

Energy Programs

Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) HWAP is a low-income residential energy efficiency program concerned primarily with building insulation and heating system retrofit measures. Eligibility is based on 200% of federal poverty income guidelines or other qualifying criteria. Services available include: attic, walls and floor insulation; primary air leakage reduction measures; heating system improvements; health and safety inspections and repairs. All measures are provided based on a state energy audit. Consumer Education is an established part of the program.

Utility Programs

WarmChoice® is provided to Columbia Gas of Ohio residential customers who use natural gas as their primary heat source and are eligible for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus) or have an income of 150% or less of federal poverty guidelines.

American Electric Power-Community Assistance Program (CAP) is provided to AEP residential customers needing to reduce their energy bills and improve their homes' comfort. If you are currently enrolled in PIPP, or HEAP or have an income of 175% or less of federal poverty guidelines you could be eligible.

The Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAGP) provides emergency home repairs for homeowners at or below 50% AMI. This program addresses health and safety issues. Due to the high volume of need for this program, the funding is usually depleted within a few months of receiving it. However, we continue to apply for this funding every grant cycle. Please contact the office to see if funds are available for this service.

Summer & Winter Crisis Programs

The Emergency HEAP Programs are designed to assist low income households with staying warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Eligibility is based on 175% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. To receive electrical assistance during the summer, a chronic illness must be documented if no one in the home is 60+ years old. Families who are facing an emergency situation and have a 10-day supply or less of heating fuel, or a heating utility shut-off notice could qualify for assistance during the winter months.

Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc.

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Call Center Tel: (740) 395-0260

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WIC Office:

73-A East Huron Street, Jackson, OH 45640

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Head Start Programs:

Administrative Office

Head Start (Parkview)

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Vinton Head Start Office

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Milton Center Office

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Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.— Monday through Friday

“Our Mission”

To eliminate the hardships of poverty, empower individuals, and promote independence.

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Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc.



Web site: www.jvcai.org

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The Agency Motto is

“Helping People, Changing Lives”

This is accomplished by assisting low-income individuals, families, the physically challenged and the elderly in achieving self-sufficiency. The Agency programs are designed to provide a range of services and activities that will have a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in our area.

Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc. (JVCA, Inc.) was incorporated on September 25, 1965. The Board of Trustees consists of 18 members and meets at 5:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. JVCA, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/provider of services.

PIPP Plus

Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP Plus) is an extended payment arrangement requiring regulated gas and electric companies to accept payments based on a percentage of the household income. Homes heated with gas pay 6% of monthly household income to both the gas and electric companies, while electricity heated homes pay 10% to the electric company. Eligibility for the program consists of utilizing a company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for the primary or secondary heat source. Must have a total household income which is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level and apply for all eligible energy assistance programs.

Emergency Healthcare Assistance

This Program is offered for many uninsured and underinsured, low-income residents of Jackson and Vinton Counties, who are in crisis and in need of prescription medications, medical supplies, diagnostic testing, medical, dental and or optical treatment procedures, specialty consultations and/or transportation to medical and dental appointments. Individuals determined to be eligible for services may receive assistance for up to \$300.00 during the program year. We collaborate with many local pharmacies, medical supply vendors, transportation and medical/dental/optical providers, who have worked with our agency over the years and are willing to accept our vouchers and bill us for patient services. This program is provided through grants from CSBG and the J. Floyd Dixon Memorial Fund to help improve the quality of life for those we serve.

Transportation Program

The Transportation Program provides safe curb to curb transportation to medical appointments, employment and training sites. Residents of Jackson and Vinton County who meet eligibility requirements are eligible to use this program. Transportation to work and training sites may be charged a nominal fare. Our vehicles are insured, accessible, clean and well maintained. We transport within Jackson and Vinton Counties, Columbus, Athens, Gallipolis, Portsmouth, Lancaster, and other out of county locations.

Transportation Call Center

As part of the Ohio Coordination Program, the Call Center increases access to transportation resources for Jackson and Vinton County residents. As a one-stop call center for persons seeking transportation options to medical, training, education and employment destinations, the Call Center

connects qualified individuals with the transportation provider to best meet their needs. We are one of many coordinated transportation partners that can pair you with the services you need!

Head Start Program

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program. It is designed to meet the individual needs of economically disadvantaged three to five year olds including children with disabilities in Jackson and Vinton Counties. Head Start is a comprehensive program that focuses on school readiness. All enrolled children receive developmental, speech, vision and hearing screenings as well as healthy meals and snacks. Children are served in a center-based setting. Additional Head Start services include family literacy, parent education, social services and services required to meet the needs of children with disabilities.

Jackson County W.I.C. Program

(Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) WIC is a Nutrition and Health Education Program funded by the ODH, that provides food which promotes good health for pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants and children up to age five. To qualify you must live in Jackson County, meet WIC income guidelines and meet certain nutritional or health risks. Jackson County WIC is a walk-in clinic. You may access the clinic Monday thru Friday during the hours of; 8:00 am-11:00 am and 12:30 pm-3:00 pm.

Infant Vitality Program

This program is for Medicaid –eligible pregnant women to help them obtain resources within their community that are available to them. The program follows these women throughout their pregnancies and postpartum period to ensure adequate prenatal/postnatal and pediatric care is obtained with the ending goal of producing healthy babies and providing a healthy environment for the baby to go home to upon discharge. Services include: Healthcare education, safe sleep education with cribettes available to clients to provide a safe sleep environment for baby through the “Cribs for kids” program, smoking cessation within the “Baby and Me tobacco free” program, assisting women with obtaining different resources, such as, WIC, Help Me Grow, Medicaid/Food Assistance/cash assistance, housing, etc.

Early Childhood Safety Initiative

Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc. in conjunction with Ohio Children’s Trust Fund are proud to offer a new program called Early Childhood Safety Initiative. This program will allow us to assist low-income residents of Jackson and Vinton Counties. This one time assistants can help provide qualifying families with necessary child safety items, up to the maximum amount of \$400.00 through June 30, 2023. Items covered

under this program are: Car Seats, Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Booster Seats, High Chairs, Baby Gates, Outlet Covers, Strollers, Toddler Beds, Cribs. For more information about this program please contact our Main Facility at 740-384-3722 ext. 13 to reach our Nurse Navigator.

Community Services Program

Low-Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP) is a federally funded program designed to help income-eligible Ohioans with their waste and wastewater bills. Eligible clients are those at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines(FPG), who have been disconnected (or have a disconnection notice), or either need to establish new service, or pay to transfer service. Clients with a current medical certificate protection expires.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), CSBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES). Ohio’s CSBG program receives funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services(HHS) to reduce poverty, build strong communities, and provide resources and services to support families in achieving self-sufficiency. Eligible clients are those who have been impacted by COVID-19 at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines(FPG), who have been disconnected (or have a disconnection notice), or either need to establish new service, or pay to transfer service. The services provided in this grant are a onetime only assistance of rental or utility assistance including water, electric, and gas.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 also deals with COVID-19. Both of these programs help assist those impacted by Covid-19. Eligible clients are those who have been impacted by COVID-19 at or 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), who have been disconnected (or have a disconnection notice), or either need to establish new service, or pay to transfer service. The grants include rental assistance, utility assistance –water, sewer, trash, gas, bulk fuel, and internet. The services provided in this grant are up to 12 months (including arrears and future payments) if funds are available, households may receive an additional 3 months, only if necessary to ensure housing stability. Households must reapply every 3 months for further assistance.