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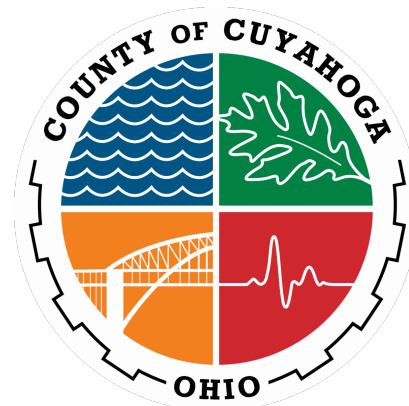
Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



Adopt a Family Program

The County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is asking residents to help a family in need by "adopting a family" for the holidays. DCFS will provide you with basic information (number of children, ages, and genders), and you can then purchase e-gift cards for the family that outreach staff will forward to them. For planning purposes, a guideline for "adopting" would be to spend \$50 per child and \$50 for a gift for the whole family. All donors will be notified when their families receive their e-gift cards.

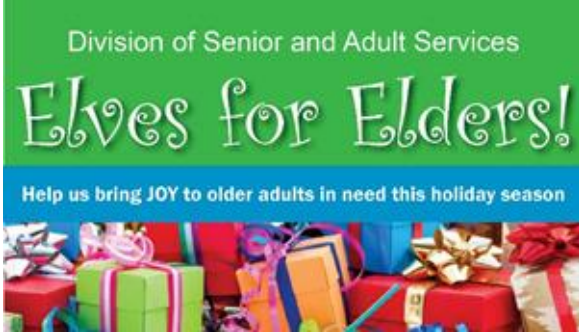
[Adopt a Family Now](#)



New Veterans' Education and Workforce Program

Cuyahoga County is looking to use the innovative Pay for Success model to launch a new program aimed at helping local veterans successfully complete their college education and find in-demand jobs. The program would specifically target Ohio National Guard members to help them enroll in and finish college degree programs and connect them with well-paying jobs. Pending County Council approval, the new program would offer coaching to help increase enrollment, improve graduation rates, and maximize financial aid resources in order to minimize student debt.

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Elves for Elders Holiday Gift Giving

The County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) is inviting residents to participate in the Elves for Elders program by donating gifts to some less fortunate older adults during this holiday season. Gifts are being accepted through November 30th--you can do your own shopping and gift wrapping or you can use the convenient [Target gift registry](#) to have the gifts delivered directly to the DSAS office.

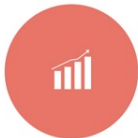
[Purchase a Gift](#)



November is National Adoption Month

So far this year, the County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has finalized 113 adoptions, with 150 children on adoptive placement. This National Adoption Month, consider making room in your heart for a child looking for a home. For more information on adoption, please call the DCFS recruitment line at 216-881-5775. Check out the above video to learn about the value of adopting a child.

[Adoption Frequently Asked Questions](#)



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Office of Innovation & Performance Receives Certificate of Distinction

The Office of Innovation & Performance received a Certificate of Distinction from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) for their work on Cuyahoga Performance, a comprehensive database used to keep track of departments' work and progress toward their goals. The Certificate of Distinction is a testament to the County's efforts to provide transparency and information-sharing in local government.

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