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ODJFS Disaster Assistance Available

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is making disaster assistance available to low-income families, elderly individuals and those with disabilities in 45 counties that were hit hardest by the severe storm on June 29, 2012.

Assistance is being made available in the following counties: Allen, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Perry, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Scioto, Shelby, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Washington and Wyandot.

Low-income families with children, including pregnant women, may be eligible for up to \$1,500 in assistance per household. Elderly individuals and those with disabilities may be eligible for up to \$750 in assistance per household. The assistance can be used for a range of necessary expenses and essential purchases.

Assistance is available to families, elderly individuals and those with disabilities who earn 200 percent of the federal poverty level or less, or about \$46,000 for a family of four.

Those who believe they may be eligible should contact their county department of job and family services to apply for assistance. A directory of county agencies is available online at http://jfs.ohio.gov/County/County_Directory.pdf.

Chronology

- July 3: Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor and Ohio Department of Aging Director ask Ohio's colleges and universities to urge their students to help those affected by the outages and heat.
- July 2: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) ask the federal government for permission to issue mass food assistance replacement cards to individuals enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) who lost food due to power outages.
- July 2: FEMA delivers initial water supplies to the local level.
- July 1: Members of the Ohio National Guard deploy across the state to help check on Ohioans who may be at risk from power outages and extreme heat.
- June 30: Gov. Kasich's request for federal assistance is approved.
- June 30: Gov. Kasich speaks to the President to request federal assistance and spoke with utility company CEOs and local elected officials to make state resources available.
- June 30: Gov. Kasich declares an emergency for the entire state of Ohio so state agencies and the National Guard can assist local government response and recovery efforts.
- June 29: Ohio's Emergency Operations Center in Columbus activates to coordinate state and local storm recovery efforts.
- June 29: Severe storms knock out power for approximately one million homes and businesses across two-thirds of the state.

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