



THE OHIO BENEFIT BANK

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT BANK?

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

WHOM DO THEY SERVE?

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

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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

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

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

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

THE STEPPING UP INITIATIVE



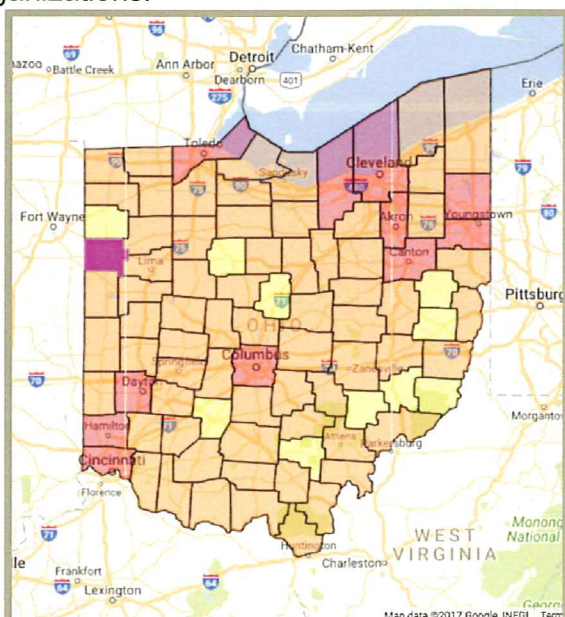
THE OHIO
PROJECT

THE OHIO COMPASSION MAP: SOCIAL SERVICE AND FAITH-BASED RESOURCES IN YOUR OWN COUNTY

What is it?

Do you ever wish you had known about a resource sooner? Have you ever wished for a comprehensive list of all the human services available in your area? Want to know if there are local foundations in your community you could reach out to for financial support?

The Ohio Compassion Map has answered this call. Located at www.ohiocompassionmap.org, the project assimilates information on faith-based and community nonprofits in all 88 Ohio counties into one easy-to-reference location. The resource is designed to facilitate networking and community collaboration between organizations.



Ohio boasts 67,556 nonprofit organizations which collectively hold \$140+ billion in assets and are the 4th largest employer in the state.

An interactive map displays the location and basic information for thousands of Ohio nonprofit organizations.

How do you use it?

1. Search by Government Supported Nonprofits or the Number of Ohio Nonprofits by choosing either the \$ or # icon once you have entered the interactive map.
2. Choose a county and then filter results by Funding Level, Funding Year and/or Organization Type. Or simply click on a county in the heat map and choose "Details" to view non-profits in that area.
3. Scroll through the local organizations and regional contributors in each of the 88 Ohio counties.
4. Consider reaching out to the organizations in your area for partnership and collaboration.

Explore further!

This project goes beyond the map and boasts a multitude of other resources, including:

- A listing of all Ohio organizations in each service sector.
- A picture of federal grant dollar distribution in Ohio, categorized by category of nonprofit and tracking percentage change over time.
- State funding agencies and their distributions.
- Links to related research.

Join the movement!

The Ohio Compassion Map strives to capture as complete a picture of Ohio's nonprofits as possible. Go to www.ohiocompassionmap.org and click "Add My Non Profit to the Map" to register an organization that you see is missing.

The Compassion Map was constructed by researchers at Clay Productions under contract with the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.