

Hamilton County Quick Guide for Kinship Caregivers

<p><u>TANF- “Child Only Benefits” & Medicaid:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton Co. Job & Family Services 222 East Central Pkwy Cincinnati, OH 45202 Phone: (513) 946-1000 Monday - Friday 7:30a-4:30p Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov or www.hcjfs.org/services/cash-assistance/how-to-apply-2 	<p>Relatives who have a relative child in their home can apply for “Child Only Benefits” which are based on the income of the child (not the caregiver’s income).</p> <p>If child is in agency custody, the medical care is managed by Hamilton Co. Child Services.</p> <p>If the caregiver has custody, they can apply online for medical along with the “Child Only Benefits”.</p>
<p><u>Kinship Permanency Incentive Program:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caregivers must have received custody from a court proceeding on or after July 1, 2005 Caregivers are eligible for a total of 8 payments over a 48 month period. 	<p>Courts must have awarded legal custody or guardianship of the child to the grandparent, relative or other kinship caregiver, based on the best interest of the child. A Public Children's Services Agency must have been involved and completed the relative approval process including a criminal background check.</p> <p>For complete eligibility criteria and more information visit: www.hcjfs.org/services/child-protection/kinship-care/kinship-permanency-incentive</p>
<p><u>Food Assistance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton Co. Job & Family Services website: www.hcjfs.org/services/cash-assistance/how-to-apply-2 Apply online at www.benefits.ohio.gov Explore additional resources at 211 	<p>Food Assistance is based on household income, family size & expenses at HCJFS. There are community food banks in neighborhoods. To find out where food banks are located in the caregiver’s community call 211 for food bank & food pantry locations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Freestore Foodbank 112 E. Liberty Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 Phone: (513) 241-1064 </p>
<p><u>Child Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information & application available at: www.hcjfs.org/child-care-parents-caregivers/how-to-apply/ Return application in person or by mail at: Hamilton County Job and Family Services Attn: Child Care 222 E. Central Parkway, Third Floor Cincinnati, OH 45202 Return application via fax: (513) 946-1830 	<p>Child Care Assistance is household income based at Hamilton Co. Job & Family Services .</p> <p>If child in Hamilton Co. Job & Family Services custody and placed with you, apply for daycare stipend through the child’s social worker.</p> <p>Visit the following website to locate ODJFS licensed daycare providers in your area: childcaresearch.ohio.gov</p>
<p><u>Housing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority Phone: (513) 421-CMHA (2642) 1088 West Liberty St Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 Monday-Friday (8:00a - 4:30p) Explore additional resources at 211 	<p>Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-income housing options Housing Choice Voucher program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Services United Way’s 211 Housing, Assistance Emergency Homeless Shelters <p>Bethany House Services (Emergency Shelter) Salvation Army of Greater Cincinnati (Emergency Shelter)</p>