



# LCDJFS E-Newsletter

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## Director Notes

### Mary Lou Golski, Director

The staff of Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services proudly present highlights of the 2004 Annual Report via our new agency e-newsletter. As I reflect upon the year 2004, I recognize our many successes and accomplishments. Through our effort and hard work the following milestones were achieved: Lorain County Child Support Agency was number one in the state for the annual November Roundup Program of delinquent payors, next the Joining Forces Program, in conjunction with the Bill Gates funded Project Grad program, successfully delivered the Walk for Success program to the students of Lorain school system, and finally, in August, the agency received federal recognition for the lowest Food Stamp error rate in the Midwest Region for federal FY 2003. Hope you find the fiscal information informative.

## Expenditures 2004

Program	Entitlements & Direct Benefits
OWF Regular	\$ 7,388,484.00
OWF Unemployed	603,764.00
Disability Assistance	442,437.00
Disability Assistance (Medical)	1,569,086.28
Food Stamps	27,924,027.00
Regular PRC	1,764,106.32
Work Allowance (State Issued)	249,500.00
Ohio Reads	77,869.81
SSI Interim Assistance	55,842.61
SSI Attorney Fees (Client's Behalf)	73,375.13
<b>TOTAL ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$ 40,148,492.15</b>

## Medicaid

Aged	\$ 70,096,825.00
Blind	149,642.00
Disabled	105,053,776.00
OWF & Related	57,569,763.00
Healthy Start	13,297,314.00
Transitional	5,300,693.00
Nursing Facilities	87,123,673.00
<b>TOTAL MEDICAID</b>	<b>\$ 338,591,686.00</b>



# Ohio Works First

Ohio Works First cash rolls increased by 8% last year. As of December 2004, ADCR and ADCI increased to 4,666 individuals receiving assistance including 3,552 children. The ADCU program, two-parent households, saw a 21% increase with 471 receiving assistance including 250 children. Hardship extensions were issued to 121 families. Good Cause exemption was granted to 37 families, allowing the families to return to OWF cash assistance after not receiving OWF for 24 months.

An additional 25,847 individuals receive Covered Families and Children Medicaid. This is an increase of 5% in the number of individuals receiving medical coverage under family medical categories, and an increase for the 5th consecutive year.

A typical OWF family includes a mother and two children who receive subsidies for medical coverage, food and housing.

## PRC

Our agency was once again given the opportunity to give something back to our community through the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program. From June 2004 through September 2004, our agency was able to assist OWF children, ages 5 -17, with school shoes, school clothes, and school supplies. We issued 2,647 gift cards (\$100 each) for shoes, 2,631 gift cards (\$50 each) for school supplies, and

2,577 gift cards (\$250 each) for school clothes. A total of \$975,000 was spent on this project.



A second summer project to assist OWF families was a Summer Camp program for children, ages 6-12, and the purchase of pool passes to the local city pools for children, ages 8-13. Summer camp opportunities were given to 463 children. A total of \$387,727 was spent on the summer camp program. Pool passes were issued to 274 children, for a total cost of \$12,105.

The third summer project assisted OWF adults participating in the JOBS program. The 789 adults were issued gift cards (\$300 each) to purchase clothing for their current employment, training or job interviews. The total cost for this project was \$225,000.

## Food Stamps

Food Stamps are a federally-funded program designed to subsidize families' income so they may purchase food necessary for maintaining good health. The number of food stamp households stabilized this past year after three consecutive years of significant increases. As of December 2004, 26,497

individuals were receiving Food Stamps, an increase of 141 individuals. The average issuance per person was \$96.

## Medicaid

Medicaid provides ongoing medical assistance for eligible low-income individuals residing in the community and in approved nursing homes. The scope of coverage includes prescription drugs, medical services including inpatient and outpatient services, and special equipment. QMB and SLMB are Medicare cost sharing programs. As of December 2004, the following groups received Medicaid coverage:

Aged	2,682	SLMB	851
Blind	19	RSS	17
Disabled	5,155	Waivers	780
QMB	2,589		

Of the above, an average 1,318 individuals resided in approved nursing homes or intermediate care facilities.



## Day Care Programs

OWF	\$ 1,034,241.00
Transitional	552,235.00
LEAP	2,945.00
Education and Training	317,844.00
Protective	1,682.00
At Risk	5,112,191.00
Income Eligible	28,589.00
<b>TOTAL DAY CARE</b>	<b>\$ 7,049,727.00</b>

## Child Care

The Child Care Unit enables parents who are on OWF or low-income and either employed or attending training to receive child care. This is provided at centers that LCDJFS contracts with, or in certified child care homes. The unit certifies homes and arranges training for providers. In 2004 there was an average of 1,562 families being served on a monthly basis.

## Contracted Services

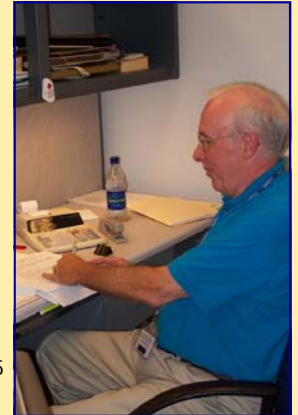
Program	Federal and State Share
Medicaid Transportation	\$ 120,572.17
Healthchek Transportation	20,774.83
At Risk Pregnancy Transportation	4,324.06
Title XX Daycare for Adults	45,565.50
Title XX Home Based Services	8,223.51
Title XX Protective Services for Adults	241,933.43
Title XX Health Related Home Health Services	9,178.22
Kinship Navigator	56,516.12
Jobs Related Contracts	194,102.94
Quality Day Care Services	79,822.83
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 781,013.61</b>

## Healthchek

The HEALTHCHEK Unit administers a federally mandated preventive health care program for children who are covered by Medicaid services. During 2004 a total of 15,423 examinations were conducted. This unit strives to promote wellness and preventive health care by encouraging regular medical checkups for children and adolescents.

## Adult Services

Lorain County Department of Job & Family Services is mandated to investigate all reports of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation of individuals 60 and over. Adult Protective Service workers arrange a wide variety of social services directed toward eliminating or reducing the endangerment faced by at-risk older adults. Emergencies are investigated within 24 hours, and all other reports within three working days. The unit investigated 365 reports in 2004 and maintained an average of 164 clients receiving ongoing services.



## Child Support Enforcement

2004 also saw continued caseload increases, with caseload size of 30,712 as of 12/31/04. There was also a 1 % increase in Child Support collections in 2004, generally attributed to increasing use of administrative enforcement techniques, including auto license suspension to collect on arrears.



### Child Support Total Collections, 2004

Total Collection, 2004	Total Difference from 2003	% Change from 2003	Incr/Decr from 2003
\$ 52,180,119	\$ 553,428	1%	INCREASE

## Contact LCDJFS

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Hours of Operation:  
7:00-4:30 Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
7:30-6:30 Tue



## Administrative Costs

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TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 11,257,814.00
County's Portion of Above Costs County's Mandated Share	\$ 1,524,520.00