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STARK JFS PUBLISHES 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services has published their 2025 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.

"I am proud to present this year's annual report and the accomplishments it represents," said Executive Director Jerry Coleman. "Despite changing requirements and financial challenges, our staff remained focused on serving our community with professionalism, compassion, and determination. Their commitment continues to make a meaningful difference every day."

Key findings of the 2025 Annual Report:

- 47,270 individuals received food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP). Based on the 2022 U.S. Census estimate of 372,657, this is about 1 out of every 8 people in Stark County.
- According to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 95,005 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 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.
- The Division of Children Services received 8,240 calls to their abuse hotline, resulting in 2,472 cases requiring assistance. Additionally, there were 494 new cases of elder abuse/neglect or exploitation.
- In an average month, 219 families were receiving case management and supportive services, and 473 children were living in agency foster care, purchased foster care, group home care, residential placements, or kinship care.
- There were 64 adoptions finalized from the foster care system.
- The Division of Child Support oversaw a total number of 22,820 child support cases and collected \$49,417,249.08 in support payments.

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