



Important Contact Numbers

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Emergency Number

1-800-881-8790

The emergency number should be called when the program is not open to report abuse or neglect or any other emergency that threatens the health and safety of an individual. This number is for after 4:00 p.m. during the week, weekends, holidays and any other time the Service Coordination Office is not open. Leave your name and number and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Ohio Department of DD

1-800-617-6733

Disability Rights Ohio

1-800-282-9181

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Services for Children and Adults with
Developmental Disabilities

Our Mission Statement

Working in partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, providing opportunities utilizing public and private supports, to live, learn, work and play in the community.

Provided by the

Muskingum County Board of DD

What is the Family Assistance Program?

The Family Assistance Program is a locally funded program that provides financial assistance to families with a child or adult who is developmentally disabled and living at home. The program covers services for respite care (in and out of home); family counseling; education and training; special diets; the purchase of special equipment or home modifications. Maximum allocations are \$500.00 per individual and \$750.00 per family with more than one eligible individual.

Respite Care

Respite Care is short-term or temporary relief for families of children or adults with developmental disabilities either in or out of the home.

Families can use this service as a break while they attend to personal business, for vacations or in case of an emergency.

Parents of individuals with a developmental disability often find it hard to find someone they can trust to meet their child or adult's special needs, when they must leave the home or just get away for a while.

Families may recommend a respite provider. Families must complete the "Contractual Agreement with Muskingum County Board DD" before services are rendered.

A BCI Check will be required for all respite providers receiving direct payment from the County Board.

Counseling, Training and Education

Counseling, training or education services will be provided to help families meet special needs of their child or adult with a developmental disability such as: behavioral, medical or emotional. This service may be provided to all members of the family to help strengthen the families' ability to cope with their child or adult and its effect on the family.

Special Diet

The Family Assistance Program will help families purchase food and/or food processing equipment for a special diet. The diet must be prescribed by a physician or a qualified dietician.

Purchase of Special Equipment

The Family Assistance Program will help families purchase special equipment that will help individuals with a developmental disability to function better in their home. For example: adaptive seating for wheelchairs, bathing chairs or bathroom rails.

Home Modifications

The Family Assistance Program will help families make home modifications that will benefit the individual with a developmental disability. A home modification that a family might request could be the building of ramps, both inside and outside the home.

Who is Eligible? Eligibility Requirements

Families who live in Muskingum County and who have a child or adult with a developmental disability living at home. The family member who is disabled must meet certain state eligibility criteria. *If you make over \$79,763 per year taxable income, you are not eligible to participate in this program.

To apply for assistance and complete an application contact your SSA. Families may also go to www.muskingumdd.org, click on Community Support and then open the Family Assistance Program tab. You may also contact Lisa Clark of the Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 740-453-4829 for any additional questions.

Families must receive authorization from the FAP Coordinator before purchases/services can be obtained.