

SANDUSKY COUNTY PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (PRC) ANNUAL REPORT 2009



OVERVIEW

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Program is designed to provide benefits and services to eligible households with at least one minor child to overcome barriers to achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. These supports include non-recurrent, short-term, crisis-oriented benefits and ongoing services that are directly related to the four purposes of the TANF program, which do not meet the federal definition of assistance.

Anyone applying for PRC services must receive appropriate information about, referrals to, and access to Medicaid, Food Stamps, Ohio Works First (OWF), child care assistance, and other programs that provide benefits that could help them successfully transition to work. Services and benefits shall be provided which directly lead to or can be expected to lead the family in becoming self-sufficient by accomplishing one of the four purposes of TANF:

- a. Providing assistance to needy families;
- b. Ending the dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;
- c. Preventing and reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
- d. Encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

PRC assistance will be available to the extent of availability of state and federal funds.

Chapter 1: Employment Related Needs:

PRC may be issued for an assistance group's employment related needs. The assistance group must have both an emergent need and a financial need that is related to either their need to obtain employment in Ohio or to retain employment in Ohio to gain self-sufficiency. Eligibility is limited to the amount actually required to meet the presenting employment related need up to \$500 one time every 12 months. A full-time student within 9 months of completion of a program of study at an accredited institution may be eligible for this program but payment will be limited to \$250 one time every 12 months. It should be noted that the educational institution would determine full-time status.

- 11 Households assisted
- \$3,311.53 expended for work uniforms (5), vehicle payments (4), background check (1) and a computer (1).
 - \$301.04 average/household

Chapter 2: Family Disaster Assistance:

PRC payments may be issued for an emergent need as a result of a natural disaster. A natural disaster is defined as an act God, or a disaster declared by the Governor of Ohio or by the Federal Government. An emergent need is a condition that threatens the health, safety, or decent living arrangements of an assistance group. PRC payments are limited to the amount actually required to meet the presenting need minus any available assets up to \$1,500 every 12 months. Multiple vouchers may be issued at one time only.

- 1 Household assisted
- \$1,500 expended for 1 house fire. \$1,009.93 for appliances and \$490.07 for food
 - \$1,500 average/household

Chapter 3: Family Reunification Services:

PRC payments may be issued for supportive services to promote family stability as the agency determines necessary and subject to the availability of unencumbered funds. These services are **ONLY** for families referred from the PCSA division and must be recommended by a supervisor or the administrator of that division.

- 7* Households assisted
- \$7,417.76 expended for stove (1), refrigerator (1), utility assistance (1), child care past due fees (1), rent (2), hot water heater (1), car repair (1), court costs (1) and a license reinstatement (1)
- * 3 families received 2 different items
 - \$1,059.68 average/household

Intensive Case Management Services: Services provided through a contract with Inclusive Solutions.

- 14 individuals assisted
- \$21,545.61 expended
 - \$1,538.97 average/individual

Chapter 4: Help Me Grow:

PRC funds will be used for the Help Me Grow Services. The Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services will inform and refer OWF participants and non-OWF participants who have children who potentially meet the program eligibility requirements.

- \$136,830.62 expended

Chapter 5: Housing/Shelter Expenses:

PRC payments may be issued for housing expenses to promote family stability as the agency determines necessary and subject to the availability of unencumbered funds.

Examples of the items and services, which may be provided under the PRC program, are listed below. This is an all-inclusive list.

- First month's rent and/or security deposit for a household moving from the Sandusky County homeless shelter (Liberty Center) or a battered women's shelter, a household designated as homeless by another community service agency or a household moving from transitional housing.
- Up to 3 months previous past due rent payments or past due mortgage payments to prevent pending eviction or foreclosure.

NOTE: The above services can be utilized only 1 time in a 24-month period.

- PRC assistance may be used to assist HEAP eligible Sandusky County residents who heat with bulk fuel (propane and oil), natural gas, or electric. This assistance will be made available only during the same months as emergency HEAP, November 1 through June 30, or until a total of \$120,000 has been expended on utility costs, whichever comes first. The applicant must provide a current utility statement, which verifies the outstanding balance after the HEAP payment is applied. Eligibility is limited to the actual amount required to pay the bill (which may include a leak check charge or delivery charge) in full or \$1,000, whichever is lower, 1 time in a 12-month period

Past Due Rent/Mortgage:

- 13 Households assisted
- \$22,502.31 expended
 - \$1,730.95 average/household

1st Month's Rent/Security Deposit:

- 3 Households assisted
- \$2,042.00 expended
 - \$680.67 average/household

Heating Assistance:

- 74 Households assisted
- \$43,045.31 expended
 - \$581.70 average/household

Chapter 6: Migrant Work Allowance Program

This Chapter was eliminated in 2009 and therefore no monies were expended.

Chapter 7: Economic Development:

PRC monies will be made available to aid in the advancement of the economic growth in Sandusky County. There are various ways that PRC monies could be beneficial to this cause.

- \$0.00 expended

Chapter 8: After School/Literacy Programs:

PRC funds may be made available to fund special after school and/or literacy programs. It is the goal that such programs will offer academic enrichment and work skill training to school age children in order to decrease the dropout rate and to prevent OWF dependency. These same programs could also encourage minor parents to remain in school and will assist with the implementation of intervention programs for younger adolescents to avoid early pregnancies. It should be noted that PRC funds would not be used to pay for direct educational services or traditional classroom instruction.

- Fremont City Schools:
 - \$49,275.34 expended

Chapter 9: Workforce Development:

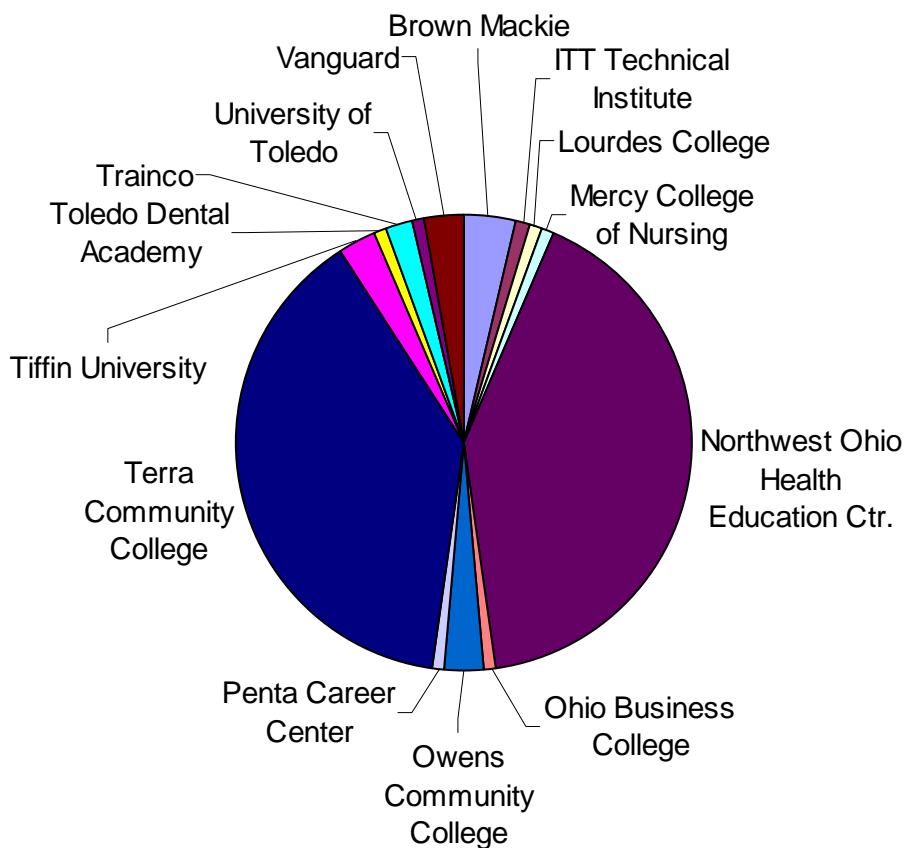
WIA/TANF supplemental funds, WIA/TANF incentive monies, and/or TANF incentive monies may be issued to adults for work activities in order to develop the workforce of Sandusky County. Under this program, eligible individuals could qualify for the following:

- Free tuition, fees, and required books and supplies not to exceed a maximum of \$8,000 at an approved, accredited training provider. (Note: Any PRC issued for tuition effective 1/1/03 to present will be counted toward the \$8,000 limit).
- Supportive services up to a maximum of \$1,500 may also be approved for car repairs. Car repairs will be covered only for individuals who are currently employed; who are currently in school enrolled in a course of study related to a demand occupation; or who, if unemployed, have been unemployed 6 months or less and are actively seeking new employment. For car repairs, the PRC applicant must secure 3 written estimates. The agency will authorize the lowest estimate. (Note: Any PRC issued for car repairs effective 7/1/04 to present will be counted toward the \$1,500 limit).

Training-Tuition:

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Amt. Issued</u>
Brown Mackie	4	\$ 7,020.00
ITT Technical Institute	1	\$ 3,247.00
Lourdes College	1	\$ 4,434.67
Mercy College of Nursing	1	\$ 1,422.47
Northwest Ohio Health Education Ctr.	45	\$ 24,114.00
Ohio Business College	1	\$ 1,457.58
Owens Community College	3	\$ 3,417.80
Penta Career Center	1	\$ 1,600.00
Terra Community College	42	\$ 72,027.38
Tiffin University	3	\$ 5,134.20
Toledo Dental Academy	1	\$ 5,500.00
Trainco	2	\$ 6,984.50
University of Toledo	1	\$ 3,889.37
<u>Vanguard</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 2,321.00</u>
Totals:	109	\$142,569.97
\$1,307.98 average/individual		

Training Providers



Training—Required Items:

<u>Need</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Amt. Issued</u>
Uniforms	64	\$ 8,243.49
Other (insurance/test fees)	53	\$ 4,686.00
Totals:	117	\$ 12,929.49

\$150.50 average/individual

Training—Supportive:

<u>Need</u>	<u>Individuals Served</u>	<u>Amt. Issued</u>
Car Repair	128	\$ 118,886.71
Mileage Reimbursement	17	\$ 4,170.00
Totals:	458	\$ 123,056.71

\$848.66 average/individual

Chapter 10: TANF-WIA Supplement:

WIA incentive and WIA supplemental dollars will be used for workforce development services for TANF eligible individuals.

- \$0 expended

Chapter 11: Kinship Navigator

PRC funds will be used for the Kinship Navigator Program.

- \$1,916.50 expended

Chapter 12: Wellness

PRC funds will be used for the Wellness Program.

- \$28,439.10 expended

Chapter 13: Diversion Services

PRC assistance may be issued as a diversion service so that qualifying households may avoid using their time limited OWF in situations where the adult head of household has a short-term disability. For purposes of this program, a short-term disability is defined as the following:

1. A pregnant woman with a doctor's statement verifying her due date and expected date of return to employment
2. An individual who has a doctor's statement verifying a temporary medical condition which prevents that individual from engaging in any type of work activity or training and for which the individual currently is receiving on-going treatment.

It further must be verified that the individual was employed at the onset of the incapacity and will be able to return to the same employment no later than 4 months from the beginning date of that incapacity.

Effective 10-01-08 the plan was revised to include PRC assistance may be issued as a diversion service so that qualifying households are provided short-term relief to remedy a crisis that puts the assistance group in jeopardy if unpaid.

In order for the assistance group to be found eligible for Diversion Services, the assistance group's gross income must be at or below the 200% of the federal poverty level for that particular household size.

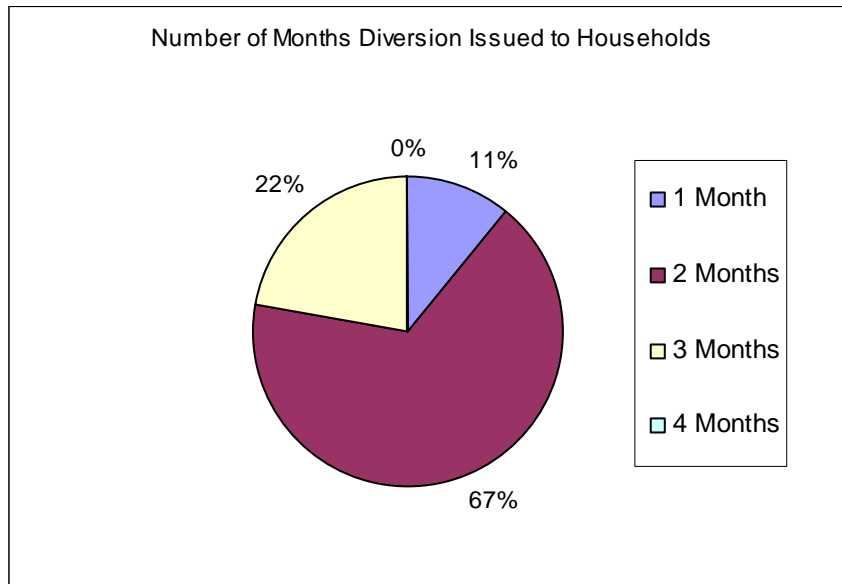
The check will be for the amount of one verified specific crisis or episode of need for that particular household size and will be issued for the length of the specific crisis or episode of need; or the length of the disability, whichever time period is shorter.

A list of possible items and/or services that may be provided under this chapter of the PRC Plan. This is not an all-inclusive list. The items and/or services are:

- Mortgage payment and Homeowners Insurance
- Rent payment and Renter’s Insurance
- Utilities
- Car Payments and Car Insurance

- 9 Households assisted
- \$9,044.68 expended
 - \$1,004.96 average/household

<u># of Months Issued</u>	<u># of Households</u>	<u>Total Issued</u>	<u>Ave. Issuance</u>
1	1	\$ 334.50	\$ 334.50
2	6	\$ 4,559.47	\$ 759.91
3	2	\$ 4,150.71	\$ 2,075.35
4	0	\$ 0.00	\$ 0



SERVICE SUMMARY

	\$ Total 2008	\$ Total 2009	+/- Change	\$ Ave. 2008	\$ Ave. 2009	+/- Change
Ch. 1	\$9,844.51	\$3,311.53	(\$6,532.98)	\$179.00	\$301.04	\$122.04
Ch. 2	\$2,300.00	\$1,500.00	(\$800.00)	\$1,150.00	\$1,500.00	\$350.00
Ch. 3	\$13,669.76	\$28,963.37	\$15,293.61	\$911.32	\$1,379.20	\$467.88
Ch. 4	\$176,441.79	\$136,830.62	(\$39,611.17)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 5	\$386,105.96	\$67,589.62	(\$318,516.34)	\$595.84	\$751.00	\$155.16
Ch. 6	\$33,000.00	\$0	(\$33,000.00)	\$942.86	N/A	(\$942.86)
Ch. 7	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 8	\$61,107.60	\$49,275.34	(\$11,832.26)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 9-Training	\$357,150.64	\$142,569.97	(\$214,580.67)	\$1,630.82	\$1,307.98	(\$322.84)
Ch. 9-Required	\$22,018.14	\$12,929.49	(\$9,088.65)	\$170.68	\$150.50	(\$20.18)
Ch. 9-Supportive	\$357,706.09	\$123,056.71	(\$234,649.38)	\$827.54	\$848.66	\$21.12
Ch. 10	\$0	\$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 11	\$6,008.44	\$1,916.50	(\$4,091.94)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 12	\$57,661.61	\$28,439.10	(\$29,222.51)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ch. 13	\$25,890.00	\$9,044.68	(\$16,845.32)	\$719.16	\$1,004.96	\$285.80