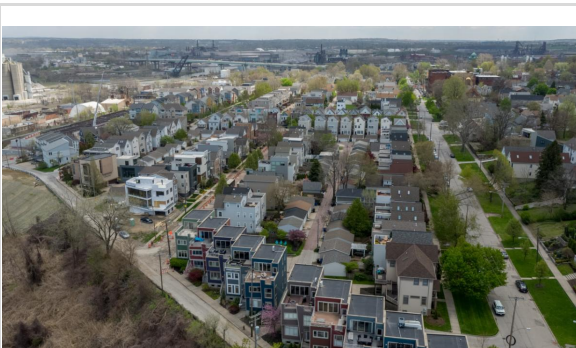




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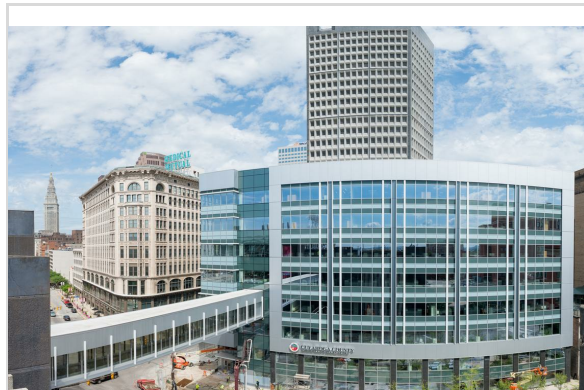
Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



Rent Relief Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the financial health of residents tremendously. Over 21% of Ohio residents are currently unable to make their monthly house payment. To help combat this, County Executive Armond Budish submitted to County Council a resolution for the Cuyahoga County Rent Relief Fund, which would provide countywide emergency rental assistance for up to 3 months to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their rent due to COVID-19.

[Learn About Rent Relief](#)



Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity

County Executive Armond Budish announced last week that he would be submitting to council his recommendations for nominations to the Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity. This Advisory Council will provide recommendations and input to the Executive and Council regarding the development of equity goals, strategies and programs. Members of this board will influence decisions that shape the quality of life for Cuyahoga County residents.

[Learn About Council on Equity](#)



66 Confirmed Overdoses in May

Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson announced that there were at least 66 confirmed overdoses in May due to heroin, fentanyl, cocaine or a combination of the three. If you or anyone you know is actively using or recovering from opioid addiction, contact Project DAWN at 216-778-5677-eligible program participants are given free Naloxone kits. Free fentanyl test strips are available at locations across the county.

[Get Support or Test Strips](#)



AFFIRM.ME

The Family Acceptance Project found that LGBTQ youth in a rejecting environment are 8 times more likely to attempt suicide, 6 times more likely to suffer from depression and 3 times more likely to use drugs. The County's Division of Children and Family Services' AFFIRM.ME Program works to improve placement stability, well-being and permanency for children with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. The percentage of DCFS-involved youth who safely identify as LGBTQ has increased from 2% to 11%. The County is always looking for foster parents to provide a loving and supportive home for children and youth.

[AFFIRM.ME Program Details](#)