



Prevention, Retention and Contingency

Ohio's Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) program provides work supports and other services to help low-income parents overcome immediate barriers to employment. It is funded through the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Those receiving assistance from other public assistance programs – including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) – also may be eligible for PRC services.

Who is eligible for PRC services?

Benefits and services are available for certain low-income families who need short-term help during a crisis or time of need. This includes:

- Parents of children under 18, including noncustodial parents if they live in Ohio
- Pregnant women or teens

What types of services may be offered?

- Clothing and shelter
- Domestic violence housing relocation assistance
- Disaster assistance
- Transportation (including auto repair expenses or a down payment on an automobile)
- Employment and training

PRC services vary between counties based on community needs. Each county has a PRC plan stating the types of services available in that county and the eligibility criteria for them. County PRC plans can be found at jfs.ohio.gov/owf/prc/county/countytable.stm.

For more information, contact your county department of job and family services.

How can I apply for PRC services?

To find out what your county offers and to see if you might be eligible, contact your county department of job and family services.