

FACT SHEET

ODJFS

VISION:

To strengthen Ohio's families through the delivery of integrated solutions to temporary challenges.

Programs and Services

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services develops and oversees programs and services designed to help Ohioans become independent through education, employment, job skills, and training. Other ODJFS programs help to ensure a safe and healthy environment for individuals and families who need help caring for their basic needs.

A major responsibility of the department is to work with county departments of job and family services, county child support enforcement agencies and county public children's services agencies to develop social service programs to strengthen families, protect children and provide children with the opportunity for a better life.

Funding and Administration

Programs are funded by the state and the federal government. Some programs are administered locally by county agencies. Other programs, such as unemployment compensation are administered directly by the department.

The department's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006 budget of more than \$17.1 billion represents the largest budget of any "State of Ohio" agency. About 62 percent of funding comes from the federal government.

More than \$11.1 billion of the annual department budget supports the Medicaid program and provides health care for children, pregnant women, families, the elderly and Ohioans with disabilities who have limited incomes. About \$1.4 billion in state and federal welfare funds provide families with cash assistance, child care assistance, work support and emergency assistance.

Approximately \$1.3 billion in federal funding passes through ODJFS to other state agencies, including but not limited to, the departments of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health and Aging.

For more information, visit the ODJFS web site at: jfs.ohio.gov

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ODJFS is a vital part of Ohio's economy. Its programs and services impact and touch many lives.

In State Fiscal Year 2005:

- \$1.1 billion in unemployment compensation benefits were paid; 550,000 Ohioans received unemployment benefits.
- \$2 billion in child support payments were collected and disbursed. More than 1.4 million children were served by the child support program.
- More than \$1 billion in food stamp benefits were issued to more than 1 million participants.
- More than 2 million Ohioans were enrolled in Medicaid.