

How do I get started in LEAP?

Participating in the LEAP program is part of a larger set of services in your community to help you complete and obtain a high school diploma or a GED. So, how do you begin?

- Enroll in a school and/or obtain a current verification of your enrollment
- Apply for TANF eligibility by calling the Shared Services number at 844-640-6446
- Complete a LEAP assessment to discuss your goals, barriers, and program details for participation



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Learning Earning And Parenting

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What is the Learning Earning & Parenting Program?

The LEAP program, as set forth in section 5107.30 of the Revised Code, is the “learning, earning and parenting program,” which is designed to encourage pregnant and parenting teens to attend and complete high school or GED.



Who is eligible?

- Teens who are eligible for TANF or cash assistance
- Under age 18, or 18 and in school*
- Must be living with your child(ren) or pregnant, and
- Have not completed a high school diploma or GED
- * If you are 18 and not in school, you must enroll in AND attend school regularly.

Which schools will qualify for the benefits of the LEAP program?

According to the Ohio Administrative Code OAC 5101:1-23-50, “ ‘school’ means an educational program which leads to a high school diploma or the equivalent and includes the following: a public school; a private school; a vocational, technical, or adult education school; or a course of study meeting the standards established by the state of Ohio for granting an HSED.”

You will not benefit from the LEAP bonuses when...

you are enrolled in an “Internet or community-based computer school, as set forth in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, means a community school in which students work primarily from their residences on assignments provided via an internet or other computer-based instructional method that does not rely on regular classroom instruction.”



Digital Academies and Remote Learning from your local school ARE qualifying.



What are the benefits of The LEAP program?

In addition to receiving your cash assistance and/or food assistance benefits, there are real advantages to participating in the LEAP program. These advantages, which can lead to a more successful future, include:

- A \$62 bonus for meeting regular attendance monthly
- A one-time enrollment bonus of \$100 the first time you prove that you are enrolled in an eligible school
- A \$100 grade-completion bonus at the end of each school year you successfully complete, and
- A one-time \$500 bonus for graduating from high school or for receiving a GED. (This bonus will be given to you in place of the \$100 grade-completion bonus)