

Ohio Works First (OWF)

Ohio Works First (OWF) is the financial assistance portion of Ohio's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. OWF was established to provide time-limited assistance to eligible families. OWF provides cash benefits to eligible, needy families for up to 36 months. After 36 months, a family cannot receive additional assistance unless the County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) approves an extension of benefits. The emphasis of OWF is self-sufficiency, personal responsibility and employment. Applications and eligibility determinations for OWF are completed at the CDJFS in the county in which you live. You can also access an application online at: <http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs>.