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Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Development Reserve (PRCDR) Projects for the State of Ohio

Executive Summary

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program is the cornerstone of Ohio's welfare reform efforts. The local flexibility inherent in this new program encourages counties to develop initiatives that strive to prevent Ohio's working families from seeking public assistance as well as provide the necessary work support services to encourage the formation and maintenance of healthy families. PRC also encompasses projects funded through the PRC Development Reserve (PRCDR) fund that enabled the expansion of PRC services within communities. This report provides brief descriptions of PRCDR projects funded for the time period January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 and is accurate as of August 31, 2000. Actual project numbers and expenditures to date may vary due to amendments to PRCDR projects that may have occurred in counties since September 1, 2000.

The wide-ranging diversity among PRCDR projects contained herein illustrates the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit with which county agencies approached implementing the PRC program. These project narratives highlight creative opportunities that have been undertaken throughout the State of Ohio to address a broad range of societal issues that impact an individual's ability to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Proposals have been categorized into one of the following ten subject areas: employment and training; diversion, work support, and retention; child welfare and protection; non-custodial parents; pregnancy prevention; domestic violence; emergency, contingency, and disaster services; youth and educational support services (birth to age 18); community and economic development; and early start. A total of \$299.1 million funded 1,207 proposals. The amount of funding allocated to each of the ten categories is presented in the following table.

Category	Funding	Number of Projects	Percent of total funding
Employment and training	\$88.4 million	222 projects	29.6%
Youth educational support services	\$61.3 million	262 projects	20.5%
Diversion, work support, and retention	\$44.4 million	238 projects	14.8%
Child welfare and protection	\$43.9 million	171 projects	14.7%
Community and economic development	\$18.9 million	84 projects	6.3%
Emergency, contingency, and disaster services	\$15.3 million	54 projects	5.1%
Non-custodial parents	\$8.6 million	34 projects	2.9%
Pregnancy prevention	\$7.2 million	48 projects	2.4%
Domestic violence	\$5.6 million	52 projects	1.9%
Early Start	\$5.5 million	42 projects	1.8%
TOTAL	\$299.1 million	1,207 projects	100%

This report summarizes all projects in Category 2 Diversion, work support, and retention. Clients are offered a variety of supportive services to divert them from becoming unemployed and to help them make the transition to the labor market after being unemployed. These programs include behavioral and job mentoring, legal and mediation services, mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services, transportation, wage subsidies, health access programs, and short-term diversion payments. For a total compilation of county projects please see *Volume 1 Description of PRCDR Projects by County*.

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<p><i>Allen County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Diversion Program A staff person will be hired to meet with people when they first arrive at the CDJFS to apply for cash assistance. This screening person will determine their immediate needs and make recommendations. If more intensive services are required, a referral will be made. Short-term follow-up will be provided.</p> <p>☞☞ Mentoring Program Persons will be hired to mentor OWF- and PRC-eligible, newly employed participants. They will meet regularly with employers and with participants to solve potential problems before they become job threatening. Community organizations and agencies will be contacted to provide these services; if they are unavailable, the CDJFS will hire the mentors.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Program Hope Developmental Center will contract with the CDJFS to provide transportation to OWF- and PRC-eligible persons 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Issues Program Allen County Blackhoof Area Legal Services Association will provide legal services to OWF- and PRC-eligible persons in any area that is prohibiting a person from obtaining or retaining employment. They will be hiring a third year law student with proper certification to provide these services.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$45,300</p> <p align="right">\$520,500</p> <p align="right">\$45,000</p> <p align="right">\$15,000</p>
<p><i>Ashtabula County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Prenatal/Postpartum Health Care Classes The CDJFS will assist pregnant women and teens by teaching them about appropriate exercise and diet during their pregnancies. The women will be led through an exercise routine that will enhance prenatal wellness. They will also be instructed in the areas of nutrition, awareness of bodily changes, and benefits of exercise during pregnancy. Postpartum classes will also be included that stress cardiovascular health and the strengthening of muscles.</p> <p>☞☞ PRC Transportation Services Community citizens that qualify for PRC funding will also have access to a coordinated transportation service through this program. CDJFS will increase the current service and help target families get to places they need. The service will run sixteen hours per day and also help transport children to school or childcare facilities.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$90,042</p> <p align="right">\$263,836</p>

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<p><i>Athens County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Health Related Services This program will address supportive service needs associated with health care. Families at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold with health related issues will be eligible for case management, homemaker, and educational support services. Staff will provide assistance in scheduling appointments, assuring transportation, coordinating with doctors, and providing relevant education to patients and families.</p> <p>☞☞ Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence This program will identify problems and make appropriate referrals for individuals and families with mental health, substance abuse, and/or domestic violence issues. Local mental health and substance abuse agencies will be contracted to provide on-site consultations to the CDJFS and local schools, a 24-hour crisis hotline/information & referral service will be set up, educational prevention programs will be employed in schools, and workforce readiness programs will be implemented.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$420,000</p> <p align="right">\$300,000</p>
<p><i>Auglaize County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Career Mentoring Program CDJFS will contract out these services to a qualified organization. To be eligible for a career mentor, the person must be eligible for PRC assistance as well as being involved in some type of work activity. The mentor's role would be to lead the person toward employment and economic self-sufficiency.</p> <p>☞☞ OWF Transition: The Employee Retention, Assessment & Assistance (ERAA) Program CDJFS will contract out these services to a qualified organization. The Employee Retention, Assessment & Assistance (ERAA) program is designed to assist low-income working families retain employment. Upon completion of an assessment and identification of target services, access to supportive services will be implemented via the use of an employment coordinator.</p> <p>☞☞ Employment Transportation The Auglaize-Mercer Community Action Commission will dedicate one vehicle and a driver to provide employment transportation to persons eligible for PRC assistance, regardless of shift or hours.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$216,000</p> <p align="right">\$120,000</p> <p align="right">\$24,999</p>

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<p><i>Belmont County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Employment Encouragement The Community Action Commission of Belmont County is offering the Employment Encouragement program for clients of the CDJFS who have moved into employment. This program offers a support group to help these people deal with the problems of maintaining employment, such as getting along with co-workers, missing work, letting personal problems interfere with work, using drugs and/or alcohol, the importance of personal appearance, and time management.</p> <p>☞☞ Job Mentoring Program The Women’s Tri-County Help Center, Inc., will initiate a job mentor program to help women who have “soft-skill” barriers to work. Two job mentors will provide 10 WEP participants with insights and understanding of the hidden rules that lead to success in work, and will help them adopt behaviors that will lead to successful employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$211,833</p> <p align="center">\$100,574</p>
<p><i>Butler County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Child-Centered Employer Subsidy Single parents who receive OWF and cannot work because one of their children is severely disabled can become employed through this program. The CDJFS will find a home health care provider to train the parent in MRDD services and will then subsidize the parent’s employment, allowing him or her to get paid while working with their child.</p> <p>☞☞ Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board - Sojourner ADAS will address post-treatment needs of families recovering from substance abuse. Family specialists will work directly with families and individuals in adolescent outpatient and residential treatment, as well as the Family Drug Court Program. Comprehensive assessments will be given, a plan of action developed, counseling and transportation to Work Opportunity Centers offered, and follow ups provided. The targeted population of this project consists of both adult and adolescent substance abusers, focusing on families at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$633,800</p> <p align="center">\$359,000</p>
<p><i>Carroll County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Community Mental Health - Comprehensive Assessments in CDJFS/OWF Clinical staff from Community Mental Healthcare will provide CDJFS with a comprehensive assessment approach to identify the barriers, including the underlying mental, emotional, and abuse problems that often impede, restrict, or prevent OWF families from attaining economic self-sufficiency.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$39,648</p>

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<p><i>Carroll County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Big Brothers/Big Sisters Big Brothers/Big Sisters will provide a plan management program to families at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold. The 12-month program is an extension of the current programs that include activities such as Peer Mentors, Face-to-Face, and High School Sidekicks.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Drug Board - Project Moves A consortium of behavioral health care organizations will provide outreach assessments, case management, medical examinations and vocational services for low-income OWF clients. Should a primary or behavioral health care problem be identified, these services will culminate in the development of a treatment plan to assist the recipient in identifying and overcoming barriers to employability and in attaining self-sufficiency.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Mental Healthcare - Student Support Services Community Mental Healthcare, Inc., will employ a social worker for each school district. The social workers will provide intervention and education as a means of prevention for children and families at risk due to the identified risk factors of violence and/or substance abuse. At least 30 elementary school students in families at or below 300% of the federal poverty threshold will be served.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$33,634</p> <p align="right">\$142,204</p> <p align="right">\$82,128</p>
<p><i>Champaign County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Champaign Transit - Job Site Residents feel a transit system providing transportation to community members in need should be implemented. The plan calls for transportation for those who need a ride to and from work and those that cannot get to work for other reasons. This would increase employment and help area industries.</p> <p>☞☞ Adriel - Family Mentoring The purpose of this proposal is to provide a family mentor for children attending Adriel School and their families. The mentor will assist the families as a role model, as a trainer for the parents, as a homemaker, and as support for the family. Target families are those with vulnerable, at-risk children.</p> <p>☞☞ PRC - Legal Assistance This proposal calls for professional legal assistance to residents of Champaign County whose incomes are below 150% of the poverty rate. Counseling, advice, and other services will be provided. The program is expected to increase awareness of legal issues concerning expungement of criminal records, stepparent adoptions, and the rights of victims of domestic violence.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$13,500</p> <p align="right">\$83,450</p> <p align="right">\$56,000</p>

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<i>Clark County</i>	
<u>PRCDR Projects</u>	<u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u>
<p>☞☞ Family Dispute Mediation Services The Clark County Juvenile Court will provide family dispute mediation services to families served by the Family and Children’s Services Division. In addition to providing mediation services directly to at-risk families, the court will also provide training to the Division staff.</p>	\$83,300
<p>☞☞ Legal Assistance Rural Legal Aid Society of West Central Ohio will provide legal services to families who are eligible for PRC assistance. Areas for potential services include: expungement, domestic violence, divorces involving children, debt or financial problems, housing problems, SSI case management, matters related to relief from administration of probate, and other legal issues.</p>	\$100,000
<p>☞☞ Independent Job Assessment Medical Examinations - Mercy Occupational Health Center Mercy Occupational Health Center will provide independent medical evaluations of referred individuals who are active OWF participants or who are applying for OWF cash assistance. Exam will include review of medical records, review of job description, examination of client, completion of form and a typed narrative report of findings and recommendations by the physician.</p>	\$30,000
<p>☞☞ Independent Job Assessment Medical Examinations - Community Hospital Center for Occupational Health & Medicine Community Hospital Center for Occupational Health & Medicine will provide independent medical evaluations of referred individuals who are active OWF participants or who are applying for OWF cash assistance. Exam will include review of medical records, review of health history form, comprehensive examination, and a typed letter of results and doctor’s opinion.</p>	\$30,000
<p>☞☞ Mentoring Partnership with CORE - Christian Workplace Mentoring Ministry Christian Workplace Mentoring Ministry will activate the church community by creating a model in mentoring at-risk people in the workplace. The goals are to move adults from welfare to work and to help at-risk adults gain and retain employment. Participants will be involved in a job-readiness training program.</p>	\$144,781
<p>☞☞ Buddy System Project - Christian Workplace Mentoring Ministry The Christian Workplace Mentoring Ministry will implement a buddy system for entry-level employees who earn less than \$9 an hour. These individuals will be matched with a mentor who will participate in job training and provide on-the-job coaching. The mentor may also provide other services as needed.</p>	\$252,644
<p>☞☞ Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board (ADMH)/McKinley Hall McKinley Hall is a nonprofit organization that provides prevention, treatment, and recovery services to reduce chemical dependency. It will begin working directly with CDJFS, along with the Eastern Miami Valley ADMH, to provide services to referred OWF recipients. The staff of McKinley Hall will train CDJFS staff members to identify substance abuse and mental health problems and to work more effectively with clients. The staff will also give client assessments and serve as a liaison with the social workers. The McKinley Hall staff will subsequently work with clients who have been assessed as having a substance abuse or mental health issue.</p>	\$164,230

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<p><i>Clark County</i> <i>(continued)</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Med-Trans, Inc. – Employment Transportation Med-Trans, Inc., will serve low-income families who cannot work due to a lack of reliable transportation. The WorkPlus program will offer targeted individuals free and reliable transportation to work or child care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The participants will have access to the service for up to 90 days.</p> <p>☞☞ Mental Health Services /Job Link Approximately 40 individuals with chronic disabilities or multiple barriers to employment will have access to this service. The participants will be provided several services, all focused on job development, job coaching, or follow up services. The clients will be provided with job readiness training and prepared for the world of work after being assessed for what types of jobs they can perform. The types of jobs in which the individuals will work are office, assembly/manufacturing, janitorial, warehouse, retail, medical, food service, construction, and social services.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$399,625</p> <p align="right">\$131,212</p>
<p><i>Clermont County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Partners in Health: Health Access Program Clermont Family Health Connections will assist low-income employed families in obtaining Medicaid coverage, other health benefits, and non-covered medical services and will act as an advocate to help families access appropriate quality care and preventive services.</p> <p>☞☞ Employer Training for Supervisors Curtis and Associates, Inc. will work with the local CDJFS to provide training programs for frontline business supervisors in an effort to help them identify techniques for retention and progression of former and current OWF employees. Training will include employment counseling services, hiring of convicted felons, and programs on identifying available community services and tax credits.</p> <p>☞☞ Out-of-County Placements The local mental health board will contract to provide mental health/substance abuse staff to the local Children’s Protective Service agency. The staff will monitor and oversee residential and outpatient services provided to children placed out of the county, including assurance of appropriateness and timely transition back to the community service system. Further, the staff will provide assessment, crisis intervention, and referral services to assist OWF clients in overcoming mental health issues, alcohol/drug abuse, or other barriers to self-sufficiency.</p> <p>☞☞ TANF Ridership Improvement Project The TANF Ridership Improvement Project (TRIP) will provide transportation to TANF families and other families at or below 300% of the federal poverty threshold. Targeted participants are those without accessibility to job opportunities, education and training programs, and opportunities offered at the Clermont One-Stop Center.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$297,413</p> <p align="right">\$180,000</p> <p align="right">\$120,000</p> <p align="right">\$750,000</p>

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<p><i>Clermont County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Clermont Family Health Connection (CFHC) This collaborative effort between a number of local agencies intends to break down the barriers that prohibit individuals from getting back to the workforce by offering managed health care benefits to those who transition off public assistance. Services under this project include enrolling participants in the CFHC, administering a health risk appraisal, helping participants establish a primary care physician, and assisting participants in developing life plans for improving health.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$74,500</p>
<p><i>Clinton County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Enhanced Protective and Prevention Services The Clinton County Children Services Board will provide services to parents who are eligible for PRC assistance and who have minor children with severe emotional or behavioral problems. These services will include counseling, tutoring, respite care, day treatment, diagnostic assessment services, therapeutic/recreational programs, and in-home aides.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Aid Services Rural Legal Aid Springfield will provide legal services to families who are eligible for PRC assistance. Areas for potential services include: expungement, domestic violence, divorces involving children, debt or financial problems, housing problems, step-parent adoptions, child custody for school enrollment purposes, SSI case management, and other legal issues.</p> <p>☞☞ Clinton County Cars Program Clinton County Community Action will refurbish a minimum of 23 automobiles and sell them to program participants at a low price, with no money down and a low interest rate. The cost of insurance and oil changes will be included in the monthly payments made by the participants.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$250,000</p> <p align="right">\$60,000</p> <p align="right">\$99,940</p>
<p><i>Coshocton County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Community Health Access Project (CHAP) This project will provide outreach and improved health coverage to community residents. Staff will be hired and trained to provide community-based health services to families in-need. Those families that have barriers to health care will be served.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$305,097</p>

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<p><i>Crawford County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Job Mentoring, Employer Mediation Project With this proposal the DJFS hopes to advise and train new employees so that they will maintain their jobs and reduce the rate of turnover. A trained mentor will aid the employee in his or her transition in the new job. At the same time, the mentor could train the individual in order to improve job skills.</p> <p>☞☞ Subsidized Employment Program & Job Retention Bonuses Subsidized employment will be provided to eligible unemployed individuals once every three years. The subsidization will offer residents who fall 200% below the poverty level the chance to gain employment. Furthermore, a job retention bonus will be provided on two occasions.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Services and Benefits Low-income families have problems paying for the costs of transportation (gas, insurance, etc.) and therefore cannot go to work. This plan would pay for costs incurred during travel, enabling eligible participants to transport themselves to work without the worry of job loss stemming from transportation issues.</p> <p>☞☞ Diversion Benefits In exchange for a job-ready individual attending money management classes, beginning job preparation services, and signing off of OWF cash assistance, the DJFS will make vendor payments on rent, utilities, and other services. This will end economic dependency by diverting the person at the time of employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$330,000</p> <p align="right">\$90,000</p> <p align="right">\$135,000</p> <p align="right">\$150,000</p>
<p><i>Cuyahoga County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Coordination of Systems: Access to Health Insurance The CDJFS will engage a contract provider to develop a system to ensure that low-income families are able to access the health insurance coverage that provides them with quality, affordable health care. CDJFS expects to reduce the number of uninsured families, improve their access to primary care services, and create a seamless system of care.</p> <p>☞☞ Children Who Witness Violence Program The Children Who Witness Violence Program (CWWV) is designed to mitigate the effects of psychological trauma resulting from children's exposure to violence through the implementation of a collaborative system of rapid intervention by social service agencies, court and law enforcement officials, educators and other caregivers.</p> <p>☞☞ Partners in Action Mentoring Program Volunteers will be trained by a faith-based organization on Cleveland's Near East Side to mentor approximately 134 families making the transition from public assistance to work. The mentors will advise families on how to link with the appropriate services and will provide affirmation and encouragement to them.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$291,400</p> <p align="right">\$680,000</p> <p align="right">\$112,040</p>

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<p><i>Cuyahoga County</i> <i>(continued)</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Female Youth Mentoring Program This program will serve 24 teenage mothers. Mentoring will be available to these women to help them develop life and work skills and allow them to experience new opportunities. The young women will have a mentor to guide them as they transition from school into finding a career and supporting their families.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$21,000</p>
<p><i>Darke County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Co-Employee Mentorship This project will assist long-term OWF recipients who need help in transitioning into the workforce. A co-worker will be hired to mentor the individual and ensure a smooth transition. The mentor will help individuals develop the proper attitude, integrate themselves in the work force, and handle other day-to-day concerns. Both mentor and participant will be paid according to longevity in the job.</p> <p>☞☞ Employment Transportation Expansion This plan calls for an expansion of the existing Greenville Transit System to extend its operational hours to 24 hours a day and its delivery area to Dayton Metro and all other contiguous counties in Ohio and Indiana. This would provide around-the-clock transportation for residents and enable them to work second- and third-shift jobs.</p> <p>☞☞ Alcohol & Drug Assessments Comprehensive drug evaluations will be given to recovering abusers by a trained clinician hired by the Recovery Services. The goal will be to make sure the individual has fully recovered and can positively impact the workforce. Drug screens and employee retention will be done to aid the evaluations.</p> <p>☞☞ Positive Enrichment Program This proposal targets youth 5-17 years of age at risk of becoming involved with the court system. The Council on Rural Services (CORSP) will hire a Gateway Youth Advocate to advise the youth and help them think about issues more positively. The advocate will work with both child and family to create goals for each person.</p> <p>☞☞ Creating A Life of Purpose: Self-Esteem Enhancement Program The Council on Rural Services Program (CORSP) hopes to implement this program for junior-high-age females. The purpose is to enhance self-image and confidence of participants as they enter early adulthood. The program includes a 26-week session taught by a trained mentor. The mentor will also work with families of participants and provide referrals when necessary.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$180,790</p> <p align="right">\$49,500</p> <p align="right">\$78,250</p> <p align="right">\$102,931</p> <p align="right">\$72,250</p>

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<p><i>Darke County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Therapeutic Parenting - Council on Rural Services (CORSP) CORSP plans to begin a new program for parents whose preschool children exhibit signs of behavioral problems. Once a week, a mental health therapist will provide a three-hour training session for the parents. This will give them guidance and hopefully reduce the problematic behaviors.</p> <p>☞☞ Volunteer Coordinator - Council on Rural Services (CORSP) CORSP plans to hire a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit people to work directly with families of at-risk youth. The coordinator would be responsible for training the volunteers and matching them with the most compatible youth. The ultimate goal is to improve reading skills and homework completion.</p> <p>☞☞ Adjunctive Youth & Family Service Program This proposal aims to eliminate a problem that has arisen in the Mental Health Clinic. Non-Medicaid activities are being charged as Medicaid activities, causing overpayment by Medicaid. This proposal will fix this problem by implementing software that bills Medicaid and non-Medicaid activities separately.</p> <p>☞☞ Michael's Treatment and Resource Center: Family Stability Initiative A new resource center is being established to target children who threaten family stability with chronic involvement in dysfunctional, dangerous, and illegal behaviors. MTRC will use a variety of group and individual intervention techniques in hopes of reducing the threat posed by the targeted children.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$18,576</p> <p align="right">\$27,133</p> <p align="right">\$210,503</p> <p align="right">\$216,000</p>
<p><i>Delaware County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Family and Children First Council - First Steps Parent Visitor Experienced moms will be paired with younger moms who are at risk of abusing or neglecting their children. These trained volunteer mentors will encourage young moms to bond with their child, promote positive parenting techniques, and encourage the young mothers to continue their education. The volunteer mentor makes a 12-month commitment.</p> <p>☞☞ Central Ohio Mental Health - Transition Intervention The Central Ohio Mental Health Center will provide transition intervention to all PRC-eligible persons. Transition intervention is assistance given via an educational process to support movement of individuals toward consistent employment. Activities will be provided either on an individual or group basis.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$19,785</p> <p align="right">\$69,412</p>

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<p><i>Delaware County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Central Ohio Mental Health - Service Coordination The Central Ohio Mental Health Center will provide service coordination to all PRC-eligible persons. This is defined as a system of team leadership where the service coordinator is the central point of contact for the individual and all service providers.</p> <p>☞☞ Ergon - Job Coaching Ergon will provide job coaching to all PRC-eligible persons. Job coaching is one-on-one, therapeutic, systematic, community-based job training. Services are focused on new skill development, are goal-directed and time-limited. These services include a life skills class, job coaching, job mentoring, job search skill training, and career exploration.</p> <p>☞☞ Grady Occupational Health – Pre-Employment Physical Exam Grady Memorial Hospital will provide a three-component pre-employment physical examination to individuals referred by the CDJFS. It will include a Level III physical exam, a urine drug screen, and a nutritionist consultation.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$25,200</p> <p align="right">\$36,000</p> <p align="right">\$34,693</p>
<p><i>Erie County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Program The CDJFS and Sandusky Transit System hope to provide transportation to low-income, employed individuals. The program is designed for those individuals who are often absent from work due to lack of transportation. The service will ensure adequate transportation for those working second shift, third shift, and weekends.</p> <p>☞☞ Mentoring Program EHOVE and the Sandusky Center for Continuing Education will offer mentoring classes qualified families who consistently fail to retain a job. The program will provide the individuals with a skills assessment, eighty hours of training, and job coaching. This will improve the quality of county employees and improve the economy.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$424,005</p> <p align="right">\$220,005</p>
<p><i>Fairfield County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Coordinated Agency Transportation Program The Fairfield Center for Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy will begin the process of organizing and coordinating a countywide transportation system for human service organizations. The program coordinator will contact all interested parties and begin implementation for consumers of these services. This will save time and cut costs on the current system.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$78,285</p>

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<p><i>Fairfield County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Career Advancement and Job Retention The CDJFS will hire a Retention Specialist who will be responsible for assisting OWF recipients entering the workforce in maintaining employment. The Retention Specialist will provide individuals with any needed services and will positively influence job performance.</p> <p>☞☞ Way to Work – Car Assistance Program The Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency will help low-income individuals who are at-risk for losing their job due to unreliable transportation. The agency will assist in purchasing the car, providing loans, matching payments for the car, assisting in insurance payments, and assisting in the payment of related expenses (child restraints, taxes, license plates, etc.). In return, the individuals will attend a series of classes related to the program.</p> <p>☞☞ Employment Transportation The CDJFS will work with the County Board of MRDD to provide a fixed transportation system for 260 days a year (Monday-Friday). The transportation will pick up riders at fixed points at a fixed time each day. The targeted population for this service is low-income individuals who are nearing time limits and cannot maintain employment due to lack of transportation.</p> <p>☞☞ Mentor Moms This program will help first-time mothers to develop effective parenting skills. Big Brothers/Big Sisters will sponsor this program for new mothers 22 years of age and younger. Volunteer mentors will be matched with the mothers to help them build self-esteem, develop a healthy bond between mother and child, and learn proper parenting behaviors. The goal of the program is to find ten compatible matches.</p> <p>☞☞ On-Site Drug/Alcohol Screening Counselors from the Recovery Center will be stationed on-site at CDJFS to administer, score and discuss the results of drug and alcohol screenings with OWF clients. Clients in need of assistance will be assigned to treatment at the Recovery Center as part of their OWF work assignment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$89,100</p> <p align="right">\$173,520</p> <p align="right">\$25,251</p> <p align="right">\$11,445</p> <p align="right">\$125,511</p>
<p><i>Fayette County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Coordinator CDJFS will contract out the position of Transportation Coordinator to work with the Community Action Commission’s public transportation service. The coordinator will be responsible for expanding existing services and developing new services to better meet the needs of TANF and PRC-eligible households.</p> <p>☞☞ Expanded Employment Related Support Services This expansion program increases the dollar cap amount to \$2,000 per assistance group. Additionally, some assistance income (e.g. SSI, OWF) is determined to be exempt. Services will include vehicle repair, vehicle down payment, and car insurance.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$28,080</p> <p align="right">\$263,166</p>

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<p><i>Fayette County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Legal Aid Services Rural Legal Aid Society will provide PRC-eligible individuals with certain legal services. These areas include expungements, domestic violence, divorces involving children, debt or financial problems, housing problems, step parent adoptions, child custody for school enrollment purposes, SSI case management, matters relating to probate, and other legal issues.</p> <p>☞☞ Laurel Oaks Achieve Competitive Community Employment through Specialized Supports (ACCESS) Program ACCESS is designed to help Fayette County students, 16-22 years of age, who have a disability and family incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty threshold. It will provide these students with an individualized program for gaining employment, career exploration, on-the-job assessments, career awareness, and paid work experiences.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$57,000</p> <p align="right">\$25,000</p>
<p><i>Fulton County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Faith Partners in Mentoring A partnership between the CDJFS and the Faith Based Community will provide mentors to low-income families in need. These mentors will counsel and coach the families on issues such as budgeting, career, parenting, life skills, and personal concerns.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$50,000</p>
<p><i>Gallia County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ MR/DD Service Delivery Program This comprehensive program will provide a wide array of services for low-income children and adults with disabilities. An early intervention specialist, case managers, a job procurement specialist, and a nutrition specialist will be hired to provide these services to eligible families.</p> <p>☞☞ Cars-to-Jobs Program Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency will provide a revolving loan fund program to employed low-income individuals. In order for program participants to be eligible to secure the loan, they must be employed or have an offer of employment, be insurable, and must apply to enroll in an Employment and Training program as well as attend classes on vehicle maintenance and budgeting.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$182,637</p> <p align="right">\$108,231</p>

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<p><i>Geauga County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transit Passes Extended Transit passes will be provided each month to 10 individuals or families with household incomes at or below 175% of the federal poverty threshold. The passes are to be used as a means to get to and from employment, training, or supportive services.</p> <p>☞☞ Substance Abuse Support Ravenwood Mental Health Center will provide drug and alcohol assessment, treatment, and referral services to 25-50 low-income individuals. Eligible parents must have a minor child and identify drugs and alcohol as a barrier to self-sufficiency.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$28,800</p> <p align="right">\$49,400</p>
<p><i>Greene County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Legal Service to Enhance Prospects of Employment and Increase Self-Sufficiency The Rural Legal Aid Society will begin providing legal services to families who cannot otherwise afford litigation expenses. Legal Aid will support and represent clients on issues such as expungements, domestic violence, child divorces, finance and housing problems, custody and visitation, assistance with probate, and any other matter that may help the client become self-sufficient.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$34,500</p>
<p><i>Guernsey County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Family Support and Strengths Development The Family Service Council will extend available services to include the facilitation of family counseling with families at risk for placement, poverty, or dependence upon the social services. Fifteen families will have the opportunity to participate in a family conferencing program, and one hundred at-risk students will be eligible to receive mentoring and participate in peer support activities.</p> <p>☞☞ Mentor - Independent Living This program will provide 50 low-income children (ages 12-18) who are in the child welfare system with: 1) instruction on how to maintain a home; 2) assistance in identifying vocational goals; 3) the opportunity to “job shadow” an adult worker; and 4) guidance and support on how to live independently at 18 years of age.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$50,000</p> <p align="right">\$30,500</p>

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<i>Hamilton County</i>	<u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u>
<u>PRCDR Projects</u>	
<p><i>☞☞</i> The Citizens' Committee on Youth: Youth Development The Citizens' Committee on Youth (CCY) will serve youth 13 - 21 years of age who either are from a family on public assistance or have a child. The goal of the project is to motivate youth to want to become a part of the mainstream, to develop an adult role that is responsible and viable. This will be accomplished through internship programs, job readiness training, a mentoring program, services to suspended or expelled students and other programs.</p>	\$3,563,932
<p><i>☞☞</i> Family-Centered Intervention Program The Crossroads Center will provide services to substance-abusing women with young children by conducting two-year ongoing home visitations, providing parenting support groups, and providing vocational/self-sufficiency training.</p>	\$340,000
<p><i>☞☞</i> Self-Sufficiency Training in Recovery (STRADA) First Step Home, Inc., will develop work, living and parenting skills in low-income and homeless women recovering from alcohol/drug addiction (ADA) so they can sustain long-term recovery, increase self-sufficiency, and support themselves and their families. Services provided will be assessment, training, and support as part of the ADA recovery process. Another component will be post-treatment housing as they stay in the FSH housing and receive services.</p>	\$180,000
<p><i>☞☞</i> Summer Program Family Service of the Cincinnati Area (FSCA) will develop a six-week summer program for behaviorally and emotionally challenged youth between the 10 and 16 years of age who come from PRC-eligible families. This program will focus on recreation, social development, self-esteem, leadership skills, conflict management, and anger management.</p>	\$60,000
<p><i>☞☞</i> Make Work Pay: Legal Assistance Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati will provide information, advice, referral, and legal assistance to ensure that low-income working families take advantage of all transition benefits for which they are eligible. This will maximize their prospects for self-sufficiency. Any working parent whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty threshold will be served.</p>	\$600,000
<p><i>☞☞</i> Right Track Program: Social Security (SS), Veterans Administration (VA), or SSI Application Support Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati will assess individuals to determine whether they qualify for Social Security, VA or other disability benefits. The society will advocate on behalf of the client for appropriate benefits and will obtain vocational services to facilitate transition to work. OWF recipients and PRC-eligible families are eligible for these services.</p>	\$190,000
<p><i>☞☞</i> Chemical Dependency Counselor for GLAD House GLAD House will hire a full-time chemical dependency counselor to help implement the Strengthening Families Program. The program is focused on families with children 6-11 years of age where there is a history of substance abuse by one of the parents. The counselor will work with income-eligible parents to develop positive strategies and will be a referral source for additional services.</p>	\$103,309

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<p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p>
<p>▄▄ Passages for Adolescent Families Talbert House will offer a comprehensive abstinence based program to female adolescents 13-17 years of age who are residents of the 90- to 180-day gender-specific treatment program. Curriculum materials used will be from Resources for Health and Drug Education entitled “Learn about Life”. Services provided will be education and group counseling.</p>	<p align="right">\$57,496</p>
<p>▄▄ On-the-Job Training The Work Resource Center will partner with employers to give low-income workers better access to upward mobility through workplace training. It will train employers in techniques to retain low-income employees and move them into higher paying jobs. The employee’s income will be subsidized during training time.</p>	<p align="right">\$741,224</p>
<p>▄▄ Post Treatment for Women Recovering from Substance Abuse First Step Home of Cincinnati will help women recovering from substance abuse. While housed at FSH, the women will be trained in work, living, and parenting skills. They will learn new skills, acquire a job, and become able to make rent payments on time while living at FSH and maintaining sobriety.</p>	<p align="right">\$45,000</p>
<p>▄▄ Enhance SSI Application Support The contracted agency will receive referrals from CDJFS Employment Coaches or Case Managers of potential SSI-eligible individuals who currently are OWF recipients. The contracted agency will then access providers of vocational/functional assessments to be done to Board of Developmental Disabilities standards. This service will be a high-speed source of assessment.</p>	<p align="right">\$357,200</p>
<p>▄▄ Facilitating Access to Health Insurance The Babies Milk Fund (BMF) will provide a Social Worker to work with PRC-eligible families to set goals and access resources having to do with health related concerns. The Social Worker will integrate social services within this medical setting to ensure that the families are receiving comprehensive assistance.</p>	<p align="right">\$39,600</p>
<p>▄▄ Support Services to Low-Income Patients Lincoln Heights HealthCare Connection, Inc., (LHHCC) will provide a Support Service Specialist to work with families who are under 300% of the federal poverty threshold. The specialist will perform health service needs assessments, develop family service plans, make referrals, investigate and explain potential health benefits, and interact with insurance companies on behalf of the participants.</p>	<p align="right">\$66,000</p>
<p>▄▄ Cincinnati Health Network - Health Insurance Counselor The Cincinnati Health Network (CHN) will provide a Benefits Counselor to serve uninsured individuals seeking health care. This individual will evaluate families’ health insurance resources, assist in application for benefits, and assist in follow-ups between the family and insurance carrier. All uninsured families will be able to receive benefit-counseling services.</p>	<p align="right">\$39,600</p>

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<p><i>Hamilton County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Over-the-Rhine Housing Network - Job Support The Over-the-Rhine Housing Network will create a one-stop center located at Rothenberg Elementary School. Two CDJFS employment coaches and one case manager will be based there for the purpose of enhancing parents’ work experience and maintaining Personal Responsibility Agreements. They will provide community-based case management services and outreach to eligible families to help them maintain jobs and housing.</p> <p>☞☞ Talbert House: School-Based Services This program involves providing school-based services for at-risk children in four local school systems. A coordinator in each school will set up the services and organize the programs. A family support specialist will provide in-home visitation and parent support groups. For the students, one of three programs will be administered: The Personal Growth Class helps high-risk students increase their sense of responsibility, Second Step is designed to teach social skills and reduce aggressive behaviors in children preschool to junior high, and Kids Connection focuses on substance abuse prevention.</p> <p>☞☞ Mercy Franciscan at St. John – Job Preparation/Retention Services Mercy Franciscan at St. John and Fay Apartments will provide services to approximately 210 low-income individuals who reside at the apartments. The participants will receive job training, education, employment, and supportive services on site at the apartment complex. In addition, child care, transportation assistance, GED classes, after school programming, and other supportive services will be provided to the participants, enabling them to train on-the-job.</p> <p>☞☞ Mentoring Friars Club, Inc., will provide a mentoring program to children living in Corryville from families below 300% of the federal poverty threshold. They will recruit, screen, and train mentors. They will provide case management services, have monthly meetings/training sessions, and organize regular activities for the mentor and mentee to participate in together.</p> <p>☞☞ Family Supportive Services Babies Milk Fund (BMF) Pediatric Care will offer benefits counseling to families meeting TANF guidelines who are uninsured or underinsured. Staff will evaluate the family’s health insurance resources, identify barriers to access, negotiate the enrollment process, and serve as a liaison between the family and the public or private insurance carrier.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$111,900</p> <p align="center">\$1,102,000</p> <p align="center">\$185,300</p> <p align="center">\$62,000</p> <p align="center">\$70,500</p>
<p><i>Hancock County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Diversion Benefits The CDJFS will provide up to four months cash payments to employable PRC-eligible individuals to help with basic needs (housing, utilities, etc. A PRC case manager or mentor will also assist the individuals in the development of an individual employability plan to prevent longer-term dependence on public assistance.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$195,500</p>

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<p><i>Hancock County</i> <i>(continued)</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Individual Development Accounts The CDJFS will contract with the Community Action Commission to set up IDA's for PRC-eligible families with children. The CDJFS will provide a two-to-one match, up to a \$10,000 lifetime limit. The funds are restricted to the purchase of a home, educational expenses, or setting up a small business. These are goals that will enhance self-sufficiency and strengthen families.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Services and Benefits The CDJFS will provide assistance in the transportation needs of OWF recipients through payment of fees, insurance premiums or limited down payments on vehicles. Individuals must be in compliance with a current employability plan or job coach's action plan. Funds are limited to \$3,000 over 12 months.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$41,400</p> <p align="right">\$35,300</p>
<p><i>Hardin County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Mentoring Program Love, Inc., a clearinghouse for food pantries, emergency service providers, and area churches, will provide a countywide mentoring program. A combined force of professionals and volunteers from local area churches will provide eligible families with training and follow-up in areas such as homemaking, budgeting, balancing home and family, and assertiveness training.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Vouchers In coordination with the Twenty-Four Hour Hotline proposal, eligible individuals who are encountering emergency transportation problems will be given vouchers to get them to and from work. The program will also assist families in getting children to and from daycare providers.</p> <p>☞☞ Homeless Shelter/Independent Living Center Love, Inc., and Payne Chapel AME Church will operate a home for the one or two families or individuals that are identified as being truly homeless in the County at any one time. The providers will also offer training and support services to resident teens and young adults for the development of independent living skills.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$110,000</p> <p align="right">\$5,400</p> <p align="right">\$70,000</p>

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<p><i>Harrison County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Big Brothers/Big Sisters This program provides a comprehensive peer-mentoring program for a wide variety of at-risk adults and children within the community. Programs provide positive role models that display alternative ways of living, the rewards of working, giving to others, gratification delay, conflict resolution, and communication.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$34,025</p>
<p><i>Henry County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Corrections Center for Northwest Ohio (CCNO) - Transportation Transportation will be provided to those individuals enrolled in the Phased Machinist Program. The individuals will be transported to and from CCNO during the 16-week program. This will enable them to obtain a job when released from CCNO.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$29,250</p>
<p><i>Highland County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Legal Assistance CDJFS and the Rural Legal Aid Society will provide legal services to individuals at or below 125% of the federal poverty threshold to enhance their prospects for employment and increase their quality of life. Problems to be addressed will include expungements, debt or financial problems, housing issues, stepparent adoptions, child custody for school enrollment purposes, SSI case management, and relief from administration for probate and naming guardians in wills.</p> <p>☞☞ Wheels To Work An eligible provider will be contracted to provide transportation to places of employment for 150 low-income individuals. This program will also help individuals without a driver's license or driving privileges to obtain these, as well as help them overcome other barriers to obtaining and maintaining employment.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="center">\$30,000</p> <p align="center">\$140,000</p>

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<p><i>Hocking County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Tri-County Mental Health Clinic Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling Services, Inc. will employ a full-time screening and prevention coordinator to provide screening and referral services. The coordinator will provide domestic violence prevention/education programming, as well as, a chemical dependency aftercare program directed at relapse prevention for alcoholics/addicts who have completed chemical dependency treatment.</p> <p>☞☞ Hocking County Board of Health The program will provide funding for the continuation and expansion of the current services provided by the “Lice Team”. Screening services will be offered to families living in areas with highly concentrated pockets of lice infestation. Health aides will conduct onsite screenings, provide education, provide home assessment/visitation, and will perform outreach activities.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$66,000</p> <p align="right">\$29,182</p>
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<p><i>Holmes County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Coordination Project The goal of the program is to design a centrally coordinated transportation system to assist and provide low-income families in the county with transportation options that meets their unique needs. A transportation coordinator and full-time scheduler will coordinate the efforts of eleven different service providers involved with the project.</p> <p>☞☞ Project STAY - Prevention Specialist Program A Prevention Coalition Coordinator will utilize an “Asset Building and Risk Reduction Model” to develop a coordinated strategy for evaluating the effectiveness of the county’s current prevention services that are targeted for at-risk, low-income families. Based upon these findings, Action Plans will be developed so that an effective prevention and diversion strategy can be organized within the county.</p> <p>☞☞ Holmes County Senior Center This program will provide transportation services, specifically after 3:30 p.m., for OWF recipients gaining employment and/or participating in an assigned work activity in order to maintain cash assistance. This “after-hours” transportation program will assist 150 families/individuals in meeting their employment related needs.</p> <p>☞☞ The Counseling Center of Wayne and Holmes Counties A Children’s Mental Health Case Manager will provide expertise in advocacy, service linkage, independent living skills, vocational planning and service monitoring to reduce out-of-home placements of low-income children exhibiting mental health concerns.</p> <p>☞☞ Big Brothers/Big Sisters This program provides a comprehensive peer-mentoring program for a wide variety of at-risk, low-income adults and children within the community. This program will involve positive role models who will provide education on alternative ways of living, the rewards of working, giving to others, gratification delay, conflict resolution, and communication.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$150,000</p> <p align="right">\$54,492</p> <p align="right">\$50,000</p> <p align="right">\$37,443</p> <p align="right">\$31,319</p>
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<p><i>Huron County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>Life Skills Development Through Mentoring The CDJFS will implement a job-mentoring program for PRC-eligible individuals who obtain jobs in the community. This program will help to retain new hires by increasing their overall job knowledge. Both the new hires and the trained mentors will receive limited monetary incentives for participating in the program.</p> <p>Transportation Huron County Transportation (HCT) will provide PRC-eligible families 24 hour per day, 7 day per week transportation service for employment opportunities. It will also provide transportation service to and from daycare providers. The consumer must provide 24-hour notice of need except in the case of specific emergencies.</p> <p>Health Education Services Health District will enhance public health education services to the eligible individuals in the county. Services will include in-depth education on diseases and preventative medicine utilizing nursing staff. Health-related topics will include diabetes, cardiovascular health, arthritis, diet/nutrition, and others. Family Planning education will be provided per Title IX.</p> <p>Seasonal Employee Incentive Program PRC-eligible individuals can receive a monetary incentive bonus to keep a seasonal job for the duration of the season. This will enable Huron County employers to maintain a full workforce. An employee can receive incentive money for a maximum of four months.</p> <p>Age Exchange Program: Matching with At-Risk Students Services for Aging, Inc., will expand its current Age Exchange Program, matching senior adults with “at-risk” students, to four additional schools. School personnel will refer up to ten students per school from PRC-eligible families. A program will be conducted once a week after school. Huron County Transportation (HCT) will provide transportation home.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$52,500</p> <p align="right">\$64,560</p> <p align="right">\$70,000</p> <p align="right">\$69,600</p> <p align="right">\$69,593</p>
<p><i>Jefferson County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>Transportation Clients will be provided door-to-door transportation services necessary to fulfill the requirements of their self-sufficiency contract. These services include pick-up at residence and delivery to and from employment, work sites, education sites, daycare providers, job interviews, JOB Club, or any other defined activity.</p> <p>Counseling Program Support This program will provide funding for counseling services and diagnostic interviews that were previously supplied under Title XX. Existing staff will provide 500 hours of counseling services and psychological testing for a minimum of 40 low-income individuals.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$444,095</p> <p align="right">\$68,125</p>

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<p><i>Jefferson County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counseling Jefferson Behavioral Health System will provide JDJFS with an on-site drug and alcohol for families at or below 200% of the federal poverty threshold. The counselor will provide screening and assessment for persons with a drug/alcohol problem or mental illness, make referrals to appropriate agencies, provide cross-systems training to staff, and assist with on-the-job retention services.</p> <p>☞☞ Juvenile Court Mediation An attorney or other qualified professional will provide juvenile mediation services, including victim empathy, restitution, and/or community service, to low-income families for the purpose of bringing together the perpetrator of the crime, their parents, and the victim of the offense in an effort to reconcile the situation.</p> <p>☞☞ Facts of Life Line The County General Health District will provide county residents with an automated telephone service that will have educational messages and referral information. The information service will cover a variety of topics including pregnancy prevention, pregnancy/options/prenatal care, child development, parenting, and stress issues. Any area resident will have free 24-hour access to the system.</p> <p>☞☞ Bereavement Program A trained bereavement specialist will provide a maximum of twelve students with an educational program in school. The targeted students are those who have recently experienced the death of someone close to them. They will receive an educational session on how to cope with the loss, how grief and loss are a part of normal life cycles, and follow-up services from the bereavement specialist.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$77,227</p> <p align="right">\$273,398</p> <p align="right">\$10,000</p> <p align="right">\$16,000</p>
<p><i>Knox County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Senior Youth Mentoring This proposal will extend the already existing Big Brothers/Big Sisters program to provide additional funds for children currently in the program. The group will provide activities for the youth to do, while allowing them to develop skills within a social context.</p> <p>☞☞ FREEDOM Center - Drug-Free Workplace Individuals will be administered a drug test, and information will be given on drug abuse. Those in need will receive training and counseling, with follow-up testing to be done later. Their employers will also be notified.</p> <p>☞☞ MOTA - Village Van Routes A transportation service will be provided for county residents who cannot afford their own transportation. The vans would operate at a minimal cost to riders and would allow them to get to work or arrive at other necessary places.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$24,531</p> <p align="right">\$33,000</p> <p align="right">\$168,480</p>

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<p><i>Knox County</i> <i>(continued)</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Community Health Access Program Community Health Advisors (CHA's) will be hired to provide support for low-income families at risk of not receiving adequate medical and/or social assistance. The CHA's will go into the communities, identify problems, and make the appropriate referrals.</p> <p>☞☞ Knox County Children's Services - Family Aide An in-home worker will provide individualized service to OWF recipients nearing their time limits. The family aide will attempt to adjust current behavior patterns and teach new coping skills.</p> <p>☞☞ Steven Covey Training Workshop By learning Covey's program, business professionals can transfer their knowledge to their employees, creating a positive environment and a better understanding of how to build strong families. The workshop will be available to all professionals in the community.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$559,068</p> <p align="right">\$40,000</p> <p align="right">\$44,800</p>
<p><i>Lake County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Enhanced Transportation Services The CDJFS plans to provide for the OWF families who have no means of transportation to get to work. The plan is to make lease payments on cars for the in-need families, pay for the necessary repairs, and pay for the other fees (driver's license, insurance). Other low-income families who want to maintain their job status can also be funded.</p> <p>☞☞ OWF Mentoring Project Catholic Charities wants to implement a mentoring program for OWF participants who volunteer for it. The staff will recruit volunteers, hire and train mentors, and monitor all mentoring activities. This will allow the participants to reach a greater level of self-sufficiency.</p> <p>☞☞ OWF Support Group Facilitation The CDJFS will begin a twice-a-month support group for OWF participants. This support group will give the participants the chance to discuss their experiences and help them achieve self-sufficiency. Assessment and follow-up will be included.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$1,151,000</p> <p align="right">\$13,020</p> <p align="right">\$12,500</p>

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<p><i>Lorain County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transportation An automobile buying assistance plan and prepaid gas cards will be implemented. The DJFS will provide a loan to OWF participants who work for six months or more, in order to purchase an automobile. Newly employed individuals may also receive prepaid gas cards up to \$50 a month.</p> <p>☞☞ Clothing Allowance for Vulnerable Children A one-time issue for OWF children who received OWF assistance in January 2000 at a maximum of \$200 per child.</p> <p>☞☞ Respite Care for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Planned, intermittent, short-term substitute care designed to provide supervision for the children to meet their instrumental and daily living needs.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$1,345,500</p> <p align="right">\$921,500</p> <p align="right">\$57,086</p>
<p><i>Lucas County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Job Development, Placement & Retention Work support will be provided for OWF recipients, especially those reaching time limits. DJFS will assist the individuals with employment and life management skills through mentoring, a home-based service, and job coaching.</p> <p>☞☞ Diversion Benefits These benefits will be available to displaced workers who have had steady employment for the entire six weeks before the job loss. The benefits will be given in the form of a monthly payment of cash to the individual.</p> <p>☞☞ OWF Diversion Benefits The benefits here are dispersed just as the ones noted above. The recipients of the benefits must be OWF participants who have worked steadily for the preceding six months.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Commuter Link Expansion This expansion service will allow OWF recipients to lease or buy a vehicle. The CDJFS will provide a reliable vehicle to participants. The participants will be required to attend monthly seminars and develop skills in budgeting, car maintenance, and maintaining good credit. Other parts of the expansion include driver training and car-pooling.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$2,060,325</p> <p align="right">\$225,400</p> <p align="right">\$553,200</p> <p align="right">\$800,000</p>

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<p><i>Madison County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>Family Mentoring This project targets families who have a long history of problems with parenting, maintaining jobs, and communicating with others. Adriel School will attempt to alleviate these problems by hiring a mentor to work with the families. The mentor will serve as a role model, train the parents, assist in homemaking, and support the family.</p> <p>Madison County/London City Health Department A case manager will be hired in order to go to remote areas of the county (Sedalia and South Solon) to provide services for families there. The case manager will be responsible for linking individuals to health services, providing consultation, and educating community residents in public awareness.</p> <p>Employment Related-Transportation Services This expansion program increases the dollar cap and number of occurrences for services and also raises the economic need standard to 200% of the federal poverty threshold. Services include car purchases, gas vouchers, and driver education. The cap is raised to \$1,500.</p> <p>Family Coaching - CRSI Champaign Residential Services, Inc.'s (CRSI) family coaching program will work with families identified by the DJFS as needing assistance. CRSI will help identify the families' strengths and needs, increase their ability to problem solve, reduce or prevent out-of-home placements of difficult children, provide individualized treatment, and increase the families' awareness of community resources.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$113,450</p> <p align="right">\$9,734</p> <p align="right">\$69,509</p> <p align="right">\$24,834</p>
<p><i>Mahoning County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>DebtNet (Employer Barrier Reduction Project) The Northeast Ohio Legal Services (NOLS) will provide OWF, newly employed, and PRC applicants the opportunity for legal services. NOLS will assist in intake, negotiate with creditors, represent the clients, provide a follow-up, and give workshops on consumer legal issues.</p> <p>Employment Barrier Reduction Project NOLS will provide OWF and low-income families the opportunity for legal assistance. It will administer in-service training to CDJFS employees, provide outreach to target families and educate them about resources, and provide intake and legal assessment, legal representation, and follow-up consultations.</p> <p>Grandparents' Custody Assistance Project NOLS will assist grandparents in obtaining legal custody of their grandchildren. NOLS will identify families having custody problems, provide them with intake and legal assessment, represent the grandparents to establish legal custody, and give follow-up consultations.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$221,168</p> <p align="right">\$131,190</p> <p align="right">\$91,245</p>

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<p><i>Marion County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide Mentoring & Training The Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education, in collaboration with other agencies, will provide training in the home health care field to OWF recipients, especially those nearing time limits. The program will involve an application process followed by a paid mentor training. If participants maintain employment, they will be given a bonus.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services for Low-Income Families The Legal Aid Society will begin assisting PRC-eligible clients with legal problems. Staff attorneys and paralegals will counsel, advise, negotiate for, and represent the qualified families, both with governmental agencies and in court proceedings.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$143,932</p> <p align="right">\$79,162</p>
<p><i>Medina County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Western Reserve Legal Services: Legal Assistance Western Reserve Legal Services will offer legal representation to people with incomes at or below 125% of the poverty guidelines in cases of collection, consumer and tort (car accident) in an effort to avoid wage attachment, repossessions, garnishments, and license suspensions.</p> <p>☞☞ Drug Abuse Commission Family Stability Program Therapy will be provided to students at Edwards Middle School and Willetts Middle School for five hours, one day per week. The therapists will come into these schools and counsel targeted children in low-income families. The individual counseling involved in the program will be to provide referral and free counseling to students. The group counseling sessions will focus on character development, social skills training, and drug and alcohol issues.</p> <p>☞☞ Mediation Project Northland Counseling Services will begin a mediation program for low-income and needy parents. This service will help the families seek resolutions to problems without going through the court system. Disputes that can be covered by the mediation are divorce, dissolution, custody/visitation, post-divorce decree disputes, and ongoing family conflict adversely impacting family functioning. Each session will take approximately two hours, and three or four sessions are usually needed to resolve the conflict.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$43,115</p> <p align="right">\$28,222</p> <p align="right">\$30,000</p>
<p><i>Meigs County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ ACCESS - Expanded Mental Health Services This program provides case management services, psychological and psychiatric therapy, and a parent education program to 50 "high-risk" children/adolescents and their families.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$52,627</p>

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<p><i>Mercer County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Seek Work: Substance Abuse Program This program is designed for individuals who have substance abuse problems and need counseling and help in finding a job. The Gateway Outreach Center will work with the target individuals by having them attend weekly sessions, giving them a formal assessment, meeting them for counseling, training them for potential jobs, and having them report to court weekly.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Organizations Linking Together (COLT) Transportation System Expansion This expansion will allow residents of Mercer and Auglaize counties to have transportation to work at any time during the day or night. The current system normally operates only during first-shift jobs. Now those employees without transportation could get to work even during second and third shifts.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services The Allen County Blackhoof Area Legal Services Association (ACBALSA) will serve residents of Mercer County in need of legal help. The organization will assist low-income families who cannot otherwise afford representation in the areas of domestic violence, debt or financial problems, criminal record expungement, housing problems, access to telephones and utilities, and SSI/disability. To make target residents aware of these services, ACBALSA will hold several educational events that explain the availability of the services and their value.</p> <p>☞☞ Childcare Education Child Link Services hopes to improve childcare by offering stipends to employees of childcare centers in the county. The stipends will be awarded on two levels. First, the award will be contingent on the level of education the employee has attained. The starting stipend will be \$500 per six months, with a maximum allotment of \$2,000 per year. Additionally, stipends will be awarded to those nominated for nontraditional, special needs, or respite care by their centers and family childcare homes.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$63,268</p> <p align="right">\$25,000</p> <p align="right">\$27,500</p> <p align="right">\$95,050</p>
<p><i>Miami County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ PRC Legal Assistance Program In conjunction with the Legal Aid Service, the CDJFS will offer legal assistance to eligible TANF individuals. The services will enable some individuals to gain employment. The program will deal with expungements, domestic violence cases, divorces with children, financial problems, housing problems, step-parent adoptions, custody matters, and relief from probate.</p> <p>☞☞ Employment Subsidy Program CDJFS will assist families by providing OWF-eligible individuals an \$80 wage subsidy in lieu of receiving OWF cash assistance. Eligible individuals must be employed and have one child in the home. The subsidy will help recipients pay for work-related expenses such as gas, transportation, and clothing.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$33,000</p> <p align="right">\$14,400</p>

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<p><i>Monroe County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services Southeastern Ohio Legal Services will provide legal services to low-income individuals and families for the purpose of breaking down barriers to employment, training, or rehabilitative services. They will also act as advocates to those individuals eligible for disability determination thru the Social Security Administration.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$64,000</p>
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<p><i>Montgomery County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Coordinated Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Investigations Representatives of many different services will combine efforts to interview children involved in child abuse cases. This is done to eliminate multiple interviews. The program provides a centralized location for addressing concerns about investigation, treatment, and prosecution.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Assistance, Victims of Domestic Violence Employed The YWCA of Dayton will enable low-income women with children to gain employment by funding their bus fare each day. This program will target women living in a public housing shelter who are making the transition to employment.</p> <p>☞☞ Promoting Youth Success - City of Kettering The City of Kettering will hire additional counselors and “community assistants” to counsel problem youths. Targeted youth include those with problems with mental health, drug abuse, grief, anger, or poor academic performance.</p> <p>☞☞ Family Stability, Counseling for Families The Legal Aid Society of Dayton will provide legal services to low-income families in need. The areas in which the society will assist are debt, family law, housing, access to utilities, and criminal records. They will represent, advise, counsel, and perform research investigation, and document preparation for the families.</p> <p>☞☞ Health Advocacy Marketing Program Through the use of a marketing campaign, the Combined Health District will provide several area communities with information services that will enable residents to become aware of health opportunities available to them.</p> <p>☞☞ Healthy Babies Marketing Campaign In an effort to improve maternal and infant outcomes, the Combined Health District will expand its current marketing campaign for healthy babies. The expansion will use print and electronic media in order to reach families with minor children.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Child Health Center Awareness Campaign The Combined Health District of Montgomery County will attempt to make 3,000 low-income families in the county aware of the availability of quality health care in the county. This service will reach the families about the usage of Child Health Centers through a marketing campaign. Radio, television, outdoor signs, and community outreach will all be included in the campaign.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$232,500</p> <p align="right">\$4,780</p> <p align="right">\$100,000</p> <p align="right">\$150,000</p> <p align="right">\$200,000</p> <p align="right">\$305,200</p> <p align="right">\$140,501</p>
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<p><i>Montgomery County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Promoting Youth Success - K - 5th Grade The targeted population for this project is at-risk children in grades K-5. The plan is to implement several programs for these individuals that promote healthy attitudes and successful futures. The services include providing mentors, engaging the children in community service projects, modeling nonviolent youth, providing tutors, and encouraging other types of positive thinking.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Child Health Center Awareness Campaign - II The Combined Health District of Montgomery County will attempt to make 3,000 low-income families in the county aware of the availability of quality health care in the county. This service will reach the families about the usage of Child Health Centers through a marketing campaign. Radio, television, outdoor signs, and community outreach will all be included in the campaign.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$560,000</p> <p align="right">\$82,974</p>
<p><i>Morgan County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Job Access Transportation A transportation coordinator will arrange for transportation services to be provided to low-income employed families and to those families seeking employment. This program entails a collaborative effort between the CDJFS and the Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency.</p> <p>☞☞ Mediation Project This program will provide mediation services, as an alternative to court hearings, for families in juvenile or general division court that have disputes relating to the custody and/or visitation of their children.</p> <p>☞☞ Teen Leadership Institute Twenty-five low-income youth, 13-17 years of age, will participate in a weekend program that includes lectures, large- and small-group interactions, and problem-solving activities designed to teach them how to provide leadership to their peers on the topics of substance abuse, positive educational involvement, and positive personal assets.</p> <p>☞☞ Attorney Project – Legal Assistance Ohio Legal Services will provide legal advice and assistance to low-income individuals eligible for benefits from the CDJFS. A full-time attorney will be hired to assist in reinstating drivers licenses, expungements, employment and housing discrimination, wrongful termination from employment, property and motor vehicle repossessions, foreclosures, consumer rip-offs and debtor/credit problems, divorce cases, and initial development of SSI cases.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$110,000</p> <p align="right">\$21,500</p> <p align="right">\$2,500</p> <p align="right">\$40,000</p>

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<p><i>Morgan County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Job Mentor/Coach CORC Job Training will hire a job coach to prepare, coordinate, and update comprehensive employment plans for PRC-eligible participants to ensure their access to the necessary training and support services. The program will address issues such as budgeting, childcare, transportation, home management skills, and job development.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$36,538</p>
<p><i>Morrow County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Morrow County Council on Alcohol and Drugs (MCCAD) This plan will provide more services for families who experience substance abuse problems. The MCCAD will hire an additional case manager to provide more intensive, individualized support for the families. It will also expand the school-based drug prevention program and implement the Natural Helpers prevention program for youth.</p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Expansion/MCTC The Morrow County Transportation Collaborative (MCTC) will expand their transportation services to provide home to work transportation services for 10-15 individuals and transportation services to at least 20 family members of welfare-to-work individuals. All households will have income below 300% of the federal poverty threshold.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services Legal Aid Society of Columbus will provide legal services to residents of Morrow County whose household income is less than 300% of the federal poverty threshold. First, they will eliminate barriers to employment for 45 eligible families. Second, they will provide legal services to 120 eligible non-custodial parents to help them secure employment and begin paying child support. Lastly, they will provide general legal service for 120 families whose income falls between 125% and 200% of the federal poverty threshold.</p> <p>☞☞ Prosecutor's Office/Diversion Program The Morrow County Prosecutor's Office will offer eligible adults and juvenile who have committed non-violent crimes and whose income falls below 300% of the federal poverty threshold, the opportunity to avoid the criminal/juvenile justice system by entering into an agreement with the Prosecutor's Office to do certain things in return for the dismissal of their indictment/complaint. The offender could be required to undergo drug and alcohol counseling, attend and complete a life skills training course, obtain steady employment, and obtain a high school diploma or GED as part of the agreement.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$106,780</p> <p align="right">\$21,675</p> <p align="right">\$26,400</p> <p align="right">\$50,593</p>

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<p><i>Muskingum County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Retention Is Key: Work Retention Incentives This program provides time-limited, work retention incentives to individuals who would otherwise be financially eligible for Ohio Works First cash assistance. Program participants must be employed for 30 hours per week in any given month that the incentive is issued, and payments are limited to a total of 12 months.</p> <p>☞☞ Congregational Volunteer Family Mentor Program This is a family-based, community mentorship program involving volunteers of a faith-based organization as mentors. This program has a full-time coordinator overseeing the program of selecting, training, and evaluating volunteers. A full-time registered nurse will coordinate community outreach and service integration. Low-income families with a minor child are eligible for the program.</p> <p>☞☞ Zanesville Metropolitan Housing Authority (ZMHA) PRIDE Team: Drug Prevention Program This program provides funding to support equipment purchases for Parent Resource in Drug Education (PRIDE), an organization that conducts educational activities in the community. It also includes funds to send 15 youth to the World Drug Conference.</p> <p>☞☞ Swift Wrap Around Treatment (S.W.A.T.) Substance Abuse Program Genesis Health Care will house a team of professionals to help youth in families experiencing crisis, or youth having co-occurring mental and substance abuse problems. The youth will proceed through a two-step intervention involving decreasing hospitalization, increasing service coordination, decreasing family crisis, increasing the least restrictive environments, and improving access to health care. Approximately 20 families within 300% of federal poverty guidelines will be served.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$210,000</p> <p align="right">\$201,800</p> <p align="right">\$14,650</p> <p align="right">\$471,780</p>
<p><i>Noble County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Lice Eradication, Treatment, and Prevention Both services and products will be provided to low-income children and their families to encourage prevention and promote eradication of head lice. In addition, personal instruction on the use of all treatment materials, and in some extreme cases personal assistance and/or supervision, will be provided in the home by a qualified staff member of the contracting agency.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services A private attorney and/or Southeast Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS) will provide legal services to remove the barriers keeping low-income people from obtaining self-sufficiency. The emphasis of the program will be on reinstating driver's licenses, record expungements, employment and housing discrimination, wrongful termination from employment, property and motor vehicle repossessions, foreclosures, consumer fraud, debtor and creditor problems, and assistance with the initial development of SSI cases.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$50,000</p> <p align="right">\$35,733</p>

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<p><i>Perry County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Perry County Health Department - Head Lice Project The Perry County Health Department will hire a part-time employee who will provide head lice education, perform head checks and make home visits to families to eliminate head lice infestation in a child’s home. This individual will also assist school nurses in each of the four school districts by performing head checks in classrooms designated as “problem areas”.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Mediation Main Street Mediation will offer a program that teaches, guides, and assists participants in discussion, enhanced listening, and ultimately peaceful solutions. Staff will help families identify risk factors, work with the juvenile court to address problem behaviors, work with law enforcement to promote peaceful neighborhoods, and help with custody/visitation disputes. Main Street Mediation will also educate through “Family Peace Talks”, which emphasize conflict management and dispute resolution in family, school, and working environments.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$56,000</p> <p align="right">\$149,000</p>
<p><i>Portage County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Transportation Assistance The need for a better transportation system is apparent in Portage County. CDJFS and Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) will begin giving rides to second- and third-shift employees as needed. Also, individuals who obtain employment in the future and do not have transportation can use the service.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services Program Western Reserve Legal Services (WRLS) will expand their current services in order to help low-income individuals who have problems with the court system. Staff at WRLS will provide intake and assessment, negotiate payment plan with creditors, and provide legal representation in debt collection, repossession, garnishment, defense of car accident lawsuits, and bankruptcy. They will also make their services known to human service agencies and hire a liaison to work with domestic abuse cases.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$840,000</p> <p align="right">\$90,252</p>
<p><i>Preble County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Partnership for Children: Health-related Screening The Preble County Department of Health will work cooperatively with community agencies to identify children and families below 300% of the federal poverty threshold who are vulnerable to health and safety issues. The children will receive health-related screening and the parents will receive education on appropriate usage of health and safety products.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$26,913</p>

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<p><i>Preble County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Legal Services Preble County Legal Services will provide service and advice to families below 200% of the federal poverty threshold to increase their employment and earning potential. Areas of service will include expungement, legal advice, legal problems related to debt, housing problems, custody for school purposes, divorces involving children, visitation and custody issues, bankruptcy, and others.</p> <p>☞☞ Preble Auto Recycling Service (PARS) - Transportation to Vulnerable Children and Their Families SCOPE Preble County will serve families below 300% of the federal poverty threshold who are in need of transportation services. Preble County currently has no form of public transportation. This program will allow families who are training to be employed or are enrolled in education programs to eliminate the barrier of transportation from their advancement to self-sufficiency.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$40,000</p> <p align="right">\$30,000</p>
<p><i>Putnam County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Extended Transportation This program offers transportation-related reimbursement to eligible recipients. Covered costs include work-related mileage reimbursement, driver's license fees and other expenses related to securing an Ohio driver's license, license plate fees, car repairs, insurance, assistance with a down payment for purchase of a car, and others. Eligible recipients will have an income under 200% of the federal poverty threshold and be parents, specified relatives, legal guardians/custodial parents, or non-custodial parents of minor children. Target individuals are the employed, unemployed, and those participating in education and training.</p> <p>☞☞ Diagnostic Services Not Covered by Medicaid This program provides financial support for families whose children need diagnostic services that are not covered under Medicaid or insurance. It is available to families with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty threshold whose children are at risk of abuse/neglect.</p> <p>☞☞ Extended Diversion Diversion from OWF Cash, in the form of a PRC payment, will be offered in special circumstances for parents, specified relatives, and legal/custodial parents with minor children. The target group includes job-ready individuals and displaced workers at 50% of the federal poverty threshold.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$15,854</p> <p align="right">\$2,000</p> <p align="right">\$70,360</p>

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<p><i>Richland County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Mobile Assessment/Protective Services (MAPS) Project Richland County Children Services will create a MAPS Team of up to six trained child welfare staff to provide on-the-scene assessment, mental health consultation, information and referral. This is intended to reduce barriers to service and promote self-sufficiency by taking the services to the child and family at home.</p> <p>☞☞ Prevention/Early Intervention Program New Beginnings Recovery Services will provide an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Class to OWF participants who do not qualify for drug/alcohol or mental health services. The focus of this class will be to reduce substance abuse and avoid escalation of present usage patterns.</p> <p>☞☞ The Center Mental Health Etc. Service The Center for Individual and Family Services will expand current programs to assist low-income families that suffer from mental health or substance abuse problems. The Center’s strategy will be to provide appropriate mental health and drug/alcohol interventions to reduce the symptoms of emotional and mental distress and alcohol/drug usage that act as individual barriers to self sufficiency, family stability, and acceptance of the full range of personal responsibility. Licensed professionals from the Center will provide a full range of services including on-site CDJFS diagnostic assessments, psychiatric services, counseling services, case management services, vocational services and psychological evaluations.</p> <p>☞☞ Community Health Access Project (CHAP) This project will target low-income families who are experiencing problems within the family. CHAP staff will provide case management, employment/training, and prevention/intervention services. The project will focus mainly on women and children (birth to age 3), but the new funding will also provide a Fatherhood Initiative, which focuses on care, nurturing, and support of children.</p> <p>☞☞ PRC Transportation By Richland County Transit (RCT) This is an extension of the public transit system already in use. RCT will extend its Monday through Friday hours from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The agency will also broaden the covered geographic area to include Madison and the airport. These extensions will enable more low-income families to have transportation to second- and third-shift jobs.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$292,650</p> <p align="right">\$39,600</p> <p align="right">\$191,715</p> <p align="right">\$212,928</p> <p align="right">\$75,600</p>
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<p><i>Sandusky County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Family Preservation & Reunification Services The CDJFS will help families stay together by paying legal fees for an in-need person to obtain legal custody, legal guardianship, or to adopt a child. The department will also offer case management services to those families in danger of losing a child to the Public Children’s Service Agency.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$230,000</p>
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<p><i>Sandusky County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Migrant Work Expense Allowance Program The CDJFS will provide assistance to migrant workers who are housed in migrant camps in the county. The workers will be allotted a maximum of \$300 a month in order to maintain their employment and remain in Sandusky County.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$132,000</p>
<p><i>Seneca County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Employment Incentive Service The CDJFS will provide wage subsidies to qualified low-income individuals conditional upon job retention. Depending on the length of time the person keeps the job, he or she will be awarded incentive bonuses. Employers who hire these individuals will receive 10% of the cost of wages as reimbursement and incentive.</p> <p>☞☞ Seasonal Farm Worker Work Expense Allowance The CDJFS will provide assistance to migrant workers who are housed in migrant camps in the county. The workers will be allotted a maximum of \$300 a month for up to four months to maintain their employment and remain in Seneca County.</p> <p>☞☞ Mental Health Services Low-income families who are in danger of hitting their time limits will be targeted for this service. These families will receive mental health assessments from the CDJFS. For those families in which it is necessary, mental health services will continue.</p> <p>☞☞ Substance Abuse Services A service provider will be hired to deliver non-medical substance abuse services to any low-income family in need. The provider will assess family members to determine their needs and provide them with the proper treatment procedures.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$440,499</p> <p align="right">\$300,000</p> <p align="right">\$255,300</p> <p align="right">\$255,300</p>
<p><i>Shelby County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Retention Services Low-income families will be given the opportunity to receive additional assistance up to \$1000. The services will enable the individuals to maintain employment. This extends the current plan by increasing the eligibility limit and service cap.</p> <p>☞☞ Legal Aid Expansion CDJFS will provide families at or below 300% of the federal poverty threshold with legal information and options regarding issues such as domestic violence, child custody, divorce, license reinstatement, and criminal record expungement.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$36,200</p> <p align="right">\$28,025</p>

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<i>Stark County</i>	<u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u>
<u>PRCDR Projects</u>	
<p>☞☞ Transportation Additional transportation services will be provided to county residents, especially those who miss work due to childcare issues. The countywide system will begin transporting children to and from school or day care centers.</p>	\$515,844
<p>☞☞ ADAS Board HOPE Program The Alcohol and Drug Services Board and CDJFS will team up to administer drug screenings to OWF applicants and recipients. If individuals need help after the screenings, the CDJFS will refer them to the appropriate service and continue monitoring their cases.</p>	\$305,175
<p>☞☞ Ashland University Behavior and Parenting Support Center These services will help the parents and caretakers of children in low-income and at-risk families. These individuals will be taught appropriate behavior management techniques. The goal is to help the children become self-sufficient and end the cycle of dependence within their families.</p>	\$165,000
<p>☞☞ Hope House – Substance Abuse Services Two drug and alcohol counselors will become full-time employees in order for Hope House to receive certification. The full-time staff will then provide more services to a wider range of people in the Alliance area and will be able to bill for services.</p>	\$40,000
<p>☞☞ Stark County Legal Aid - Debt Net, Housing Safety Net and Criminal Records Expungement and Training Education (CREATE) These three separate programs will assist approximately 600 low-income families by providing legal aid services. Debt Net deals with budgeting, spending, consumer credit, and other costs leading to debt, and guides the individual into proper money management practices. The Housing Safety Net will provide help for those families who are at-risk for becoming homeless. CREATE will help clients get their criminal records expunged.</p>	\$173,416
<p>☞☞ YMCA Big Brothers/Big Sisters This funding will expand the current Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program by reaching 50 additional at-risk children with services. The children will be provided a high-school-age mentor who will help them with problems such as low self-esteem, poor school attendance, or behavior issues.</p>	\$19,518
<p>☞☞ YMCA of Central Stark County – Child Development Program The Strengthening Families by Overcoming Barriers to Employment service will hire four interns and a part-time specialist to provide behavior intervention to children at the YMCA daycare program. The program is designed to help 300 children and their parents learn better ways of dealing with problem behaviors. The staff will alter children’s attitude to promote positive development.</p>	\$75,875
<p>☞☞ Community Wellness Children and Parents (CAP) Plus – Training and Services for Non-Custodial Parents This program will expand beyond its normal service to provide training and services to non-custodial parents. The CAP program will provide services to non-custodial parents in order for them to have increased involvement and support of their children, gain skills in education, job maintenance, and access to community services. Service coordinators will assess each participant and teach him or her basic life-survival skills in the home.</p>	\$100,000

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<p><i>Trumbull County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Mentoring Services - Grace A.M.E. Church Volunteers will provide mentoring services to equip Ohio Works First participants with life skills and behavioral characteristics required to maintain employment through Grace A.M.E. Church. Mentoring services, for at least 26 weeks per individual, will include weekly phone contacts, bi-weekly one-on-one contacts, monthly group sessions, and a monthly family activities gathering.</p> <p>☞☞ Trumbull Area Coordinated Transportation (TACT) TACT will provide transportation services to low-income individuals who are required to participate in an OWF work activity or to obtain, begin, or maintain employment.</p> <p>☞☞ Work Retention Bonus A \$1,500 incentive bonus will be provided to newly employed OWF families who maintain employment of 30 hours or more a week for six months. Employment can be maintained in the same job or multiple jobs as long as job changes are for good cause and there is no break in employment.</p> <p>☞☞ Expansion of Existing PRC The Prevention (diversion of people from ongoing cash to self-sufficiency), Retention (helping the employed maintain employment and continue self sufficiency), and Contingency (helping people meet emergent needs which if not satisfied threatens, safety, health, and well being) Program will be expanded after usage of regular PRC monies exceeds \$700,000.00. The assistance group (AG) includes families containing at least one minor child or a pregnant woman and are at or below the federal poverty guidelines.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$39,991</p> <p align="right">\$50,000</p> <p align="right">\$375,000</p> <p align="right">\$2,178,410</p>
<p><i>Tuscarawas County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Child Support Enforcement Mediation Project The Child Support Enforcement Agency will provide mediation services to OWF families that are facing a wide range of disputes, thereby reducing conflicts and the emotional distress and financial expenses associated with them. Mediation services will be provided in such cases as divorce, post-divorce, and paternity visitation and custody issues, domestic violence and juvenile unruliness and delinquency issues, parent, foster parent, and teacher conflicts, employer and employee conflicts and victim/offender conflicts.</p> <p>☞☞ Big Brothers/Big Sisters The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program will provide the following services: a program matching high school students with elementary school students; anger management classes for parents with children being served by BB/BS; an after-school program that provides a safe environment, a healthy snack, assistance with homework, and character building and life skills activities; and a mentoring program that will recruit, screen, match, and supervise mature adult role models to be paired with vulnerable parents.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$105,853</p> <p align="right">\$95,400</p>

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<p><i>Tuscarawas County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Consultation and Comprehensive Family Assessment Families requesting financial assistance will receive a comprehensive assessment of family functioning in the areas of relationships, community, vocation, education, recreation, and personal finances as well as assessment in substance abuse and mental status. This project is a collaborative effort between the TDJFS and clinical staff from Community Mental Healthcare and will target OWF families at risk of exhausting the 36-month time limit for cash assistance.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$90,700</p>
<p><i>Union County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Supportive Services (Medicaid) Outreach Project A Prevention and Retention Specialist will help low-income residents with the application process for insurance coverage through expanded Medicaid and with accessing financial and family support services offered through CDJFS and other countywide agencies. The population served will include TANF recipients who have no access or have lost access to services as a result of welfare reform. The specialist will also educate the public about Medicaid expansion and other services.</p> <p>☞☞ Workforce Development Advisory Council Planning & Employer Outreach The Workforce Development Advisory Council will provide business workforce advisory services for the CDJFS, including specific recommendations from business participants in an effort to maintain and retain long-term employment. Strategies will be devised from the recommendations to resolve the problem of employee retention and to promote advancement of skill development in the existing workforce.</p> <p>☞☞ Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion For those families who have an open, ongoing case with the Children’s Protective Services Unit that involves an individual with a substance abuse problem, and for whom outpatient treatment was unsuccessful, inpatient detoxification (non-Medicaid eligible) and inpatient substance abuse treatment (non-Medicaid eligible) will be offered.</p> <p>☞☞ Wellness and Family Project The Wings Enrichment Center will help Wings clients and their families, at or below the 300% of the federal poverty threshold, to maintain quality functioning despite the clients’ chronic or life-changing mental illness. The center will offer various services including conducting group discussions, helping the clients develop job plans, and providing group work experiences. The children of these clients will also be involved in-group discussions and receive peer support. The program expects to serve 5-12 members and 5-10 children.</p> <p>☞☞ Clearing Legal Hurdles The Madison-Union County Legal Services office will assist families to remove barriers and achieve self-sufficiency by analyzing potential legal problems and helping to solve them. These barriers could include custody suits, child support disputes, domestic violence cases, criminal records, driver’s license suspension, lack of telephone service, and debt problems. This program will provide services to 120 families</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$118,315</p> <p align="right">\$75,000</p> <p align="right">\$23,000</p> <p align="right">\$12,768</p> <p align="right">\$76,500</p>

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<p><i>Union County</i> (continued)</p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Domestic Relations Mediation The Union County Court of Common Pleas will assist families who are filing for divorce or who have been referred by another agency by using family mediation to foster communication between the family members, refocus on the needs of children, and teach problem-solving skills. The families must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty threshold.</p> <p>☞☞ Union County Agency Transportation Service (UCATS) P.M. A full-time driver will be available during weekend and evening hours for clients of an agency that has no internal transportation.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$19,213</p> <p align="right">\$53,923</p>
<p><i>Van Wert County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Job Mentoring/Coaching Project Job mentoring and coaching will be provided for eligible, recently employed OWF individuals through Van Wert County. Training on tasks, work adjustment, personal social adjustment, and working/living skills will be offered, as well as assistance with job placement.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$144,000</p>
<p><i>Vinton County</i></p> <p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p> <p>☞☞ Vinton County Lice Buster This program will attack the head lice problem through three mechanisms: education, home cleaning, and medication. The education process will include mandatory orientation and training for all school health aids and home workers, an informational assembly, a Lice Busters hotline, educational materials at public events, and information packets for families. For home cleaning, vacuum cleaners will be available at schools for families to sign out and laundry vouchers will be given so that family clothes can be cleaned. For medication, vouchers will be given to parents for head lice medication. Recipients will be children who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches and/or are from homes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p> <p align="right">\$30,000</p>

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<p><i>Washington County</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p>
<p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p>	<p align="right">\$200,000</p>
<p>☞☞ Transportation Transportation services will be provided for late night and weekend needs and for training and employment during the day. Moderately priced vehicles will be purchased, mechanic inspections will be provided, and participating clients will attend vehicle maintenance and budgeting classes. This program will be administered by the Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency and will target at-risk, low-income employed families.</p>	<p align="right">\$196,000</p>
<p>☞☞ School Wellness Clinics The Washington County Career Center will help students in low-income families with this program. WCCC will hire an additional school nurse in each district to work full-time with the students. The nurse will provide services to sick children and lend support to the Health Curriculum.</p>	<p align="right">\$60,000</p>
<p>☞☞ Expanding Legal Services Southeast Ohio Legal Services will provide legal service to low-income county residents in order to remove barriers to self-sufficiency. Emphasis will be placed on reinstating drivers licenses, record expungements, employment and housing discrimination, wrongful termination from employment, property and motor vehicle repossessions foreclosures, consumer rip-offs and debt/credit problems, divorce cases including custody and support, and assistance with the initial development of SSI cases.</p>	

<p><i>Wayne County</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>Total Funding</u> <u>SFY 2000-2001</u></p>
<p><u>PRCDR Projects</u></p>	<p align="right">\$115,018</p>
<p>☞☞ Vocational Rehabilitation Services This program will assist 45-50 low-income individuals who have been unable to retain employment due to emotional or mental problems. The Counseling Center will hire a team of mental health professionals to help the target individuals recover and improve their chance of becoming employed. This will be done through vocational services such as completing job applications, writing resumes, and interviewing. The emphasis will be on managing the clients' symptoms.</p>	