

**SANDUSKY COUNTY PREVENTION,
RETENTION and CONTINGENCY
PLAN (PRC)
ANNUAL REPORT 2011**



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 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.

- 1 Household Assisted
- \$962.50 expended for 1 First Month's Rent and Security Deposit
- Average of \$962.50 per Household

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

- 3 Households Assisted
- \$5, 185.56 Expended
 - \$1,728.52 Average/Household

Chapter 9: Workforce Development

TANF monies may be issued to adults who are employed at least 20 hours per week at federal minimum wage or working less than 20 hours per week with earnings equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 20 hours per week and earning at least \$592 during the month of June 2011 in order to help families obtain self-sufficiency. Under this program, eligible households could qualify for a one-time gift card to Wal-Mart to purchase household and employment related items excluding alcohol and tobacco products.

- 730 Households Assisted
- \$328,500.00 Expended
 - \$450.00 Average/Household

TANF additional funds will be issued to purchase laptops that will enable low-income Workforce Investment Act (WIA)-eligible Sandusky County youth to gain valuable computer skills. This program will operate for one month beginning December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, or until all laptops have been distributed.

- 23 Households Assisted
- \$9,839.25 Expended
 - \$427.80 Average/Household