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STARK JFS TO OFFER HELP WITH SNAP, TANF, AND MEDICAID AT AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK IN 2025

Canton, Ohio - Do you need to apply for assistance programs or have questions about SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid? In 2025, staff from the Division of Human Services will continue hosting their customer information booth from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Stark County Campus, 1365 Cherry Avenue NE, Canton, OH 44714.

New and existing customers are encouraged to visit the booth to speak directly with a representative, ask questions, and receive help with the application process. Support is free and available to all; no appointment is necessary.

The Division of Human Services provides many services to vulnerable individuals and families in Stark County. Their programs are structured to assist in providing financial stability, allowing residents to meet their individual, family, and nutritional needs. These programs include:

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** is a monthly benefit for those who are eligible to purchase food. Eligibility is based on family size, income, resources, and expenses. Healthy people under the age of 60 may be expected to participate in a work activity to receive benefits. In 2023, 1 of every 7 people in Stark County received food assistance through SNAP.
- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)** includes Ohio Works First (OWF), a program designed to provide temporary support to families while parents work their way toward becoming self-sufficient. Eligibility is based on income and family size with a requirement to cooperate with the work program/JOBS area. In 2023, 2,717 people in Stark County received cash assistance and 3,050 children were cared for by publicly funded childcare through OWF.
- **Medicaid** is a state and federally funded health care coverage. It is available to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) extension eligible adults aged 18 to 64 who are not on Medicare and who are between 0 and 138% of poverty or below. Coverage is determined by MAGI eligibility. There are several Medicaid programs available. To learn more visit, <https://medicaid.ohio.gov>.

Information regarding upcoming dates and times of appearances will be posted on www.Facebook.com/SCJFS. If you have further questions, please call 1-844-640-6446 or visit StarkJFS.org.

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