

WARREN COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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The **Warren County Community Services, Inc.** is the local community action agency and they have numerous programs and services for local residents. Stop by their main office at 570 N. St. Rt. 741 Lebanon, OH 45036, or call them at (513) 695-2100 to learn more.

Crisis and Emergency Services

The organization can provide grants and other aid to help people deal with emergency situations. The WCCS staff may provide families with limited [financial assistance](#) that can be used to pay for utilities, rent payments, medical bills and prescription medication. Counselors and WCC staff members will assist families with problem solving, counseling, and referrals to other agencies to help people become self-sufficient. They can even provide information on [Ohio's mortgage assistance](#) programs, and counselors and other professionals that can [help with debt](#).

Heating Bill Assistance

The Ohio Winter Crisis Program run by Community Services provides cash grants and other forms of assistance to eligible households that are currently disconnected, or who may be threatened with disconnection of their primary or secondary heating source. Help is also available for people who have less than a ten day supply of bulk fuel or heating oil. You can only apply for aid once per year.

Summer Crisis Program

If you need help with paying your cooling and air conditioning bills during the hot summer months, the Ohio Summer Crisis Program is an option. The program may provide financial assistance and cash grants to eligible seniors, who are age 60 or older, on their summertime electric bill. You can usually apply around June of each year.

Job Assistance from the Employment Advocate Program

Yet another resource offered by Family Services/Community Services is help with finding a job, and improving job skills. People can now help unemployed workers maintain, increase or keep their income, and ensure they are becoming self-sufficient by overcoming the barriers to employment. The job training and assistance program has information on updating job skills, completing one's education, information on which companies are hiring in the area and where the jobs are and how to apply for them. In addition, additional help is available for:

- Improve interviewing skills
- Resume advice and development
- How to answer difficult interview questions
- Develop a 30 second "commercial" on your skills
- Resources and tips for searching for jobs on the internet
- Networking advice
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Weatherization Services

This is a federal government funded program, and **Warren County Community Services (WCCS) Inc.**, administers this program for local families. They provide weatherization services that assists income eligible residents that live in Warren County, and the goal is to help them reduce energy costs and heating bills by improving the energy efficiency of their homes. The program is free to homeowners. Weatherization provides free energy saving measures such as:

- Making minor door and [window repairs](#)
- Insulating walls, attics, and basements
- Repairing or cleaning heating systems
- Performing safety inspections and tests of the homes
- Sealing air leaks around doors, windows, and other areas of the homes
- Wrapping hot water heaters, pipes, etc.
- Filling plumbing around homes with foam to save energy

Rent Assistance in Warren County

The **Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority** (phone number (513) 695-3380) is receiving almost \$200,000 in government funding that is to be used to provide rent, prevent evictions, and give housing assistance.

The rent program was established back in 1991, and the primary goal is to assist the Warren County's families who are facing an eviction, people who are currently homeless, and others who seek housing help. They assist families through a two-year program. In addition, the program works closely with local charities and shelters to provide rent assistance, supportive services, and housing.

Services offered from the authority include case management, [medical bill advocacy](#), [subsidized housing](#), money management, life skills classes, employment skills, help find jobs, and educational training. Contact them to learn more.

Help for Warren County Families from the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program

A federal government grant for almost \$135,000 has been provided to Warren County and Lebanon Ohio.

The money will be provided to local charity organizations and non-profit groups, and they will use the money to supplement or expand ongoing feeding, sheltering and rent/mortgage or utility assistance in the county.

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The following groups should be distributing the funds to people in need. Contact them to learn more or apply for assistance. Family Abuse Shelter ((513) 925-1107), Kings Local School District Community Services, Lebanon Food Pantry, Franklin Area Community Services ((937) 746-8457), Little Miami Food Services, Lebanon Community Services, Interfaith Hospitality Network ((513) 934-5250), Warren County Community Services and New Housing Ohio-Bernie's Place.

Credit counseling, debt reduction, and foreclosure assistance

All of the above financial management issues, and much more, are provided by **Consumer Credit Counseling Service**. You can call the agency to speak one on one with a credit counselor, or HUD approved foreclosure prevention specialist. They can also advise on such items as bankruptcy advice. Call 513-366-4500

Lifespan Credit Counseling (phone 513-868-9220) is another credit/debt counseling agency to try.

Social Services

Two of the non-profits that may have financial help, but will definitely have information for you, are the **Kings Local Pantry and Community Service** (513-494-2692) as well as **Lebanon Food Pantry and Community Service** (513-228-2555).

Salvation Army of South Lebanon is another agency to call for help. They may have very limited financial assistance for paying rent, utility, and heating bills. They can also provide food and groceries. 513-494-1911

Faith Ministries (phone 513-459-8509) may also be able to help the low income, working poor, and unemployed.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/index.html>