

Prevention, Retention, & Contingency Program (PRC)

The PRC program provides short-term monetary assistance to eligible families living within Franklin County. Assistance provided through the program is available to help individuals obtain employment, remain employed, or eliminate a threat to the safety/health of an applicant or a family household member.



Benefits

Prevention, Retention, and Contingency assistance helps with:

- Preventing you and your family from going on public assistance
- Assisting you with maintaining employment or self-sufficiency
- Alleviating situations that threaten the health or safety of your family
- Resolving a short-term emergent need
- Basic short-term needs that do not exceed \$750 (additional assistance limits may be imposed depending on the category of assistance requested)
- One payment within a period of 12 consecutive months



General categories of assistance include:
(but are not limited to)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rent or mortgage ✓ Security deposit ✓ Utility bill ✓ Home repairs ✓ Emergency shelter or temporary housing ✓ Auto repairs and maintenance ✓ Property taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Necessary household appliances, furnishings, and items (disaster replacement only) ✓ General clothing (disaster replacement only) ✓ Employment related tools and equipment ✓ Employment related safety equipment ✓ Necessary employment related clothing and footwear
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Eligibility

To qualify for PRC assistance, you must:

- ✓ Verify your need
- ✓ Complete an application for PRC
- ✓ Have income at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for your family size
- ✓ Have at least one minor child or a pregnant woman living at your address
- ✓ Reside in Franklin County
- ✓ Verify your family's income for the 30 day period prior to your date of application for PRC
- ✓ Provide a Social Security number or proof that you have applied for a Social Security number for each eligible member of your family

You are automatically **ineligible** if you:

- Are a fugitive felon
- Are a probation/parole violator
- Have an outstanding Ohio Works First or PRC fraud overpayment balance or have committed an Intentional Program Violation (IPV)
- Are an unmarried, non-graduate parent under 19 not attending high school or its equivalent
- Are an unmarried parent under 18 not living in an adult supervised living arrangement
- Are a person found to have fraudulently misrepresented your residence in order to obtain assistance in two or more states and are ineligible for 10 years
- Are an unemployed family receiving public assistance and you are not actively engaged with FCDJFS Workforce Development
- Are ineligible for other programs due to deliberate non-compliance with the terms of your assistance
- Refuse to use available community resources or excess income to help meet your need(s)
- Are not a resident of Franklin County
- Are on strike
- Demonstrate a pattern of requesting assistance and/or non-payment of expenses
- Falsify a PRC application
- Are not a U.S. citizen or qualified alien

The Prevention, Retention, and Contingency program can help with an urgent need that is vital to you keeping your job!

To apply.....

Applications for assistance are accepted in person Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the following Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services locations:

Northland Village.....1721 Northland Park Ave.
South Opportunity Center.....3723 S. High Street
East Opportunity Center.....1055 Mt. Vernon Ave.
West Opportunity Center.....314 N. Wilson Road

Applications are also accepted via email or fax.

The application process includes:

- *Completing a PRC application*
- *Providing necessary relevant verifications*

A face-to-face interview is not required.

If all required verifications have been received and your application is **approved**, you will receive a notice of approval.

If your application is **not approved**, you will receive a notice of denial.



Community Resources

In addition to applying for PRC you are expected to apply for and utilize any program, benefit, or support system that may reduce or eliminate your presenting need within a reasonable time frame of 30 days. At least two attempts to access community resources must be documented on the PRC application. Refusal to explore or utilize available resources may result in the denial of your PRC application.



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