- Proof of Income for the last 12 months

**Ask a Coordinator how you can apply!**

# Free Workshops Offered in the Career Center

<b>Resume Workshop</b> <i>Create or update your resume</i>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 pm – 2 pm</b>
<b>LinkedIn</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10 am – 11 am</b>
<b>Introduction to Computers</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 pm – 2 pm</b>
<b>Microsoft Word</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 am – 11 am</b>
<b>Microsoft Excel</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 pm – 2 pm</b>
<b>Email Workshop</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>10 am – 11 am</b>

- Assistance Offered: Internet job searching, email addresses, online job applications help, uploading resumes, sending faxes...
- Best times to come in for assistance: **Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.**
- **Call 440-285-1116 to sign up for a workshop.** Limit of 4 people per workshop.



## Geauga County

A proud partner of the  
American Job Center network

### Events Calendar - April 2018

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
2  Aspire / GED 9-11:30 am CR1	3  Aspire / GED 9-11:30 am CR2  LinkedIn Workshop 10-11 am CC  Resume Workshop 1-2 pm CC	4  Intro to Computers Workshop 1-2 pm CC	5  MS Word Workshop 10-11am CC  MS Excel Workshop 1-2 pm CC	6  E-Mail Workshop 10-11am CC
9  Aspire / GED 9-11:30 am BR2	10  Aspire / GED 9-11:30 am BR2  LinkedIn Workshop 10-11 am CC  Resume Workshop 1-2 pm CC	11  Intro to Computers Workshop 1-2 pm CC  Home Instead Senior Care Job Fair 1:30-3:30 pm BR2	12  MS Word Workshop 10-11am CC  MS Excel Workshop 1-2 pm CC	13  E-Mail Workshop 10-11am CC
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**Lakeview Village I**  
**14855 Northview Drive**  
**Middlefield, Ohio 44062**  
**Phone/Fax: 440-632-5408**



**Now accepting applications for one and two bedroom units.**

**Conveniently located in a quiet country community.**

**For those 62 years of age or older, handicap/disabled, regardless of age.**

**Rents Range to \$780.00 per month.**

**With possible rental assistance.**

**Stop in and see what we have to offer.**

**Metro Housing Vouchers Accepted**

**For additional information contact the site manager at: 440-632-5408**



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Want to review postings you've seen in our lobby?  
Check out our website: click on "[GCJFS News](#)" and  
select the "[Lobby Postings](#)" link.

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*The Mission of WomenSafe is to provide emergency shelter and support services to survivors of domestic violence throughout northeast Ohio.*

**COPEline**

**1-888-285-5665**

24-hour support and crisis management

- **12041 Ravenna Road - Chardon OH, 44024**
- **Phone: 440-286-7154 x225**
- **Fax: 440-286-1037**
- **Website: [www.womensafe.org](http://www.womensafe.org)**

**55+ Years Old and  
Unemployed?  
Having a difficult time  
finding a job?**

**Mature Services is  
now accepting  
applications for  
part-time jobs  
available in Geauga  
County**



**CALL MATURE SERVICES AT  
(800) 554-5335 x 206**

**Applications available in the Career Center  
or by a WorkPlace staff member.**

**TITLE V INCOME WILL NOT REDUCE YOUR  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION!!!**

**WWW.MATURESERVICES.ORG**



**Celebration Lutheran Church  
Is excited to be designated a  
Mobile Food Pantry site by the  
Cleveland Food Bank!**

**What is it?** A give away of fresh fruit and vegetables to those that do not have access to affordable fresh produce.

**Who can receive food?** Federal and State guidelines determine eligibility based on income and household size. Criteria can be found at

<http://celebration-lutheran.org/pdf/foodPantryEligibility.pdf>.

**When is it?** The third Saturday of every month from 10:00am until noon, rain or shine.

**Where is it?** Celebration Lutheran Church, 10621 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024 Distribution will be in the parking lot, *please dress accordingly*.



Our mission is to offer education, support, and advocacy to those affected by mental illness and to their families and friends. We hope to reduce stigmatization of these illnesses by providing factual information.

NAMI Geauga County Offers  
Free Education Programs and  
Support Groups  
**For family members, friends, and  
individuals diagnosed with  
serious mental illness**

NAMI Geauga County  
107 South St, #5, Chardon, Ohio 44024  
call: **440-286-NAMI(6264)**  
email: [lreed@namigeauga.org](mailto:lreed@namigeauga.org)

Our website offers information about our services and links to other websites that may help provide information you may find helpful. <http://namigeauga.org>

# GEAUGA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES PRESENTS VENISON FOR VETERANS “V4V”

## Attention Hunters!

Donate your deer, free of charge,  
to Newbury Meats to help feed  
Veterans of Geauga County

## Attention Helpers!

You can make a monetary donation  
to help pay for the processing of  
deer for our Veterans

**For more info on this program please contact:**

**Geauga County Veterans Services Office: 470 Center St Bldg. 8-A, Chardon, OH 44024 @ 440-279-1860**

**For deer processing info please contact:**

**Newbury Meats: 11392 Kinsman Rd, Newbury, OH 44065 @ 440-564-1256**





**Guess which one abuses opiates?**



## They all do.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Talk with your kids. Educate yourselves – [drugfree.org](http://drugfree.org) has tools, resources and answers.

*"There is no set demographic that defines a heroin user; they represent all ages and lifestyles. The heroin user can be the neighbor next door, your co-worker, nephew, niece, or your own child."*

— Geauga County Juvenile Court Judge Timothy Grendell

- Be observant by watching for suspicious behavior in your neighborhood or at work. You can anonymously call the tipline at 440-279-2065 to make a report.

*"The use of heroin is having a devastating impact on families and businesses."*

— Tracy Jenison, President of Geauga Growth Partnership and former Geauga County Commissioner

- Dispose of unused or old prescriptions. Take to the following locations: Geauga County Sheriff's Department, Chester Township, Russell Township, Chagrin Falls and Middlefield Police Departments—it's the **ONLY** safe way.

*"Opiates can kill you the first time."* — Scott Niehus, Chardon Chief of Police

- Ask your physician for alternatives to opiate-based pain medications (Voodin, Percocet, Oxycontin, or Oxycodone) which are frequently abused. Abusers often move onto heroin, which is much cheaper, easier to buy, and offers an even more intense high.

*"Everyone in Geauga County can make a difference in fighting opiate addiction."* — Chardon Municipal Court Judge Terri Stupica

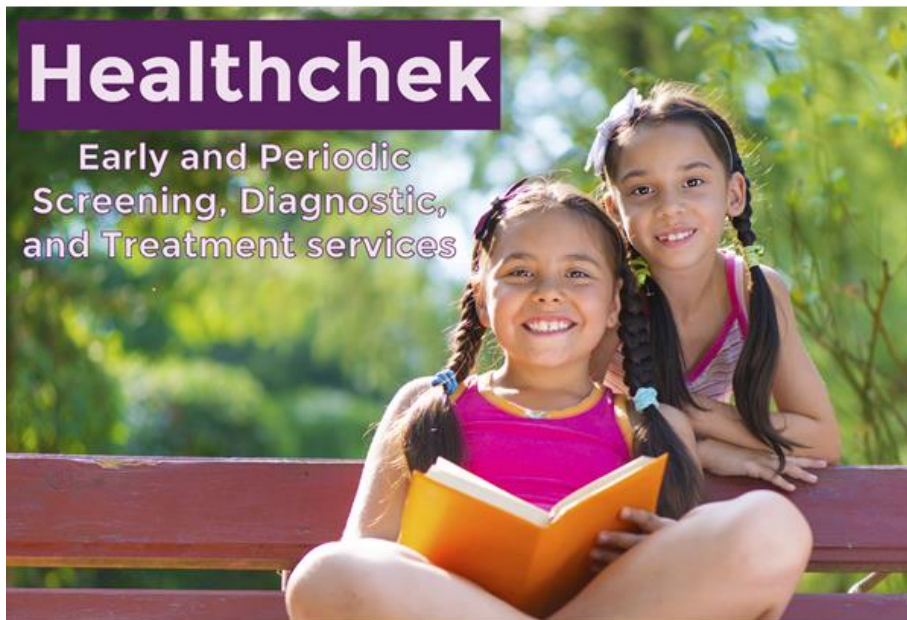


If you need help, call the Geauga County COPELINE at 285-5665 or 1-888-285-5665. For additional resources call 211.



# Healthchek

Early and Periodic  
Screening, Diagnostic,  
and Treatment services



Prevention and treatment services for all  
babies, kids, and young adults  
younger than age 21.

- \*Physical exams
- \*Vaccinations
- \*Lead testing
- \*Vision, dental, & hearing exams
- \*Developmental & mental health screenings
- \*Follow-up services
- \*Support services like transportation and referrals to other social services...

**... and more!**

## \*Learn More:

Call your county  
Healthchek Coordinator:

**Kathi Serafino 440-285-9141**

Call the Ohio Medicaid  
Consumer Hotline:  
**(800) 324-8680**

Have questions about Healthchek services?

Send us a note:

<https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/healthchek/index.asp>



Department of Medicaid  
John R. Kasich, Governor  
John E. McCarthy, Director

Get Better. Stay Well

# Summer Camp and Enrichment Program

- Applications are now being accepted for Geauga JFS's 2018 Summer Camp and Enrichment Program.
- This program assists parents with the fee for their child to attend camp or another enrichment activity. This program is funded solely through donations.
- Children whose families are low income are eligible to apply. Verification will be required.

Please contact Sara Shininger, Geauga Co. JFS @ 285-9141, ext. 1263 for more information





**Take a book – Return a Book**

[LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org)



***To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations. There are over 32,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing over 1 million books annually.***