

**Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services
2008 Annual Report
Director: Eileen Dray-Bardon
Commissioners: Daniel Bing, James Hoppel, Penny Traina**

**Message
from the
Director**

“Our mission is to work together to assess and understand the needs of our community, to facilitate independence, and to provide appropriate services in a caring and compassionate manner.”

This Annual Report for 2008 is provided to the Columbiana County Board of Commissioners and to the general public for the purpose of reflecting the program and community-related activities conducted by the staff of the Columbiana County Department of Job and Family Services.

Highlights of 2008 include:

- February opening of a satellite office at the East Liverpool City Hospital
- March failure of a new levy for Children Services
- July-December 20% increase in new applications for assistance
- August CSEA’s participation in First Annual Beaver Creek Family Fun Day
- October recognition of reduced error rate in the food assistance program
- November failure of second attempt to pass new levy for Children Services
closure of the Kyes Group Home in East Palestine

2008 was a year in which some of our long-term goals were finally accomplished. It was also a year during which the worsening economic condition of the state and nation impacted our activities and operations.

As the year drew to a close, it became ever more clear that our services are essential to the stability of our community. Through our efforts, basic needs such as food, medical, basic income, and safety for vulnerable adults and children are met. Staff here at CCDJFS is committed to providing these essential services in an expedient and caring manner. We are proud to be a part of local government and to serve the people of Columbiana County.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Dray-Bardon

**Public Assistance /
Social Services**

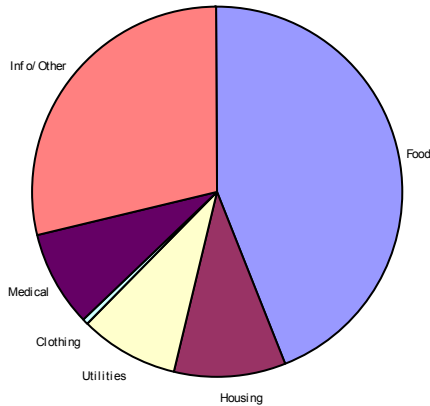
2007-2008 Comparison of Initial Applications



2008 Assistance Requests

1,537 calls were received requesting assistance:

- Food - 673
- Housing - 151
- Utilities - 131
- Clothing - 10
- Medical - 130
- Other - 442

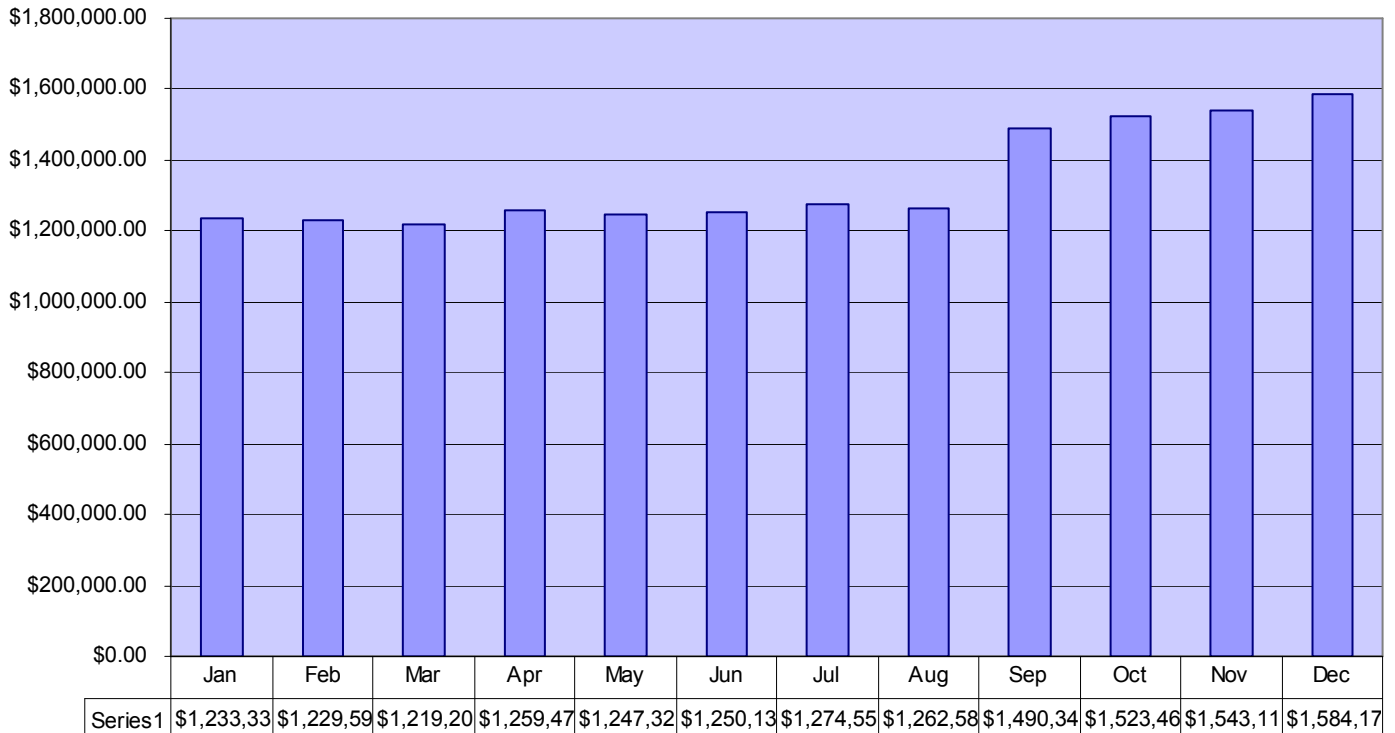


Emergency Food Program

A total of 1,586 individuals - 873 adults and 713 children from 548 households- were served by the CCDJFS Food Pantry in 2008: approximately 19,032 meals.

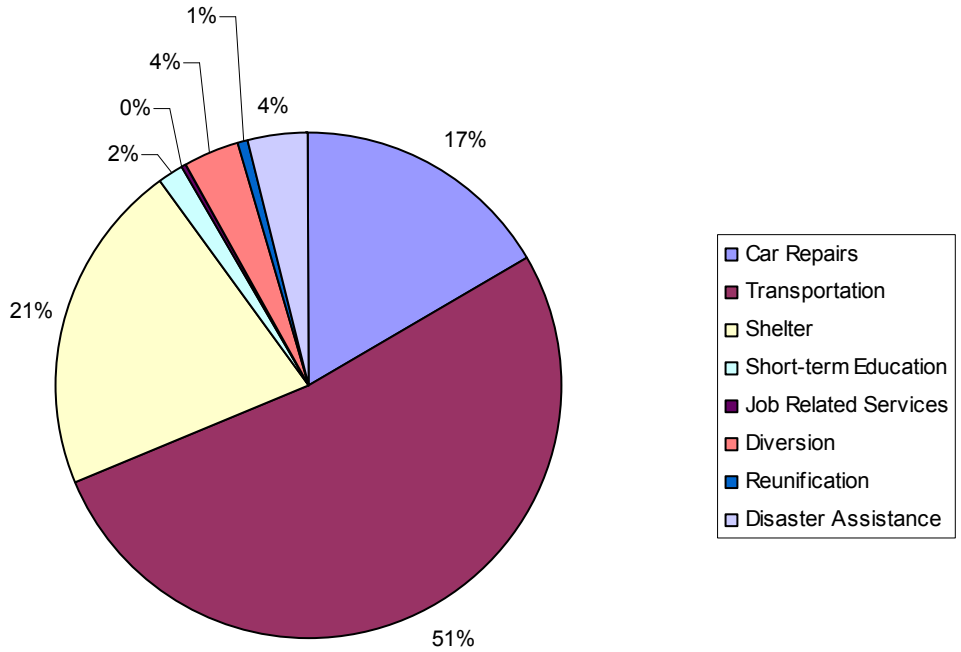


2008 Food Stamps Issued \$16,126,313.00



2008 Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) Expenditures

Car repairs	\$ 194,040.00
Transportation	606,810.00
Shelter	248,634.00
Education	21,069.00
Job Services	1,081.00
Diversion	42,198.00
Reunification	6,628.00
Disaster Aid	45,739.00
TOTAL	\$1,166,199.00

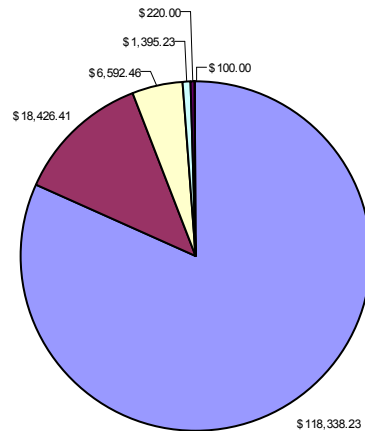


In an effort to assist low-income families with escalating gasoline costs, CCDJFS implemented a transportation assistance initiative during the months of April, May, and June. TANF eligible employed families at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level and OWF families cooperating with their self-sufficiency plan could qualify for gas cards to assist them in getting to and from work. We helped 1,710 families with this one-time service for a total of \$513,000.00.

In September 2008, the Governor declared a state of emergency for all 88 Ohio counties as a result of the weather emergency involving high winds. CCDJFS issued \$44,662.00 in TANF disaster assistance to families who suffered a loss of food or damage to personal property due to the high winds. Non-TANF individuals received \$18,147.00 as a result of the high winds.

Fraud and Overpayment

Food stamps	\$ 118,338.23
ADC	18,426.41
Day Care	6,592.46
Medicaid	1,395.23
DA	220.00
PRC	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 145,072.33



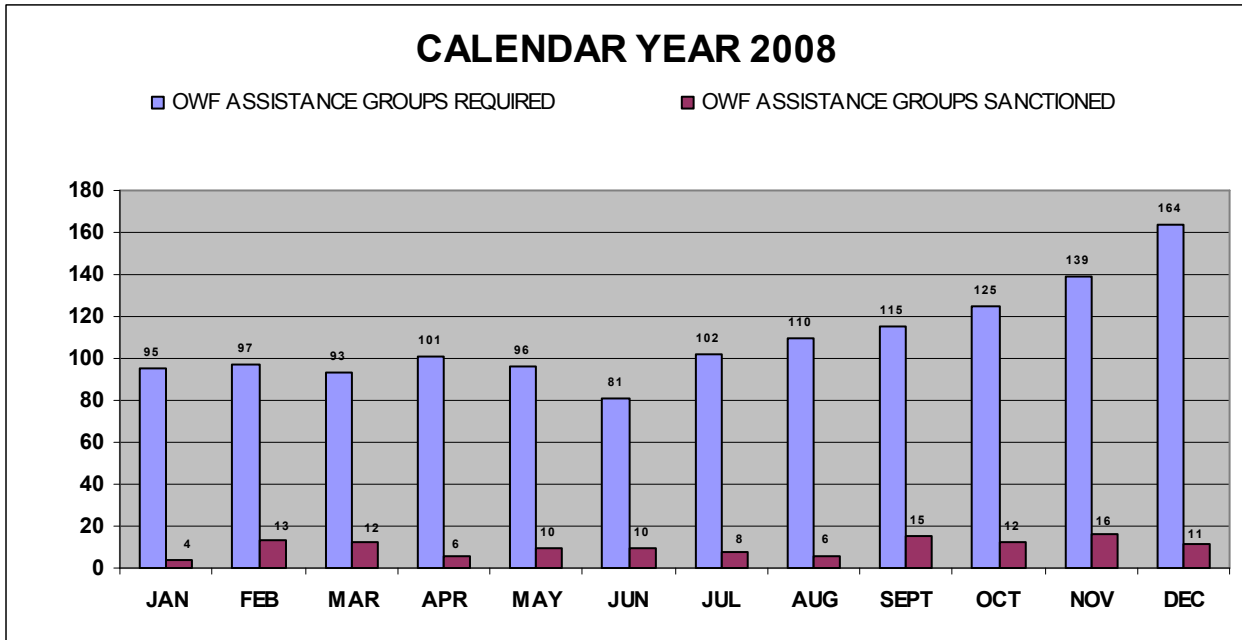
35 individuals were disqualified from receiving food stamps and/or OWF for intentional program violations.

401 overpayments were calculated (\$333,748.00) and processed by the Overpayment Unit.

4 "Early Detection Prevention" referrals resulted in "No Fraud" findings.

300 "Concerned Citizen" reports were investigated.

2 home visits occurred, and there were 2 Grand Jury indictments, 1 of which is pending trial.



Medicaid & Disability Medical Assistance

The average # of recipients in each group:

Aged 1,667

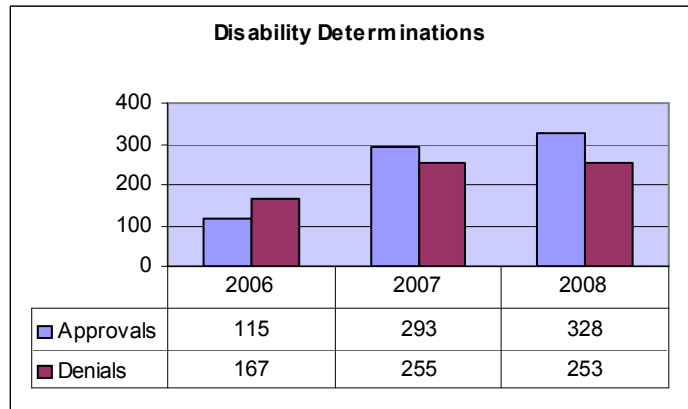
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Disabled 2,758

Total ABD Medicaid Expenditures = \$81,842,565.00

Disability Assistance 154 (an increase of 21% over 2007)

Total Cash Disbursements = \$ 308,459.00



Healthy Family & Transitional Medicaid

Medical Cards Issued	Healthy Start	Healthy Families	Transitional Medicaid
2007	28,488	35,244	5,964
2008	27,788	36,167	6,004

Nursing Home Assistance

Medicaid provided \$27,578,698.00 to Columbiana County nursing homes for an average of 610 elderly and/or disabled citizens in 2008.



Child Care

942 new individuals received Healthchek and pregnancy-related services in 2008.

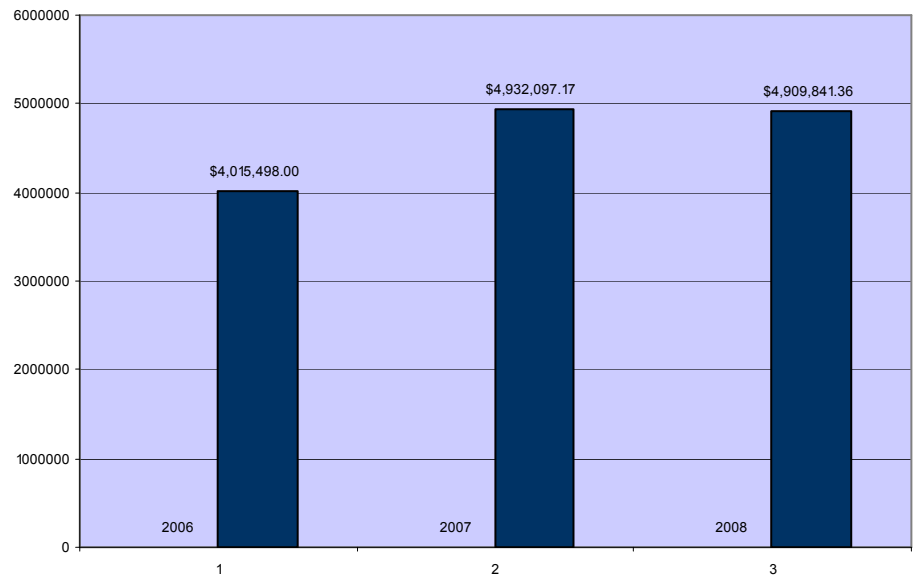
An average of 831 families per month received child care services in 2008.

Approximately 1,431 children were authorized for services each month.

Total expenditures in the Child Care program for 2008 were \$4,909,841.36.



Child Care Expenditures 2006, 2007, 2008



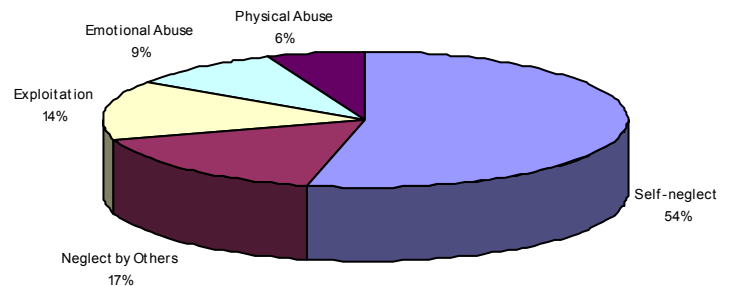
Adult Protective APS

21% of Columbiana County's population was 60 years and older.

Number of reports of alleged abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation: 276

Perpetrators of the alleged abuse:

- adult children - 65
- spouses/significant others - 24
- grandchildren - 14
- other relatives - 5
- friends/acquaintances - 6
- paid caregivers - 6
- other - 5



Title XX Contracted Services

The following services were funded by Title XX funds through contracts with outside agencies:

Community Action Agency	
representative payee services-	\$ 10,390.80
Help Hotline	
after hours referrals-	34,126.00
domestic violence services-	7,499.40
Juvenile Court	
guardian ad litem services-	6,619.84
Probate Court	
public guardianship services-	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 73,636.04

Non-Emergency Transportation (NET)

An average of 401 Medicaid clients were transported each month to medical appointments.

27,065 trips were provided.

621,584.5 miles were driven for a total cost of transporting these clients to medical appointments of \$956,161.99.



Children Services Division



602 investigations of child abuse/neglect were made
178 families received protective services
158 children received placement services
35 children were in the permanent custody of the agency
8 adoptions were finalized
9 new foster homes were open in 2008 for a total of 24 foster homes

Levy Fund—CY 2008

Revenues

Tax collections generated by current levy	\$ 1,021,946.27
Child support received for Kyes Home residents	403.24
Social security benefits for Kyes Home residents	16,628.00
IV-E reimbursements for Kyes Home residents	101,538.16
Chaffee reimbursements for Kyes Home residents	23,024.90
Kyes Home miscellaneous refunds	32.14
Kyes Home respite care	964.00
Total Revenues	\$1,164,636.71

Expenditures

Kyes Home employee salaries & associated costs	\$ 175,306.68
Kyes Home personnel expenses-physicals, training, uniforms, misc.	3,719.55
Kyes Home operations-utilities, supplies, advertising, misc.	16,401.88
Kyes Home grocery expense for residents	6,492.29
Kyes Home miscellaneous maintenance	602.99
Transfer to PCSA fund for the county share of expenses for foster care and adoption of children in CCDJFS custody	840,755.23
Total Expenditures	\$1,043,278.62

Kyes Home



On November 19, 2008, the Kyes Home was closed as a group home for girls due to the need to conserve funding and also due to the change in the population of the children coming into the agency's custody.

In 2008, there were 20 girls placed at the Kyes Home.

The Kyes Home will re-open in 2009 as a family service center instead of a group home for girls.

Caring for Kyes Committee Activities

The committee continues to raise funds for the replacement of the slate roof on the home.

2008 renovations to the home included improvements to the 2 bathrooms, the repairing of some walls throughout the house, and the replacement of some furniture. These renovations totaled \$6,031.00.

Total repairs made to the home since 2002 are \$63,531.00.

The 5th Annual Kyes Auction held in October raised \$6,863.50.

Shopping passes for discounts at Boscov's Dept. Store in the Beaver Valley Mall and most stores in the Southern Park Mall raised \$609.00.

The Penny Drive which was held in March raised \$1,805.62.

These fundraisers along with other raffles and donations from the community raised a total of \$14,760.80 for the Kyes Home in 2008 for a balance in the Kyes Treasury of \$19,946.95.



Child Support Enforcement Agency

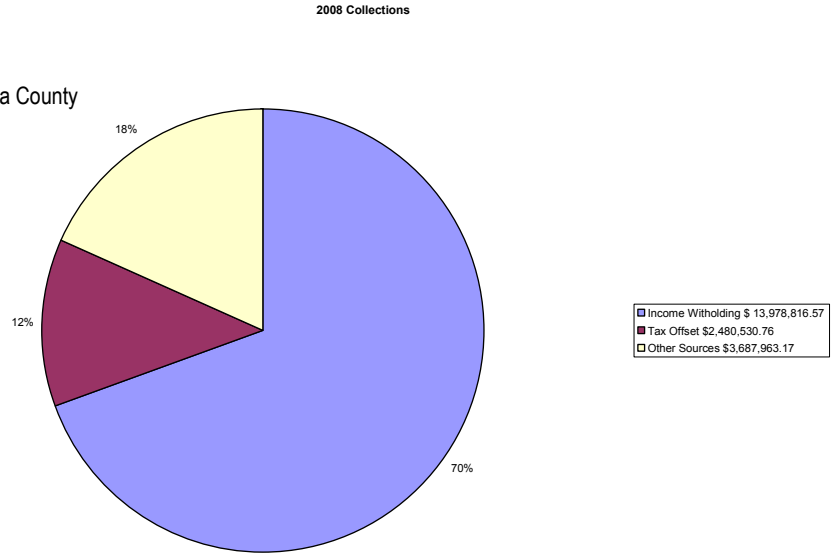
\$20,147,310.50 in support was collected in 2008

There are 39 CSEA Employees

There are approximately 11,764 Child Support Cases in Columbiana County

Of the 11,764 Child Support Cases:

- * Approximately 939 were Interstate Cases
- * Approximately 8933 were Enforcement Cases
- * Approximately 1333 were Support Establishment Cases
- * Approximately 559 were Paternity Establishment Cases



CSEA has continued to transition to a digital imaging system. In 2008, 1835 files were imaged creating a total of over 1,240,000 imaged pages.

CSEA referred 4000 cases to court for legal action

34 cases were referred for Grand Jury Indictment

Paternity was established for 107 children

Support orders were established on 456 cases

Drivers License Suspension Notices were issued. 136 Driver's Licenses were suspended. Of the 543 notices sent, 407 people made contact with CSEA.

In tracking just 1% of the cases that made contact with CSEA there was over \$3,500.00 collected as a result of the license suspension notice being issued.

Success Stories

In August 2008 the CSEA collected \$17,137.30 on a case that had not had a payment in over 9 years.

CSEA collected \$35,496.00 through the Financial Institution Data Match process (FIDM). This money was distributed on 24 different cases.

Community Service

In August, as part of our Child Support Awareness initiatives, we partnered with several area agencies to co-sponsor an event at Beaver Creek State Park.

Our goal was to promote and encourage family togetherness. The event, "Explore The Outdoors With Your Family Because Time Together Counts!" presented the message that spending time with your children is important for any parent, including parents who do not have custody of their children. Approximately 250 people participated in the events.

Many CSEA employees, along with friends and families, volunteered their time and efforts to make the day a success. Volunteers from other area partners contributed to the fun and festivities as well.

Activities included nature walks, electro-fishing demonstrations, macro-invertebrate sampling, archery demonstrations, and face painting. Displays included nature exhibits, the Allegheny Life Flight helicopter, a Mobile Command Unit utilized by local law enforcement, a local critical care ambulance, a fire truck from Calcutta Fire Department among others.

A raffle was held for door prizes and a light lunch was provided.

It is hopeful that this will become an annual event.



Columbiana County DJFS Planning Committee

The DJFS Planning Committee, consisting of members appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, serves as an advisory group to the Commissioners. The Committee's purpose is to identify, develop, and provide supportive services to empower all county residents to achieve self-sufficiency and to monitor the progress and effectiveness of programs and services. Those who serve on the Planning Committee are:

Karen Arbogast	Family and Children First Council
Patricia Baumgarner	Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
Carol Bretz	Community Action Agency
Bert Cene	Mahoning Columbiana Training Association
Tracy Drake	Columbiana County Port Authority
Eileen Dray-Bardon	Department of Job and Family Services
Carol Harvey	Department of Job and Family Services
Pam Hoppel	East Liverpool Area Chamber of Commerce
Jana Keuper	Department of Job and Family Services
Barbara Lynch	Citizen Member-at-Large, East Palestine
Roger Sikorszky	Counseling Center
Tom Snow	Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority
Kimberly Steele-Simmons	Kent State University—Salem Campus
Denise Taylor	East Liverpool Community Resource Center
Eloise Traina	Family Recovery Center
Anna Marie Vaughn	Education Service Center
Tom Volino	Shining Reflections
Rev. Mark Wilds	New Lisbon Presbyterian Church
Michelle Wrona-Fox	Community Legal Aid Services



Pictured here: Back row left to right - Anna Marie Vaughn, Eileen Dray-Bardon, Roger Sikorszky, Pat Baumgarner, Carol Bretz, Bert Cene, Jana Keuper, Tom Snow, Rev. Mark Wilds. Front row left to right - Karen Arbogast, Barb Lynch, Eloise Traina, Carol Harvey, and Pam Hoppel.

2008 TANF-Contracted Providers**Youth Education and Support**

Education Service Center	Life Skills Program	\$ 74,761.00
Education Service Center	Student Assistance Liaison Program	71,186.00
Juvenile Court	Youth Diversion Grades K-6	56,077.68
Juvenile Court	Youth Diversion Grades 7-12	69,438.00
Juvenile Court	Juvenile Law Enforcement Program	51,749.52
Juvenile Court	Truancy Program	58,752.00
Mental Health & Recovery (FCFC)	Truancy Mediation Program	60,835.00
Metropolitan Housing Authority	Kids Connect I Program	75,000.00
Metropolitan Housing Authority	Kids Connect II Program	75,000.00
Wellsville Schools	After School Learning Center	74,790.00

Child Welfare and Family Support

Columbiana Co. Health Dept.	Lice Eradication Program	3,300.00
Community Action Agency	Homemaker Program	50,805.00
Community Action Agency	Lice Eradication Program	70,837.00
Counseling Center	Project SAFE	75,000.00
Counseling Center	The Parent Project	44,779.00
Education Service Center	Strengthening Families Program	13,889.99
Juvenile Court	Respite Services	15,000.00
Mental Health & Recovery (FCFC)	WrapAround Program	74,999.00
Mental Health & Recovery (FCFC)	Family Support Program	36,992.00

Training Employment/Career Advancement

Blankenship, Tammy	Creating Success Stories Program	27,170.00
Burdman Group	Employee Retention Program	74,977.00
Community Action Agency	Financial Literacy Program	10,000.00
Community Legal Aid	Legal Services	50,000.00
Family Recovery Center	Champions to Work Program	54,505.00
Kent State University	Getting Ahead Program	75,000.00
Mahoning Columbiana Training Assoc.	Youth Summer Jobs Program	62,350.00
Way Station	Youth Build Program	75,000.00

Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention

Family Recovery Center	Stepping Stones I Program	74,164.00
Family Recovery Center	Stepping Stones II Program	71,761.00

Domestic Violence

Ozer Ministries	Domestic/Family Violence Outreach Program	20,258.52
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Help Me Grow

Mental Health & Recovery (FCFC)	Help Me Grow Services	471,781.00
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Hard Services

Community Action Agency	Home Repair Program	43,400.00
Columbiana Co. Health Dept.	Car Seat Program	13,805.00

Other

Medicaid Outreach	Coordinator	16,260.00
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TOTAL **\$2,193,622.71**

Staff

25-29 Years of Service

Name	Start Date
Eileen Dray-Bardon	4-23-1979
Debbie Steffel	9-08-1980
Walter Sturgeon	9-08-1980
Barb McDade	3-22-1982

40 Years of Service

Judy Fannin	8-16-1968
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Resignations	13
New Hires	24
Current Staff Employed	158

Retirees

Paula Oliver	23 years of service
Leona Leek	18 years of service
Ruth Borsh	18 years of service

2008 Attendance Award Winners

(99% or better for the entire year)

* Management

Susan Arthur *	Debbie Kempers *
Joni Bergert *	Rachel Ketterman *
Della Bryarley	Charlotte Lee
Carrie Burgess *	Terry MacAleese
Erin Buzzard *	Barb McDade
Diane Bye	Joseph Parsons
Diane Coontz	Jennifer Pomaro
Bobbi Jo Crawford	Lori Reinwald
Eileen Dray-Bardon *	Michael Roofner *
Luann Dunham *	Betty Shockey
Judy Fannin *	Walter Sturgeon
Hazel French *	Teri Takach
Carol Harvey *	Candy Taylor
Katy Huffman	Jennifer Tierney
Melissa Jackson	Lisa Weingart
Debra Karcher	Lisa M. Weingart


Columbiana County



Job & Family Services

Agency Activities

Highlights of 2008

- ◇ February 5th CCDJFS Satellite Office Opens in East Liverpool City Hospital
 - ◇ Month of March Kyes Home Penny Drive
 - Agency Web Site Goes Live
 - ◇ March 26th Child Abuse Prevention Month Pinwheels Parade Kick-off Event
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- ◇ March 27th Bomb Threat/Building Evacuation
 - ◇ March 31st \$300 Gas Card Program Begins
 - ◇ Month of April Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - ◇ April 24th Annual Kyes Home Dinner
 - ◇ Month of May Employee Recognition Month and Annual Mandatory Training
 - ◇ May 19th Second Harvest Food Bank TANF Box Distribution @ County Fairgrounds
 - ◇ May 23rd Presentation of Check for New Building Site by Rep. Linda S. Bolon
 - ◇ June 9th Agency Blood Drive
 - ◇ June 12th Purchase of Land (4.916 acres) for New Building
 - ◇ June 13th and 14th CCDJFS Relay for Life Team Participation in Area Relay Event

2008 Relay for Life Team

1st Place - Most Money Raised Overall - 6,167.00

(Thanks CCDJFS Employees)

2nd Place - Best Banner (Thanks Tonia Massey)

2nd Place - Best Nutritional Snack

3rd Place - Most Money Raised Onsite

(Thanks Patti, Susie, Luann & Candy)

3rd Place - Best Educational Message

3rd Place - Best Decorated Tent (Thanks Patti & Candy)



- ◇ June 24th Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner



◇ June 30th Commissioners/Staff Picnic at New Building Site



◇ July 30th Second Harvest Food Bank TANF Box Distribution @ West Gate School



◇ Month of August Child Support Awareness Month

August 7th CSEA Fatherhood Event at Beaver Creek State Park

◇ Mid-September High Wind Disaster Program

◇ October 4th Annual Caring for Kyes Auction

◇ November 4th Children Services Levy Does Not Pass

November 17th Kyes Home Closes

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Child Support Enforcement

Phone: 330-424-7781

Toll free: 800-353-0125

Fax: 330-424-0931

One-Stop

Phone: 330-424-7006

Hours of Operation

Monday—Friday 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Extended Hours Available

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month 8:00 am—6:30 pm