Job & Family Services

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Local agencies currently administer programs for three federal agencies:

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

Counties also receive direction and oversight from four different state entities:

- Job & Family Services
- Medicaid
- Administrative Services
- Innovate Ohio (Workforce)
- Innovate Ohio (Technology)
County JFS Departments:

Administer **over 100 programs** and **50 major funding streams**.

These 50 funding streams are balanced **over 5 different fiscal cycles**.
OHIO HAS THE LARGEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM IN THE NATION

| Serving 1 in 4 Ohioans at any point in time | 75% of individuals served are seniors, children, or disabled | What are your communities’ demographics? |
STATE SUPERVISED/COUNTY ADMINISTERED

State – ODJFS/ODM

- Federally Designated State Agencies
- Federal & State Law Interpretation
- Compliance Driven
- Rule Development
- Auditing and Monitoring

County JFS Depts.

- Provide Direct Services to Clients
- Determine Eligibility
- Direct Resources to Community
- Program Integrity
- Operationalize programs
Every county has a JFS agency for public assistance

2 multi-county JFS departments (Hocking, Ross, Vinton & Defiance/Paulding)

Public Children Services Agencies (PCSAs), Child Support Enforcement Agencies (CSEAs), and OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) Centers may be under the county JFS umbrella or stand-alone. (Some CSEAs are under the county prosecutor or judge)

- 69 county JFS agencies house OMJ Centers
- 62 county JFS agencies house PCSAs
- 68 county JFS agencies house CSEAs
MAJOR PROGRAMS

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Ohio Works First & Prevention, Retention, Contingency

Food Assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP)

Workforce Development

Comprehensive Case Management & Employment Program (CCMEP)

Child Care

Medicaid
State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Long Term Care, Aged/Blind/Disabled

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)

Adult Protective Services (APS)
COUNTY COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE JFS INCLUDE:

**Funding Responsibilities** include mandated share; children services; other contributions to meet community needs.

**Appointing authority** for JFS director and children services board; co-appointing authority for other JFS personnel.

**Strengthening partnerships** with local leaders. (e.g. Prosecutor and law enforcement on protective services; judges on special dockets or maximizing child protection funds.)
THE ROLE OF OJFSDA

- Represent county interests to the state
- Advocate on behalf of counties to the state legislature and administration
- Keep counties informed of issues at the state and national level which may impact county programs
- Provide general assistance to county leaders
AS A JFS SYSTEM WE ARE:

- Eligibility-based, not need-based
- Perceived as the face of no
- The agency of last resort
- Where every other system’s poor outcomes are directed.
THE PEOPLE WE SERVE:

More are working now than ever before

75% are children, seniors, or disabled

One-third are new to the system

One in Four Ohioans are in our system at any point in time.
QUESTIONS?

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