



## THE OHIO BENEFIT BANK

### WHAT IS THE BENEFIT BANK?

The Ohio Benefit Bank links people with resources and programs to help meet their basic needs. The Benefit Bank is a repository of information for the various aid systems in Ohio (food assistance, veteran benefits, prescription drug costs, etc.). Instead of consumers attempting to navigate each of these organizations individually, the Benefit Bank walks people through the process of finding and accessing the aid to help them become more stable and self-sufficient.

### WHOM DO THEY SERVE?

The Benefit Bank serves those who have trouble meeting their basic needs.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

It is easy to have Benefit Bank counselors at your organization! Your existing staff persons can be trained in the process and sign up clients from your site. Visit [www.ohiobenefits.org](http://www.ohiobenefits.org) and click "Become a Site" to learn more. Clients can also use the Quick Check screening tool on the OBB website or contact them at **1-800-846-1176** to have one of the other OBB counselors walk the client through the process.

After an application is submitted, the system will determine which programs are available to the client and provide instructions for accessing them.

### TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

- Energy assistance
- Free tax filing
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Nutrition programs
- SSI/SSDI
- Prescription coverage
- Childcare assistance
- Federal student aid
- Food assistance programs
- Youth mentorships
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Veteran benefits
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children nutrition program)
- Voter registration