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Child Care Assistance Available in Clermont County

Batavia, Ohio. At a time when families are struggling to make ends meet, the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services' (DJFS) Office of Adult, Child, and Family Stability (ACFS) is launching an outreach campaign to let families know they may be eligible for child care assistance. The *Child Care Program* offers assistance to eligible families while the parents work or attend school.

“Currently, 580 families, representing 966 children, are receiving child care subsidy assistance in Clermont County,” said ACFS Director Crystal Patrick. “With the rising costs of fuel and groceries, an increasing number of families are finding it difficult to continue to work or attend classes and pay for child care.”

Effective July 1, 2008, the statewide income guidelines for the *Child Care Program* are being increased to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; a family of four can gross up to \$821 per week and still be eligible for assistance with their child care expenses if they are employed or going to school. There is an application process and additional guidelines for program eligibility; the child care must be provided in a licensed child care center or a home provider that has been certified by ACFS.

To receive an application and schedule an appointment to apply for the *Child Care Program*, call (513) 732-7483 and leave your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached on the automated voice messaging system. You may also download an application online at www.acfs.ClermontCountyOhio.gov/ChildCare; mail or fax the completed application to the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, 2400 Clermont Center Drive, Suite 106A, Batavia, Ohio, 45103, Fax number, (513) 732-7477.

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