

# Child Support and Food Nutrition Program

Enhanced OBB Counselor Series V

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reminders*



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Feel free to type your questions into the questions box as you have them throughout the presentation; we will answer all questions at the end.



Questions

Welcome, we will begin shortly.

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No question is a bad  
one! So please speak



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The presentation will be posted on our website under OASHF Programs:

Ohio Benefit Bank:

OBB Resources at  
[www.oashf.org](http://www.oashf.org).



**Alright!**

*... let's get  
started!*



# Mission

- The Enhanced OBB Counselor Series provides information on wrap-around services, readily available through webinars, ensuring that OBB counselors have the knowledge they need to serve clients more fully.

- Amy Roehrenbeck, Esq., Senior Policy Analyst for the Ohio CSEA Directors' Association
- Ana Claudia Zubieta, Ph.D., Director, Ohio SNAP-Ed, Human Nutrition and Extension

## Introduction of Presenters

# Enhanced OBB Counselor Series

## NEXT WEBINAR;

**Date:** September 14, 2011

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Topic:** *Veterans Benefits and Brain Injury Association*

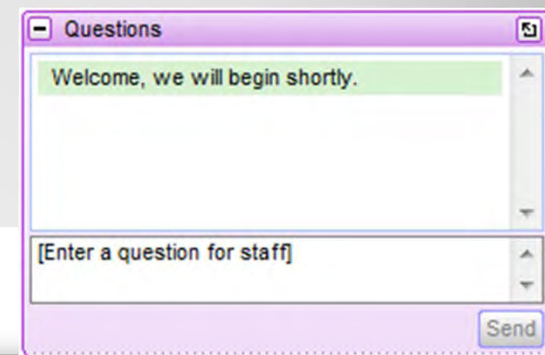
## Schedule:

October: *Volunteer Recruitment and Management and OBB Volunteer Project*

# Questions?



We will answer all questions that we received during the webinar first. Please continue to type questions as you have them!



# Ohio's Child Support Program Basics

Amy Roehrenbeck, Sr. Policy Analyst  
Ohio CSEA Directors' Association



# Ohio's Child Support Program

- **1 in 3** children in Ohio are involved in the child support program
- On average, we collect and disburse **\$2 Billion** annually
- **40%** of the children born in Ohio are born to unmarried parents. A majority are receiving some form(s) of public aid
- For **every dollar** spent, we collect **\$6.57 in child support**, which is **37% higher** than the national average



# Ohio's Child Support Program

- **13%** of our one million cases are currently receiving TANF/OWF
  - 44% have received benefits in the past
  - 43% have never received cash benefits
- Child support makes up **39% of the income** in single parent households



# Ohio's Child Support Program

- Maximizing the administrative process for the establishment of paternity and support and enforcement of support, we save court docket time for contested cases and court enforcement.
- Due to the loss of employment, agencies have doubled the number of Review & Adjustments of Orders. The ability to respond to these requests timely is critical.
- We are currently able to utilize a variety of enforcement tools for collection efforts, both administrative and judicial.

# Ohio's Child Support Program

- Ohio retained **\$31** million in FFY10
  - \$27.7 million in support collections and \$3.3 million in cash medical collections
- If we establish a child support order for a family receiving TANF, they will leave TANF **three times faster** than if we do not establish an order



# Ohio's Child Support Program

- We pass through nearly **\$30 million** in federal funds to local governments for their costs in providing child support services in the courts, sheriffs, prosecutor offices, etc.
- We partner with Fatherhood Organizations, Work Force and other groups, helping to shift cases from enforcement to assistance for obligors, with an end goal of successful and accountable parenting.
- We reduced the number of obligors in State Prisons through successful diversion programs.

# Basic Services Provided

- Establish Parentage
- Locate Parents & income sources
- Establish child support and health care orders
- Modify child support and health care orders
- Enforce child support and health care orders
- Terminate child support orders
- Collaborate to provide supportive services



# Basic Services Provided

- Paternity: Parties can choose to sign an Acknowledgment of Paternity or Hospital Affidavit OR go through genetic testing to determine paternity
- Location of Parents: CSEAs use multiple federal and state resources to locate parents and income information

# Basic Services Provided

- Establishment of child support and health care orders is done administratively at CSEA or through the court
- Modification of support is also done administratively or through the court
- Enforcement of orders: license suspension, freezing and seizing of assets, liens, credit reporting, civil contempt and misdemeanor or felony prosecution

# Basic Services Provided

- Termination of orders: 18 or graduated from high school, whichever is later, is the standard for emancipation. Orders can also terminate for other reasons: change in legal custody, child's death, child's marriage, child's enlistment in armed services, child's deportation.
- Collaborations for supportive services: Fatherhood programs, DRC collaborations, local parenting programs, school outreach.

# Ohio's Child Support Guidelines

- Ohio uses Income Shares to determine the support amount. This is a formula based on the premise that the child should be entitled to the same level of expenditures that he/she would have received had the parents lived together and combined financial resources
  - Both parents share in the support of their child

# Ohio's Child Support Guidelines

- How support is determined:
  - Income is determined and added together
  - A basic child support obligation is computed, using the combined income of parents, using a table (amounts in the table are derived from economic data on the household expenditures on children)
  - A presumptive child support obligation is computed by adding expenditures for things like work-related child care (deductions are also calculated)
  - The presumptive amount is then pro-rated between the parents, based on his/her proportionate share of the total income
  - The obligor's obligation is payable as child support; the obligee's amount is retained and presumed to be spent on the child

# Innovations in the Child Support World

- Focus changing to offer carrots – then use sticks
- County Consistencies in Service Delivery/Cross County Collaborations – Service Delivery Model Change
- Web Portal and other IT Assistance from ODJFS



# Questions?

- Ohio CSEA Directors' Association
  - Kim Newsom Bridges, Executive Director
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Or, contact us via phone 614-228-5551



# OSU Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences is a Natural Partner for the Ohio Benefit Bank

Ohio Benefit Bank Webinar, August 2011

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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION





# Objective

- To present an overview of the different programs the Ohio State University Extension – Family Consumer Sciences (OSU–FCS) offers low-income Ohioans in the areas of:
  - Nutrition education
  - Financial assistance
  - Human and family relations

# Family & Consumer Sciences Extension

- FCS professionals focuses on building healthy people, healthy finances, and healthy relationships.
- This is done by helping people keep healthy through good nutrition and food safety, use their money wisely, and balance the demands of life and work.

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# Community Nutrition Education Programs

- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).
- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) a.k.a. SNAP–Ed

# EFNEP

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# EFNEP

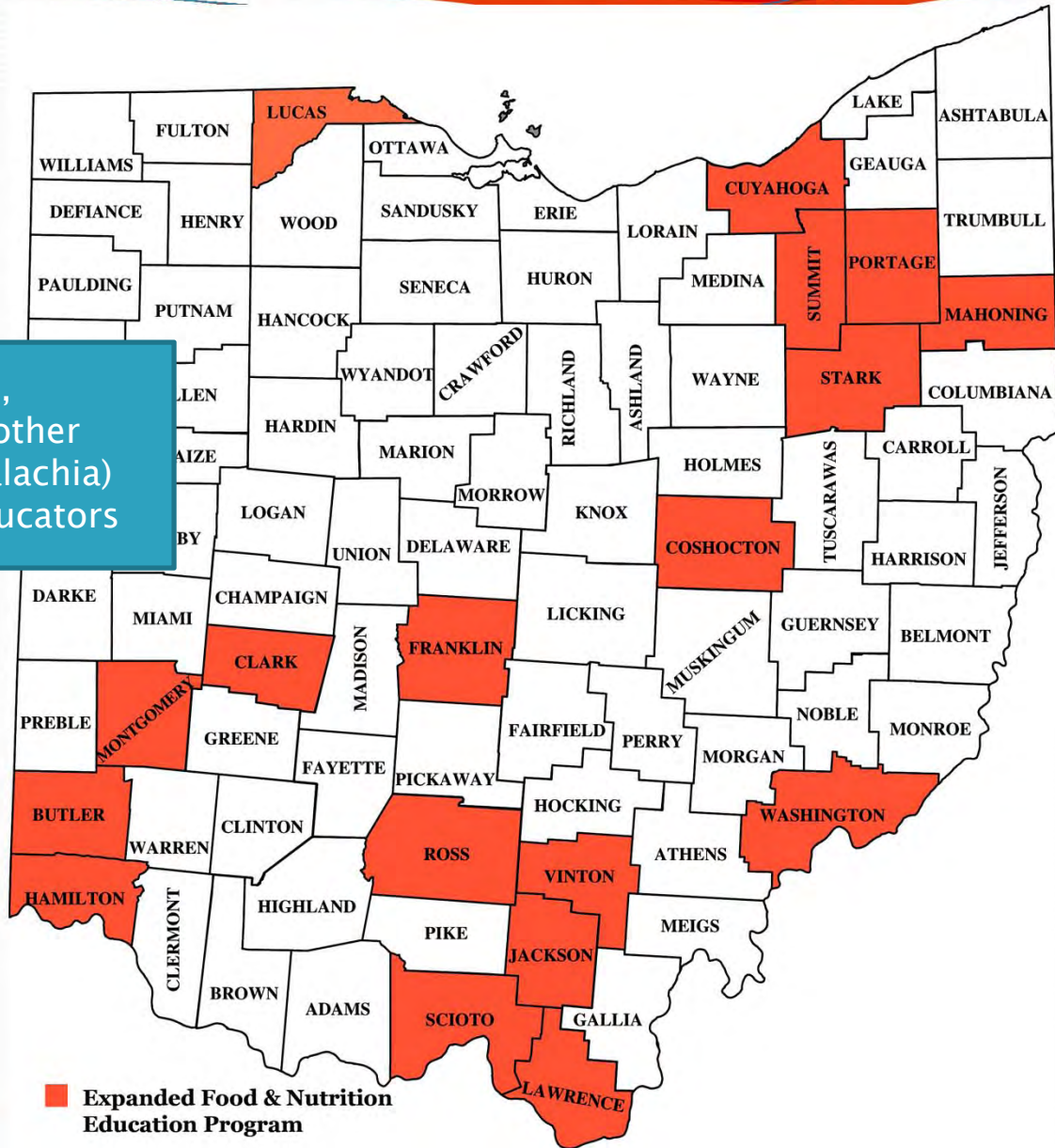
- EFNEP is a nutrition education program that is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). It is implemented through the Ohio State University and the OSU Extension county offices. EFNEP uses paraprofessionals indigenous to the population to teach nutrition to low income families with children.
- Training and supervision of the Program Assistants is provided by the Ohio EFNEP Director in collaboration with county-based extension professionals with expertise in nutrition and in EFNEP program management.

# EFNEP

- Free program offered in 18 counties in Ohio
  - youth program
  - adult program (with children)
- Participants gain new skills in food preparation, storage, and safety; how to better manage their food budgets and how to increase physical activity.
- The nutrition education information is based in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010.

## Ohio EFNEP

EFNEP is in 18 Ohio Counties,  
(5 major Metropolitan areas, 13 other  
counties, including several in Appalachia)  
40 Program Assistants, 8 EFNEP Educators



# How Are Programs Delivered?

- The adult program is a series of 6 to 8 group meetings – 8 lessons– headed by an EFNEP PA over the course of 1–2 mo.
- Classes are located at various places in the counties where participants live (faith based organizations, non–profit agencies, low income housing projects, libraries).
- If your county participates in EFNEP and you are interested in referring clients to EFNEP, contact the OSU Extension county office.

<http://extension.osu.edu/locate-an-office>



# EFNEP Youth

- Limited income children learn about nutrition, food preparation, food safety, and physical activity.
- Youth receive a series of 4 lessons over four weeks.
- The youth program is administered through schools, youth organizations, after school programs, and many other places and events where children gather, including the Summer Food Service Program.
- The youth program is available to low income children in Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit counties.

# FNP/SNAP–Ed

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# Purpose of Ohio FNP/SNAP–Ed

- Improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP (or Food Stamps) will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles consistent with the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate.
- Funded by USDA–Food Nutrition Service to target food assistance recipients or eligible
- FNP’s funded name is Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP–Ed).



# Focus of FNP

- Health promotion
- Primary prevention of diseases

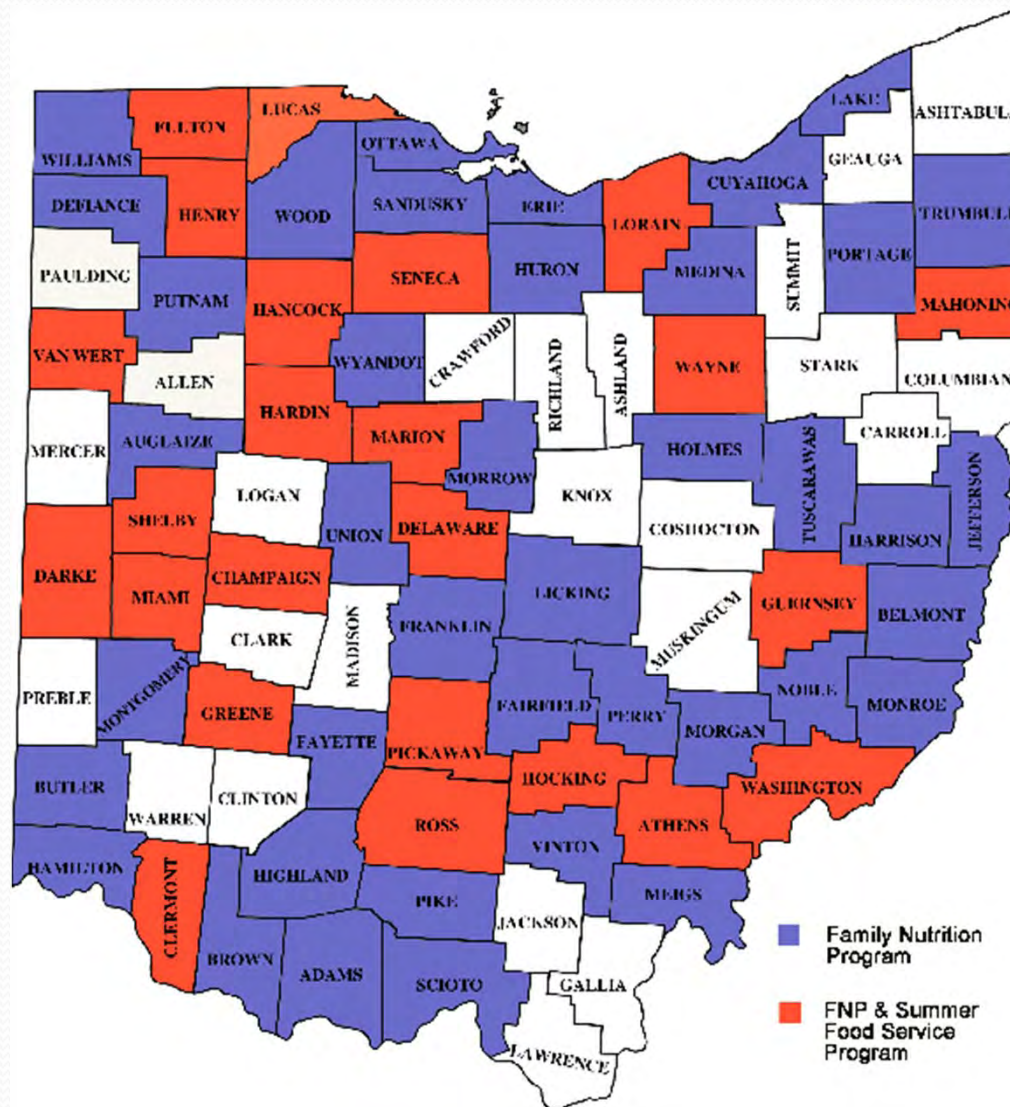
# Target Audience

- Families with kids
- Adults without kids
- Older adults
- Parent and pregnant teens
- Youth

# How is FNP implemented?

- FNP is available in 66 counties and its delivered through the OSUE county offices by trained program assistants who are from the community
- Single or series of lessons/dialogue and engaging approach
- Themes include MyPlate, low-fat dairies, whole grains, vegetables and fruits, protein foods, food safety and food shopping and preparation
- Locations include CDJFS, food pantries, community centers, seniors centers, libraries, schools, etc.

# Family Nutrition Program FNP/SNAP–Ed in FY11



# Consumer Science

## Financial Assistance

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# Ohio Hardest Hit Fund, Restoring Stability: A Save the Dream Ohio Initiative

- **Rescue Payment Assistance**, for homeowners who are facing a financial hardship and have already missed one or more mortgage payments.
- **Partial Mortgage Payment Assistance**, for homeowners who are unemployed and are unable to afford their mortgage payments.
- **Modification Assistance with Principal Reduction**, for people who are "upside-down" on their mortgage -- owing more than the house is currently worth.
- **Transitional Assistance**, which provides an incentive to mortgage servicers to complete a short sale (allowing the owner to sell the home for less than what is owed on it) or deed-in-lieu agreement as an alternative to foreclosure.

More details about the programs are available on the Restoring Stability website, <http://www.ohiohome.org/restoringstability/>.

Information about which county offices of OSU Extension offer assistance is available at <http://fcs.osu.edu/cs/house-counseling.php>.

# New Start for Financial Success

- This is an educational program for bankruptcy filers.
  - The required 2-hour classes on financial management are currently offered in 45 counties in Ohio
  - Since October 2006 more than 700 individuals have participated in the workshops.

Link: <http://newstart.osu.edu/>

See participating county educators by clicking on Class Schedule at <http://newstart.osu.edu>

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# HUD Approved Housing Counseling Services

- Ohio State University Extension is offering housing counseling services to Ohioans at the following locations.
- Please contact the counselor directly to learn about workshops and one-on-one counseling sessions.
  - Medina County, Nancy Hudson and Marcia Kroft: (330) 725-4911
  - Auglaize County, Lois Clark: (419) 738-2219
  - Defiance County, Barbara Rohrs, (419) 782-4771
  - Fulton County, Cheryl Barber-Spires: (419) 337-9210
  - Henry County, Nancy Stehulak: (419) 592-0806
  - Wood County; Doris Herringshaw and Susan Miklovic: (419) 354-9050
  - Fairfield County, (740) 653-5419
  - Guernsey County, Cindy Bond-Zielinski: (740) 489-5300
  - University District, Susan Colbert: (614) 299-2915
  - Wayne County, Melinda Hill and Marcia Brueck: (330) 264-8722
  - Clermont County, Margaret Jenkins: (513) 732-7070
  - Highland County, Margaret Jenkins:(937) 393-1918
  - Hamilton County; Elizabeth DeMatteo: (513) 946-8989

# Human Development and Family Science

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# Healthy Families

- **Just In Time Parenting**
  - parenting information in e-Xtension community of practice, ([extension.org/parenting](http://extension.org/parenting)), including monthly newsletters (that can be mailed or e-mailed) for parents in the first 5 years of their child's life.
- **Parenting programs** (varies from County to County)
- **Co-parenting programs** for parents going through a divorce



# Healthy Families

- Aging
  - Lastly, in a very few counties, there are program on aging, including programs for those becoming caregivers.
  - The best way to learn more is to contact their county office.

website ([families.osu.edu](http://families.osu.edu))

blog ([osufcs.wordpress.com](http://osufcs.wordpress.com))



# Coordination and Collaboration

- FCS programming can maximize their reach when coordination and collaboration take place among a variety of stakeholders at the local and state levels.
  - Consistent and repeated messages
  - Working together toward a common goal to reinforce and amplify each other's efforts
  - Ongoing communication