

COLUMBIANA COUNTY PRC PROGRAM

A PRC service is not ongoing OWF (TANF) assistance. PRC services are: 1) services that have no direct monetary value to an individual family and that do not involve implicit or explicit income support; or 2) one-time, short-term assistance which is limited to the amount actually required to meet the presenting economic need, up to the cap amount as listed in the County Services & Benefits per 12 consecutive months of eligibility or family preservation and reunification need as specified in the Family Preservation and Reunification Services Section of the PRC Plan. **Any number of individual payments can be made during this period as long as they are distinctive, non-ongoing occurrences, and do not exceed the cap amount as listed in the County Services & Benefits Matrix and the family maximum cap of \$3,000 total in a 12-month period.**

TANF funds must be used in any manner reasonably calculated to accomplish any of the four (4) purposes of the TANF program. The four purposes are:

- Purpose 1: To aid needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or the homes of relatives.
- Purpose 2: To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage.
- Purpose 3: To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies.
- Purpose 4: To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Any service or benefits paid through the One Stop System as listed in the matrix will be separate and distinctive from the county's regular cap. A PRC Assistance Group (PRC AG) is a group of individuals containing at least one minor child or a pregnant individual and treated as a unit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the PRC program. The PRC AG unit for the prevention and retention portion of the PRC program will be determined based on OWF standard filing unit procedures. The PRC AG for the contingency portion will be based on all individuals living in the household. A minor child means an individual who has not attained 18 years of age or has not attained 19 years of age and is a full-time student in a secondary school (or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training). The minor child must be residing with their parent, a relative caretaker or legal custodian (for purposes of TANF eligibility, legal custody can only occur through court order and a relative caretaker must be established through bloodline).

A unit for the purpose of determining eligibility for the PRC Program shall be defined as: 1) all individuals residing with the minor child, or pregnant woman, or 2) a family needing assistance to enable the placement of a child. 3) Employment related services shall be available to unemployed or underemployed non-custodial parents, residing in Columbiana County who have a legal obligation to support, and whose minor child resides in Columbiana County. A unit for the non-custodial parent will consist of the non-custodial parent and the minor child(ren)