



Stark County Job & Family Services

Working to make tomorrow better!

**2025
ANNUAL
REPORT**



Alan Harold
Stark County Commissioner

“Job and Family Services uses a creative and collaborative approach to provide supportive services and resources for our community. They are committed to offering compassionate assistance for people in need.”



Richard Regula
Stark County Commissioner

“Job and Family Services responds to the needs of our most vulnerable citizens and directs them to the most appropriate services. I appreciate the hard work of the JFS team, and all they do for the community.”



Bill Smith
Stark County Commissioner

“The agency’s commitment to public service is evident in every interaction, every program, and every success story. Their compassionate approach and tireless advocacy for vulnerable residents make a meaningful difference and reflect the highest values of community leadership.”



Brant Luther
County Administrator

“This agency’s efforts go far beyond delivering services — they provide stability, reassurance, and support to people during critical times in their lives. Their compassion and commitment to serving the public deserve the highest recognition.”

A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

This year has been one of both challenge and resilience for our organization. We have navigated a landscape marked by evolving rules and shifting eligibility requirements, all while remaining committed to serving our community with integrity and care. These changes have required flexibility, attention to detail, and a willingness to adapt quickly — qualities our team has demonstrated time and again.

I want to recognize the extraordinary effort of our staff. Their dedication, professionalism, and persistence have ensured that, despite uncertainty, our programs continue to operate effectively. The work has not been easy. Increased administrative demands and the need to interpret and implement new guidelines have added complexity to already demanding roles. Yet, our team has met these challenges with determination and a shared sense of purpose.

At the same time, we are facing significant financial pressures. The upcoming loss of administrative funding may impact our capacity, and we are preparing for the possibility of additional funding reductions in the coming year. These constraints will require difficult decisions and careful planning to sustain our services while maintaining quality and compliance.

Even in the face of these obstacles, we remain focused on our mission. By continuing to work collaboratively, advocating for necessary resources, and embracing innovation where possible, we are positioning ourselves to move forward thoughtfully and responsibly.

Thank you to our staff, partners, and supporters for your ongoing commitment during this period of transition.

Sincerely,



Jerry Coleman,
Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Stark County Job & Family Services supports the community by protecting, stabilizing, and strengthening individuals and families.

OUR VISION

Stark County Job & Family Services will be a compassionate, creative, and collaborative community partner by providing outstanding and supportive services.

SNAP work requirement changes

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) experienced significant policy changes following the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill of 2025 (H.R.1), which was signed into law on July 4, 2025. The legislation expanded potential work requirements for Able-Bodied Adults (ABA), increasing the applicable age range from 18-55 to 18-84. In addition, exemptions previously available to individuals experiencing homelessness, veterans, and former foster youth under age 25 were removed unless another qualifying exemption applied.

Parents and caregivers with children under age 14 continue to qualify for an exemption; however, some individuals with children ages 14-18 may now be subject to work requirements. The legislation also added exemptions for individuals identified as Indian, Urban Indian, or California Indian.

Statewide, it is estimated that more than 80,000 additional Ohioans may now be required to participate in SNAP work activities, including approximately 1,800 residents in Stark County. Although the law became effective in July 2025, counties could not begin implementing the changes within the Ohio Benefits system until after January 26, 2026. Customer impact is expected to begin in March 2026 as eligibility reviews and work requirement determinations are updated.

SNAP WORK REQUIREMENT CHANGES

*1,800 Stark County residents
potentially impacted.*





*Weekly on-site assistance at
Stark County Human Services*

IN-PERSON UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

*Claims assistance, ID verification, Weekly
certifications, and Troubleshooting/support*

In-Person Unemployment Assistance

Stark County Human Services partnered with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to provide in-person unemployment assistance at the Human Services offices once each week. The partnership helped connect residents with direct support for unemployment-related questions and issues in a more accessible and personalized setting.

Human Services staff informed customers by phone and in person about the weekly availability of unemployment representatives. Customers visiting the office were scheduled for same-day appointment slots, allowing individuals to receive assistance without the need for future appointments.

During these sessions, unemployment representatives assisted customers with a variety of services, including initial and ongoing claims, eligibility determinations, fact-finding, identity verification, weekly certifications, navigating the Ohio Job Insurance (OJI) system, and general claim troubleshooting. The collaboration provided residents with timely, face-to-face support while helping reduce barriers to accessing unemployment benefits and services.

Partnership with Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

Throughout 2025, the Division of Human Services hosted a customer information booth at the Stark County branch of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Staff set up from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. New and existing customers were encouraged to visit the booth to speak directly with a representative about public assistance programs, ask questions, and receive help with the application process.

This ongoing outreach aims to connect services to vulnerable individuals and families in our community. There are programs available through Human Services that are structured to assist in providing financial stability and allow residents to meet their individual, family, and nutritional needs. These programs include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid.



DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES

Susan Lenigar, MBA
Deputy Director
Staff: 163

The following data reflects the highest recipient count from 2025 data.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

47,270 individuals received food assistance. Based on the 2022 U.S. Census estimate of 372,657, this is about 1 of every 8 people in Stark County.

Medicaid

According to the Ohio Department of Medicaid:

95,005 individuals received Medicaid assistance. Assistance programs included Medicaid for the aged, blind, and disabled, and the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) programs, which cover families, children, pregnant women, and adults with Medicaid expansion.

20,660 individuals received Medicaid for the aged, blind, and disabled. This number includes approximately 4,358 individuals eligible only for Medicare Premium Assistance.

74,435 individuals received MAGI Medicaid.

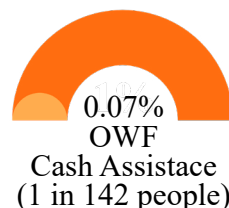
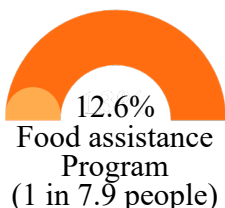
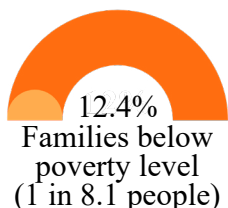
Ohio Works First Cash Assistance

2,632 individuals received Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance.

280 work-required OWF recipients were referred into the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) between January 1 and December 31, 2023. CCMEP is meant to provide more intensive service and support to young adults, ages 16-24, as they work to become employable and/or self-sufficient. SCJFS partners with OhioMeansJobs in facilitating the program.

3,725 children cared for by publicly funded child care.

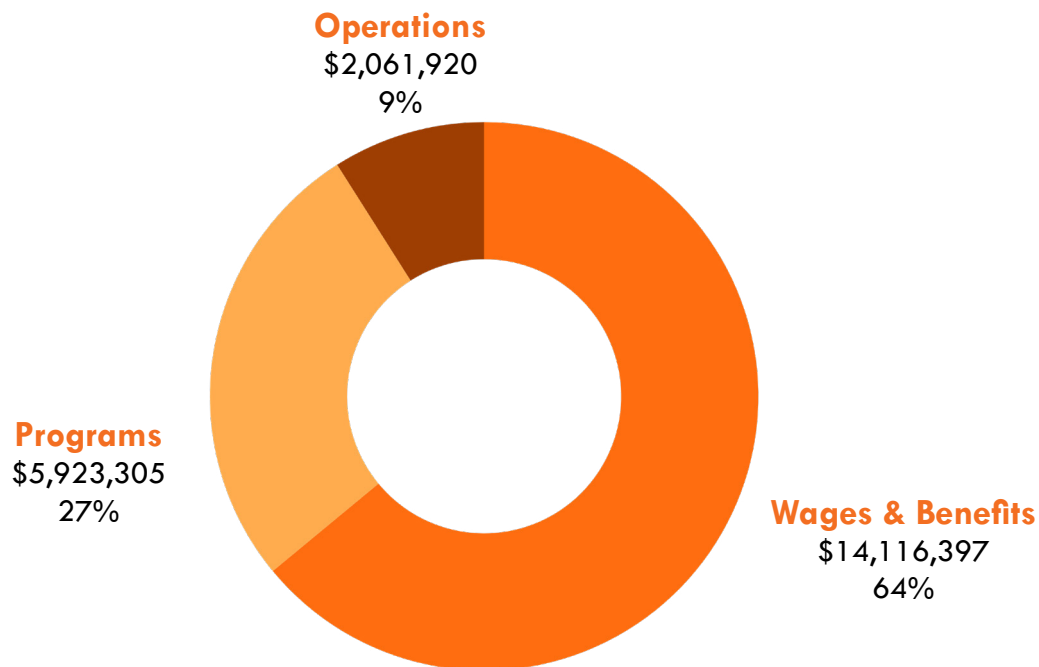
Percentage of Stark County population participating in selected public assistance programs based on an estimated population of 374,091*:



It is estimated that in 2025, the five major programs of the Division of Human Services contributed over \$1 billion to the Stark County community. Local grocers, clinics, hospitals, and retailers benefited from these services.

Medicaid Disbursements	\$1,140,953,299
Total Food Assistance Disbursements	\$102,802,780
OWF Cash Assistance Disbursements	\$7,956,081
Child Care Assistance (approx.)	\$18,351,216
NET Transportation	\$5,232,924

*From the www.census.gov, July 2025 data.



The Division of Human Services provides:

- Food Assistance (FA) Program, which is issued to the Ohio Direction Card for food purchasing assistance
- Ohio Works First (OWF) cash assistance
- Medicaid for the aged, blind, and disabled
- Nursing Home Medicaid and Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers
- Medicare Premium Assistance programs
- Non-Emergency Transportation (NET)
- At-Risk Pregnancy Services
- HealthChek
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Project
- Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS)
- Child Care programs



Ella Kirkland, Stark County Foster Parent Presented Family of the Year Award

The Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) presented Stark County foster parent, Ella Kirkland, with the 2025 Family of the Year Award on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, during their annual conference in Columbus, Ohio. Ella has been a licensed foster care parent with Stark County Job & Family Services' Division of Children Services since 1993.

According to the PCSAO, the Family of the Year Award recognizes families — including birth parents, kinship caregivers, foster parents, and adoptive families - who make a significant positive difference in the lives of children in Ohio's child protection system. Recipients demonstrate success in overcoming challenges to provide safety, stability, and permanence for children in their care.

Ella's journey as a foster parent began after she raised her own son, primarily as a single mother following a divorce. Once her son reached adulthood, friends encouraged her to consider fostering — a suggestion she embraced wholeheartedly. In 1993, Ella welcomed her first placement: a sibling group she cared for with steadfast devotion for two and a half years until they were adopted into a permanent home.

Ella is intentional about creating lasting, joyful memories. Her annual Fourth of July and Christmas celebrations are legendary, often bringing former foster children back to reunite, reconnect, and enjoy her incredible cooking. She makes each child feel like part of a larger, loving family and extended community—one they remain connected to long after leaving her home.

Michelle Neisel, Administrative Assistant and Project KARE Coordinator Honored for Outstanding Leadership

Michelle Neisel, Administrative Assistant for the Division of Children Services and Project KARE Coordinator, was awarded the Above and Beyond Award for Outstanding Leadership in Developing Innovative and Collaborative Practices on Behalf of Children and Families.

Neisel was recognized during the 48th Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, hosted by Stark County Prosecutor Kyle L. Stone, and the Stark County Victims' Rights Coalition. The event celebrates individuals and organizations whose exceptional service strengthens families, uplifts communities, and improves the lives of others throughout Stark County.

Neisel began her career with Stark County Job & Family Services in 1989 and has been part of the Division of Children Services for more than three decades. She became involved with Project KARE — a 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting children and families involved with SCJFS — 36 years ago when she first began assisting with the Foster Parent Fund. Today, she serves as Project KARE Coordinator, managing communications, budgets, events, and day-to-day operations with exceptional organization, efficiency, and heart.

Her leadership has helped expand and sustain key Project KARE programs that bring hope, joy, and stability to local children and families. These include the Back to School Project, Birthday Buddies, Holiday Project, and Rising Up/Moving On, which celebrates youth aging out of foster care. Project KARE also honors foster families through events such as the Foster Parent Recognition Banquet and Fall Frolic, ensuring that caregivers feel supported and valued for the vital role they play.

Through her tireless work and compassionate spirit, Michelle Neisel continues to make a lasting impact on the children, families, and community members of Stark County, going truly above and beyond in service to others.





Build-A-Bear Workshop Event

The Children's Toy Fund invited Project KARE and foster children from the Division of Children Services to participate in their Build-A-Bear Workshop event on June 14, 2025, at Hall of Fame Village. This was part of the Be a Friend Program, which provides children the opportunity to build two stuffed animals at the Build-A-Bear store — one to keep for themselves and one to donate to a child being cared for by Akron Children's Hospital. Children were able to choose any stuffed animal they wanted, along with one clothing item or accessory.

Neighboring businesses and community partners helped make it a day to remember by providing food, activities, and special experiences for families. Representatives from the Pro Football Hall of Fame Youth Department, Hall of Fame Village, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Akron Children's Volunteer Services, and Ronde Barber and his wife joined the event, while Goldie the GOAT and Bearemy posed for photos with children and families. Guests enjoyed pizza from The Pizza Oven, ice cream sandwiches from SMOOSH Cookies Canton Ohio, and a children's coloring activity hosted by Heggy's.



The Be a Friend Program centers around creating an incredible day for youth, with memories to last a lifetime. The program motto is "Build a Friend, Make a Friend, Be a Friend". The Children's Toy Fund is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization that brings the "bouncy, squishy, AWESOME fun" to children facing difficult situations.

Heart Gallery Art Exhibition at Children Services

We were truly moved by the incredible support, energy, and enthusiasm at the opening reception of the Heart Gallery on October 29, 2025! The show was held at Stark County Children services.

The Heart Gallery is an art exhibition pairing local artists with children waiting to be adopted from foster care, to create a series of special portraits. The annual show is presented during the month of November to coincide with National Adoption Awareness Month, a time dedicated to bringing attention to the need for adoptive families in our community.

Fourteen youth from foster care were featured this year, depicted by eleven local artists. Participating artists were Heather Bullach, Tim Carmany, Tracy Dawn Brewer, Heidi Fawver, Kat Francis, Madison Miller, Scot Phillips, David Sherrill, Maureen Magner-Sylak, Kaley Weaver, and Andrew Wells.

Portraits then traveled to Church of the Lakes, Be Life Church, The Little Art Gallery at North Canton Public Library, Second April Studios, Massillon Museum, and the Canton Museum of Art.



DIVISION OF CHILDREN SERVICES

Tricia Mayle, JD, LSW
Deputy Director
Staff: 158

Report Line

8,240 calls to the Report Line resulted in 2,472 cases requiring assistance or intervention.

Assistance

249 and of the 2,472 cases resulted in basic assistance to families.

Of these:

148 were calls of families in need of services.

101 were calls about children who were determined to be dependent.

Intervention

2,223 of the 2,472 cases required intervention, using one of the following approaches:

Traditional Response

606 (27.3%) of the 2,223 were responded to using the traditional response.

Of these calls:



Alternative Response

Alternative response (AR), an approach that provides for a second, or alternative, pathway of response to reports of alleged abuse/neglect, was initiated in April 2012. In 2025, 1,617 cases (72.8% of the 2,223 cases) were responded to using the AR approach.

Ongoing Supportive Services

In an average month, 219 families received case management and supportive services. Children who could not remain safely in their own homes were provided placement services.

Below are the average number of children per month in each type of placement setting:

116	Agency Foster Care
165	Purchased Foster Care
34	Group Home Care
9	Residential Placements
149	Kinship or Relative Home

Transitional Youth Services

147 youth received independent living services

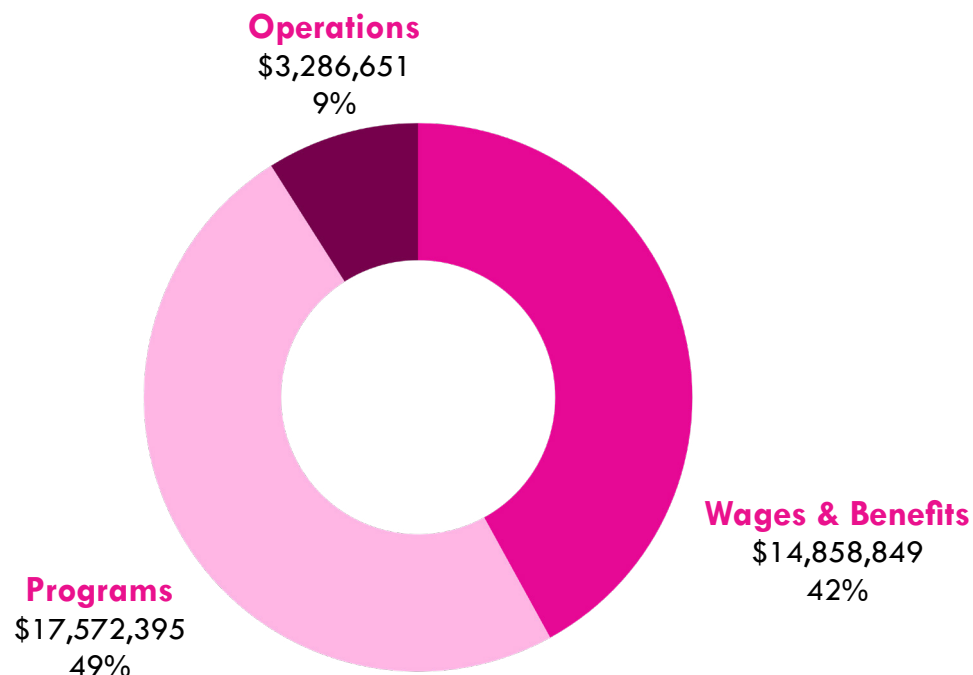
Foster Care/Adoption

129 licensed foster families (average per month)

64 finalized adoptions

Adult Protective Services

SCJFS contracted with Coleman Professional Services to provide services. In 2025, there were 494 new cases of elder abuse/neglect or exploitation.



The Children Services Division serves the county's children at risk of abuse or neglect, and their families. Children Services is legally responsible for taking and investigating reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency; and acting to protect children at risk of harm.

The Division also takes reports of suspected abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of adults age 60 and older. In 2023, SCJFS contracted with Coleman Professional Services to provide these services.

Children Services recruits and trains foster and adoptive families, prepares children for adoption, arranges for post-adoption services to families, and provides independent living skills for older teens.

CHILD SUPPORT

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day

The Stark County Fatherhood Coalition hosted their annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day on September 18, 2025. Participation increased in 2025, with approximately 2,200 fathers and 2,800 children taking part in the event.

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day encourages fathers and other significant caregivers to show support for their children's education by walking or driving them to school. Research shows that children whose fathers are involved in their education perform better in school.

Representatives were on hand at participating schools that morning to greet walkers and distribute free gifts, provided by the Fatherhood Coalition, Buckeye Health Plan, Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio, AmeriHealth Caritas, and CareSource.

Thirty-six schools participated this year in the following school districts:

Alliance City School District:	353 fathers, 396 children
Canton City School District:	765 fathers, 948 children
Plain Local School District:	843 fathers, 1108 children
JRC – Canton Locations:	29 fathers, 46 children
Head Start – Massillon/Canton:	117 fathers, 148 children
Beacon Academy:	23 fathers, 27 children
Our Lady of Peace:	50 fathers, 150 children





Father - Daughter Dance

The Fatherhood Coalition hosted a Father - Daughter Dance on October 16, 2025, at Timken Commons. The event welcomed fathers and male role models with children enrolled in Canton City Schools in grades K–5 for an evening focused on family engagement, connection, and fun.

The Father Daughter Dance provided an opportunity for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and other significant male role models to spend quality time with the young girls in their lives while strengthening positive family relationships. Events like these encourage family involvement and help build confidence, support, and lasting memories for children.

Families enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, refreshments, and fellowship in a welcoming environment designed to celebrate the important role fathers and male role models play in the lives of children. The event also highlighted the Canton City School District's continued commitment to family engagement and community connection.

Child Support Awareness Month

Staff from our Division of Child Support joined the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services in recognizing Child Support Awareness Month by wearing green on August 6, 2025.

Child Support is a critical income support program that helps millions of children and families throughout the U.S., including over 643,000 in the State of Ohio and 24,000 in Stark County. Children benefit when parents work together. This campaign helps spread awareness about the importance for parents to provide financial, medical, and other benefits. Children who do not receive these are at risk of experiencing a reduced standard of living, suffering emotionally and physically, and performing poorly in school.



DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT

Ann McGill, MBA
Deputy Director
Staff: 56

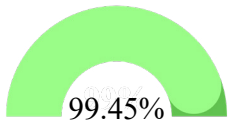
Number of Child Support Cases

22,820

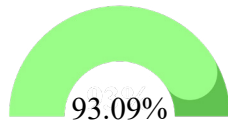
Collections

\$49,417,249.08 and of this, \$1,155,999.76 was collected at payment window.

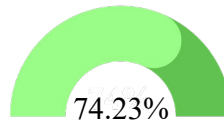
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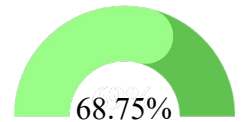
Paternity Establishment



Support Order Establishment



Collections on Current Support



Collections on Arrears

Cost Effectiveness

\$8.01 collected for each operations dollar spent (state average: \$5.57).

Significant Statistics

726	paternity cases scheduled for DNA testing
607	cases referred for Support Establishment
3,557	judicial and 628 administrative hearings by Legal Dept.
27,098	phone calls received in Customer Service
5,734	customers seen in the CSEA Lobby
12,303	emails received through the web portal

PJAC/New Directions in Child Support Grant

The final year of this \$2.29 million five-year Procedural Justice Informed Alternative to Contempt (PJAC) federal grant ended in September of 2021, with a 1-year no cost extension ending in 2022. We received approval to continue offering the program under a 1115 waiver, including job readiness classes and PJAC case manager. The project is an alternative to civil contempt for non-custodial parents not making payments. Since October 2016, the participants have made support payments totaling \$5,663,952.09.

Expungement/Certificate for Qualification of Employment (CQE) Program

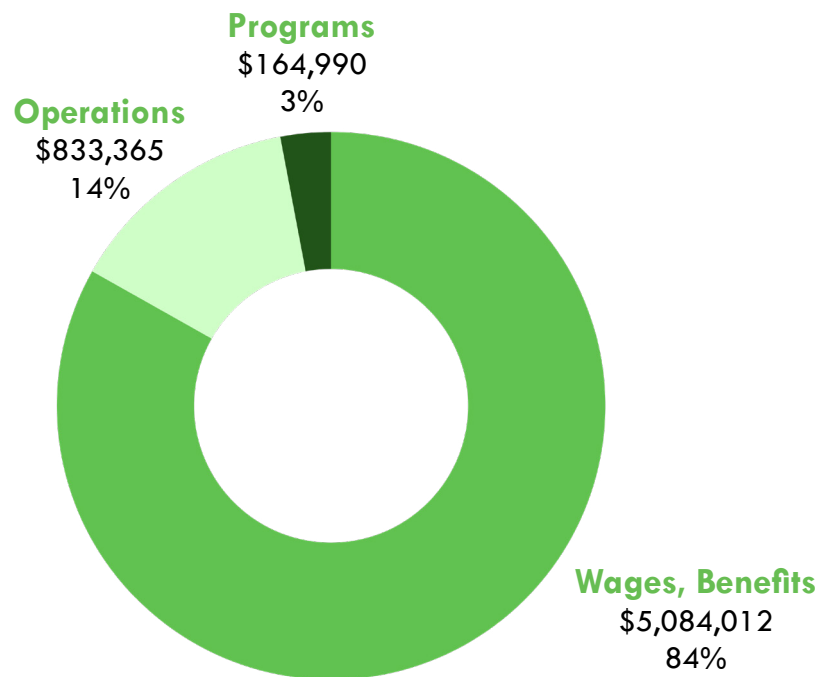
The CSEA, Community Legal Aid, and Stark County Fatherhood Coalition collaborate on an Expungement/CQE program for parents with felony convictions who seek employment.

Parenting Time Order Program

The CSEA continued its Parenting Time Order program in partnership with Community Legal Aid. Services are free for qualifying parents. This is the only CSEA program in Ohio that helps non-custodial parents establish and enforce parenting time orders in court.

Stark County Fatherhood Coalition Community Outreach

The CSEA is a key member of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition, which encourages responsible fatherhood. Members recognize a parent's emotional support of their child is equally important as their financial support. A number of in-person events took place in 2025, including the "7th Annual Retreat at the Pro Football Hall of Fame", "Golfing With Dad", "Canton Art Museum Classes and Tour", "Fishing Rodeo", "Dads and Kids Cooking", "Day at the Akron Zoo", "Community Baby Shower" with THRIVE Initiative, "Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day", "Daddy and Me Story Time" at Stark County District Libraries, and "Father Daughter Dance".



Child Support provides services which include:

- Establishing paternity and support
- Issuing medical support orders
- Modifying/enforcing support orders
- Monitoring support payment collection/ disbursement
- Helping non-custodial parents comply with support orders and overcome employment barriers

Community Outreach activities include:

- Community Baby Shower for new parents in THRIVE
- Father's Day Weekend Fishing Rodeo
- Walk Your Child to School Day
- Parenting Time Orders
- Expungement/CQE Program
- Day at the Akron ZooEvent

AGENCY EXPENDITURES

Division of Human Services

Wages	\$9,470,508
Benefits	\$4,645,889
Contracts	\$142,847
Countywide Indirect	\$116,451
Data Processing	\$19,790
FAET Participant Allowance	\$18,103
TANF SY	\$0
Benefit Bridge	\$0
Fraud Awareness	\$1,999
Work Related Bus Passes/Fuel Cards	\$7,509
PRC/Auto Repair	\$212,349
PRC/Job Related	\$138,155
PRC/Parenting Skills	\$209,387
PRC/SEC	\$46,600
PRC/Work Allowance	\$61,199
Reimbursement/Special Projects	\$15,151
Rent/Utilities	\$274,544
Shared Costs	\$1,442,640
Supplies	\$11,714
TANF/CSEA Expungement	\$15,019
Transportation	
Medical/Healthcheck/PRS/SSI	\$5,111,279
Travel/Mileage/Education	\$44,267
TOTALS	\$22,101,662

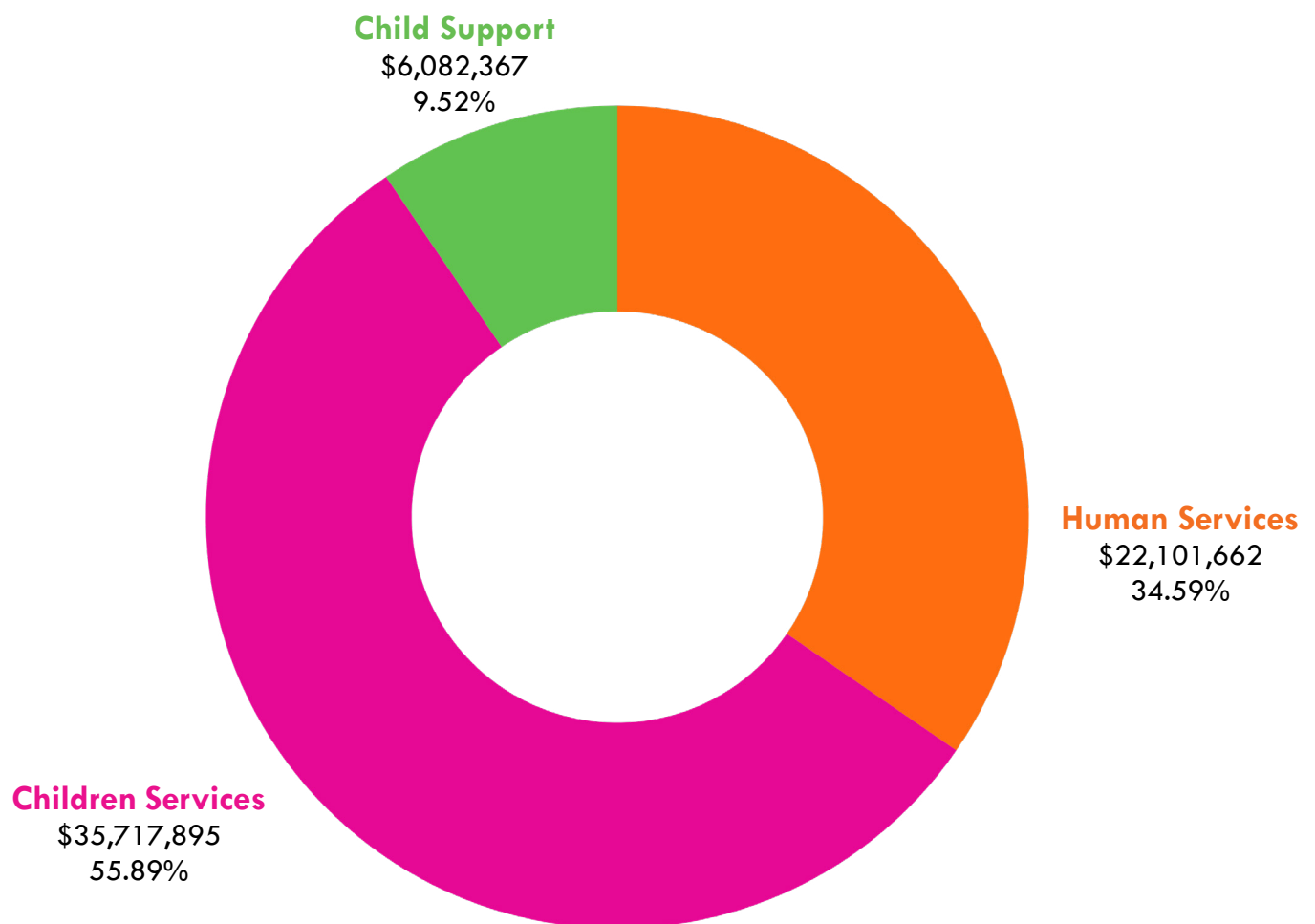
Division of Child Support

Wages	\$3,364,245
Benefits	\$1,719,767
BEES Program	
Wages & Benefits	\$0
New Direction Program	
Wages & Benefits	\$0
THRIVE Grant Wages & Benefits	\$0
BEES program Contracts	\$0
New Direction Program Contracts	\$0
Community Legal Aid PTO	\$18,529
Countywide Indirect Costs	\$102,281
Data Processing	\$176
IV-D Contracts	\$136,677
Miscellaneous	\$83,754
Rent/Utilities	\$95,264
Shared Costs	\$558,054
Travel and Training	\$3,619
Renovations	\$0
TOTALS	\$6,082,367

Division of Children Services

Wages	\$10,056,814
Benefits	\$4,553,902
Wendy's Wonderful Kids	
Wages & Benefits	\$173,921
Mental Health & Recovery Services	
Wages & Benefits	\$74,212
Wendy's Wonderful Kids Grants	\$14,234
PCSAO	\$0
Contracts	\$839,838
Shared Costs	\$1,404,888
Countywide Indirect	\$373,573
Purchased Foster Homes	\$6,893,848
Residential Treatment	\$1,752,805
Agency Foster Homes	\$1,263,477
Group Homes	\$1,377,913
Foster Children Clothing	\$153,287
Foster Children Medical	\$6,816
Adoption Services/Home Studies	\$48,255
Advertising/Recruitment	\$8,919
Bus Passes	\$64,000
Child Abuse Prosecution Unit	\$400,000
Communications	\$82,314
County Share Adoption Subsidy	\$383,070
Data Processing	\$3,829
Emergency Services	\$424,824
Foster Parent Training Stipends	\$29,194
Independent Living	\$187,109
Kinship Caregiver	\$42,433
Multi System	\$0
OHIO Start	\$77,097
Funding Certainty	3,004,004
Service Review Committee	6,516
Maintenance/Utilities	\$99,477
Membership Dues	\$16,702
Mileage	\$557,247
Miscellaneous	\$171,888
Non-Recurring Adoption	\$76,456
Office Supply	\$34,774
PASS	\$0
Primary Partner Program/PRT	\$0
Professional Liability Insurance	\$175,034
Public Records	\$42,330
Reimbursement	\$41,143
Rent	\$112,057
Tax Settlement Fees	\$186,227
Travel and Training	\$11,201
Work Related Daycare	\$492,269
TOTALS	\$35,717,895

2025 Agency Operating Totals



Stark County Job & Family Services
2025 Total Expenditures
\$63,901,884

2025 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JANUARY

- » Heart Gallery Art Exhibition at Massillon Museum
- » Employee Recognition Banquet

FEBRUARY

- » Career Spotlight at McKinley High School
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Father Daughter Dance
- » Human Resources at Greater Canton Collegiate Interview Day at Kent State/Stark State
- » Human Resources at Kent State Job Fair

MARCH

- » Heart Gallery Art Exhibition at the Little Art Gallery, North Canton Public Library
- » Outreach at Green Hearts & Helping Hands
- » National Read Across America Day, Fatherhood Coalition at Alliance and Massillon Schools
- » Daddy & Me Storytime at Stark Library – Main Branch and Perry Sippo
- » National Social Work Month
- » Human Resources at Behavioral Health Career at The University of Akron
- » Children's Network of Stark County's Game Changer Event

APRIL

- » Human Resources at the Special Needs Community Fair
- » Outreach at Louisville Church of Christ's Easter Egg Hunt
- » Daddy & Me Storytime at Stark Library – East Canton, North, Jackson, and Lake
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Annual Retreat at Pro Football Hall of Fame
- » National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- » Wear Blue Campaign
- » Human Resources at Child Abuse and Prevention Event at Stark State

MAY

- » Fatherhood Coalition's Golfing with Dad
- » National Foster Parent Appreciation Month
- » National Missing Children's Day
- » Foster Parent Recognition Banquet
- » Independent Living's Bowling Event

JUNE

- » Outreach at the Canton Pickle Fest
- » Fatherhood Coalition at the Canton Museum of Art
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Annual Fishing Rodeo and Alliance Family Fishing Rodeo
- » Cooking with Dad Classes
- » Build-A-Bear Workshop Event with The Children's Toy Fund at HOF Village
- » Rising Up... Moving On (RUMO) Foster Youth Graduation Ceremony and Luncheon
- » Independent Living's 4 Summer Series

JULY

- » Outreach at Taste of Alliance, Downtown Food Festival
- » Independent Living's 4 Summer Series

AUGUST

- » Outreach at Community Resource Fair and Carnival/Back 2 School Giveaway, National Night Out Against Crime Events, North Canton Main Street Festival, and Massillon Fun Fest
- » Fatherhood Coalition at Enshrinement Volunteer Event
- » Child Support Awareness Month
- » Children Services and Project KARE's Back to School Project
- » Independent Living's 4 Summer Series

SEPTEMBER

- » Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Family Day at the Akron Zoo

OCTOBER

- » Outreach at City of Green's Trick-or-Treat Trail
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Father Daughter Dance
- » Fatherhood Coalition at the Canton Museum of Art
- » Safe Sleep Awareness Month
- » Employee Appreciation Day
- » Project KARE's Reverse Raffle
- » Children Service's Fall Frolic Event for Foster Families
- » Human Resources at Kent State/Stark State Career Fair
- » Heart Gallery Art Exhibition Opening at Children Services

NOVEMBER

- » Heart Gallery Art Exhibition at Church of the Lakes, Be Life Church, and Little Art Gallery
- » Fatherhood Coalition's Bourbon and Wine Fundraiser
- » National Adoption Awareness Month
- » United Way Office Campaign

DECEMBER

- » Project KARE's Holiday Project & Toy Drive
- » Warming Wall Collection Drive

Division of Human Services hosted outreach at Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Division of Children Services hosted foster parent recruitment meetings once a month.

Executive Team

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Executive Director

Brian Kandel, MBA
Deputy Director of Finance

Susan Lenigar, MBA
Deputy Director of Human Services

Tricia Mayle, JD, LSW
Deputy Director of Childrne Services

Ann McGill, MBA
Deputy Director of Child Support

County Commissioners

Richard Regula

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Alan Harold

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Planning Committee

The Stark County Family Services Planning Committee provides recommendations to Stark County Job & Family Services for the most effective and effecient delivery of service.

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