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STARK JFS PUBLISHES 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services has published their 2024 Annual Report, available for public viewing on the agency's website at StarkJFS.org.

This comprehensive report details Stark County JFS' activities, achievements, and overall performance for the preceding year, providing an overview of the agency's impact on our community and commitment to the families, children, and individuals of Stark County.

"We've had a productive and successful 2024, and I am proud to share this report with you," said Executive Director Jerry Coleman. "These accomplishments were made possible by our dedicated staff, whose hard work makes a meaningful difference in our community every day."

Key findings of the 2024 Annual Report:

- The Division of Children Services finalized 105 adoptions from the foster care system, the highest number in a single year.
- 7,979 calls were received by the Division of Children Services' 24/7 abuse hotline, resulting in 2,537 cases requiring assistance. Additionally, there were 521 new cases of elder abuse/neglect or exploitation.
- In an average month, 239 families were receiving case management and supportive services through the Division of Children Services and 471 children were living in agency foster care, purchased foster care, group home care, residential placements, or kinship care.
- 44,437 individuals received food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP). Based on the 2023 U.S. Census estimate of 372,657, this is about 1 out of every 7 people in Stark County.
- According to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 101,356 individuals received Medicaid assistance, including 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.
- It is estimated that in 2024, the four major programs of the Division of Human Services contributed more than \$1 billion to the Stark County community. Local grocers, clinics, hospitals, and retailers benefitted from these services.
- The Division of Child Support oversaw a total number of 24,747 child support cases and collected \$50,215,537.18 in support payments.

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