

Accountable, effective, safety net

Our goal is to strengthen Ohio's public benefit systems so people can meet basic needs and move toward stability.

Accountable spending ensures that public benefit programs like SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, and childcare remain effective and responsive to the realities of poverty and community conditions.

Our focus is on policy relating to hunger, health, income, and meeting basic needs. We continue to identify administrative and policy reforms that improve services while reducing waste and inefficiency.



People need systems that work.

Community Solutions will identify administrative reforms that improve service while reducing waste and inefficiency.

Basic public systems should be reliable, understandable, and properly administered.

Success should be measured by improved stability, workforce participation, and reduced long-term reliance on government assistance.

Ohio should expand opportunity and reduce barriers.

Ohio should remove preventable barriers to opportunity that keep people and communities from contributing to the state's workforce and economy. Effective public benefits systems help Ohioans meet basic needs, at a far greater scale than nonprofit or privately funded support.

Policy should account for the different needs of children, working-age adults, caregivers, and older Ohioans.

Progress should be measured through better health, stronger employment, greater independence, and lower avoidable public costs.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

The Center for Community Solutions **nonpartisan policy and research center**, is a trusted nonprofit with a legacy of **pragmatic problem-solving in Ohio's health and human services landscape since 1913.**

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

1.28 million

SNAP recipients in Ohio as of May 2026

\$242 million

in SNAP benefits come to Ohioans to **spend at grocery stores** each month

For each meal provided by a hunger relief agency **SNAP provides nine**



Medicaid

2.78 million

Ohioans were enrolled in Medicaid as of July 2026

40%

of **births in Ohio** are paid for by Medicaid

10.5%

1-year decrease in Ohio's Medicaid enrollment

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

TANF enrollment has declined to its lowest levels since its formation in the mid-1990s. **This is not an indication of a lack of need.**

58,000

individuals in Ohio are enrolled in the cash assistance portion of TANF, called Ohio Works First

25 out of 100

families with children living in poverty in Ohio were receiving TANF, as of 2023

We are continually assessing the impact of policy changes on the people who rely on these systems to be available.



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