

COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES OF CENTRAL OHIO
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CMS COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST (rev 1-5-2017)

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (BACK RENT; DEPOSIT; FIRST MONTH RENT; UTILITIES)

- **Prevention, Retention, and Contingency** (PRC) program at ODJFS 614-233-2000, press 1 for English, then press 1 for Opportunity Center address
-Offers employed adults with children short-term assistance or wage supplementation (www.odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov) 866-747-1040
- Impact Community Action
-Offers emergency assistance for rental, water/utility, and furniture to Franklin County residents without children (or if PRC denied)
- Salvation Army (emergency rent assistance when available) 614-221-6561
- COMPASS 614-463-9612
-Offers \$100 for rent in a 12-month period (eviction notice required)
- See Special Assistance for Veterans Below

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSISTANCE

- Central Point of Access (families and single adults) 888-474-3587

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFORMATION

- Columbus Metropolitan Housing 614-421-6000
-Manages Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) in Franklin County
- Community Housing Network 614-487-6731
-Rents affordable apartments to people with histories of homelessness or disabled by mental illness or substance abuse
- Affordable Rental Housing:
 - Homeport Columbus: <http://homeportohio.org>
 - Community Properties of Ohio: <http://propertylist.cpoms.org>
 - Ohio Housing Locator: <http://www.ohiohousinglocator.org>
 - National Church Residences: <http://www.nationalchurchresidences.org>
-Offers low cost/supportive housing for ages 55+ and parties with physical, mental, or addiction related disabilities)

FOOD ASSISTANCE

- Office of Family Stability (at ODJFS) 877-852-0010
- Hands On Central Ohio Foodline 614-341-2282
- Senior Food Boxes - Salvation Army 614-221-6561

ESSENTIAL FURNISHINGS ASSISTANCE

- Salvation Army 614-221-6561
- Furniture Bank of Central Ohio 614-272-9544

EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING SERVICES

- Unemployment Compensation Benefits (at ODJFS) 877-644-6562

EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING SERVICES (continued)

- Office of Workforce Development (at ODJFS) 888-296-7541
-Provides information on unemployment compensation, Ohio Means Jobs help desk, and One-Stop Employment center services
- Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation 614-559-5052
-Offers free job-seeking services for Franklin County residents

MONEY MANAGEMENT/BUDGETING EDUCATION SERVICES

- Apprisen (formerly Consumer Credit Counseling of Central OH) 800-355-2227 or 614-552-2222
-Offers free, initial counseling session to create an individualized action plan

PHYSICAL /MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND PRESCRIPTION SERVICES

- Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers 614-645-5500
Offers medical, dental, and vision services
- Partnership for Prescription Assistance Rx 888-477-2669
- Franklin County Prescription Discount Card 614-525-5268
- Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio 614-227-0301, press 2
- Netcare Access 614-276-2273
Provides 24-hour mental health and substance abuse crisis services at 199 S. Central Avenue and 741 E. Broad Street. Non-crisis services (walk-in) at 741 E. Broad St, M-F, 8AM-3:30PM.
- Mental Health America of Franklin County 614-221-1441
- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) 800-589-7277 or 614-645-7250

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

- CHOICES - Eliminating Domestic Violence 614-224-4663
-Offers 24-hour crisis and information services, temporary shelter, counseling, legal and community advocacy

IMMIGRATION SERVICES/ENGLISH CLASSES

- Community Refugee & Immigration Services 614-235-5747
- English for Speakers of Other Languages 614-456-1520

VETERANS' SERVICES

- Ohio Department of Veterans Services 877-644-6838
- FC Veterans Service Commission 614-525-2500
(Offers emergency financial help and employment services)
- Volunteers of America (Veterans & Families FIRST Program) 614-629-9960
- Grassbaugh Vets Project (free legal assistance for vets) 614-292-0290
- Urban League (housing discrimination help)
- Military Vets Resource Center 614-230-0662

LEGAL INFORMATION/ASSISTANCE

- LEGAL AID OF COLUMBUS 888-246-4418 or 614-241-2001
- COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION (lawyer referral service) 877-560-1014 or 614-221-0754
- Capital Law School Legal Clinic 614-236-6245

TO CONNECT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES IN OHIO

- Hands-On Central Ohio (formerly First Link) 614-221-2255 or 211
(text message with a representative at 614-702-7777;
"chat" with a representative at www.handsoncentralohio.org/chat)
- The Ohio Benefit Bank 800-648-1176
- Affordable Child Care Information (Action for Children) 855-302-4453
- Child Support Enforcement Agency 800-686-1556
- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging 614-645-7250