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STARK JFS PUBLISHES 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services is proud to announce the publication of their 2023 Annual Report, available for public viewing on the agency's official website at StarkJFS.org.

The comprehensive report details Stark County JFS' activities, achievements, and overall performance for the preceding year, providing an overview of the agency's impact on our community and commitment to the families, children, and individuals of Stark County.

"I am happy to present the 2023 Annual Report and am grateful to all who have supported the mission and goals of our agency," said Jerry Coleman, Executive Director. "Our employees play a significant role in providing support and services to residents, and I would like to thank them for the passion and dedication they exhibit every day."

Key findings of the 2023 Annual Report:

- 44,921 individuals received food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP). Based on the 2022 U.S. Census estimate of 372,657, this is about 1 out of every 7 people in Stark County.
- According to the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 113,310 individuals received Medicaid assistance, including Medicaid for the aged, blind, and disabled and the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) programs, which cover families, children, pregnant women, and adults with Medicaid expansion.
- It is estimated that in 2023, the four major programs of the Division of Human Services contributed more than \$800 million to the Stark County community. Local grocers, clinics, hospitals, and retailers benefitted from these services.
- The Division of Children Services received 7,970 calls to their abuse hotline, resulting in 2,616 cases requiring assistance. Additionally, there were 561 new cases of elder abuse/neglect or exploitation.
- In an average month, 261 families were receiving case management and supportive services and 481 children were living in agency foster care, purchased foster care, group home care, residential placements, or kinship care.
- There were 55 adoptions finalized from the foster care system.
- The Division of Child Support oversaw a total number of 24,166 child support cases and collected \$51,154,856.24 in support payments.

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