

HOW TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE IN LORAIN COUNTY

Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services
42485 North Ridge Road
Elyria, OH 44035
General Phone Number: (440) 323-5726 or (440) 244-4150
Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance Call Center: (440) 284-4300
Child Support Call Center: (440) 284-4401
Fax Number: (440) 323-3422
TDD Phone Number: (440) 284-4125

Please Note: You only need ONE application for multiple programs. For example, if you are applying for Cash and Medical Assistance, only complete one application online or on paper.

How do I apply for OWF Cash Assistance?

Apply online using the following link: <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>
Apply through the Ohio Benefit Bank by either calling 1-800-648-1176 or using their online application at <http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>
Print out a JFS 7200 Application for Assistance and submit it via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)
Complete an application in the LCJFS lobby and submit it to the front desk

How do I apply for SNAP?

Apply online using the following link: <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>
Apply through the Ohio Benefit Bank by either calling 1-800-648-1176 or using their online application at <http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>
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How do I apply for ABD Medicaid?

Apply online at <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>
Apply through the Ohio Benefit Bank by either calling 1-800-648-1176 or using their online application at <http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>
Print out a ODM 7216 Application for Health Coverage & Help Paying Costs and submit it via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)
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How do I apply for MAGI Medicaid?

Apply online at <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>
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How do I apply for MBIWD?

Print out a JFS 7200 Application for Assistance and an ODM 7211 MBIWD Addendum and submit them via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)
Complete the applications in the LCJFS front lobby and submit them to the front desk

How do I apply for MPAP?

Apply through the Ohio Benefit Bank by either calling 1-800-648-1176 or using their online application at <http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>
Print out an ODM 7216 Application for Health Coverage & Help Paying Costs and submit it via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)
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How do I apply for Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Assistance?

Apply through the Ohio Benefit Bank by either calling 1-800-648-1176 or using their online application at <http://www.ohiobenefits.org/>

Print out a JFS 7200 Application for Assistance and submit it via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)

Complete an application in the LCJFS lobby and submit it to the front desk

How do I apply for Waiver?

Print out a ODM 2399 Request for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services and a JFS 7200 Application for Assistance and submit them via U.S. Mail, Fax (440-323-3422), or e-mail (Lorain_intake@jfs.ohio.gov)

Complete the ODM 2399 and JFS 7200 Application for Assistance in the LCJFS lobby and submit them to the front desk

The Information and Referral (I & R) Program assists clients with additional needs that public assistance programs may not address. If LCDJFS does not have a program or funding to assist your specific needs, we can refer you to other agencies or organizations that can help. These needs include:

- Prescriptions
- Housing/shelter for homeless and transient individuals
- Furniture referrals
- Eye glasses
- Food
- Utility bill shut-offs
- Rent

If you need assistance with any of the above needs, call the LCDJFS Call Center at (440) 284-4300 and ask to speak to someone in the I & R Department. Walk-ins are also accepted during normal business hours.

Every day in Lorain County, someone is in need of essential services - from finding substance abuse treatment to securing food for their family. Faced with these problems, people often don't know where to turn. In many cases, people end up going without these necessary and readily available services because they don't know where to start. United Way of Greater Lorain County 211 assists over 10,000 callers in finding services to meet their needs each year.

What is 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is an easy to remember phone number that connects individuals with resources in the community. 2-1-1 provides individuals with information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and can also help them in crisis situations. 2-1-1 is a central number to call when individuals and families need services, or when they want to make a meaningful contribution of time or goods.

Dial 2-1-1 or call 1-800-275-6106